

1815-012

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

JONES

vs. JONES' ADMINISTRATOR et al

6/1815

other surnames: TURNER

To the worshipful Court of Lenthampston in Chancery
sitting — Humbly complaining sheweth unto your
worships your oratrix Mary Jones widow and relict of
Robert Jones deceased late of this County. That the said
Robert Jones departed this life sometime in the month
of January last intestate and seized and possessed of
a tract of land lying on Meherrin river in this County
containing acres and twelve slaves to
wit. Caesar, Jane, Dempsey, Isiah, Anthony
Amy, Dany, Lewis, Sylvia, Chany, Viney, and Melinda
that the said Robert Jones left six children all
of whom are under the age of twenty one years to wit
Miley, Ann Wright, Nathaniel, Sally Melipso, Robert
and Peter Jones who are the heirs at law of the
said Robert Jones and. That a certain
 hath qualified as the administrator of the said
Robert Jones and hath in his possession the
above mentioned slaves and other the personal
estate of the said Robert. That your oratrix
is entitled to her dower as the widow of the said
Robert Jones in the aforementioned tract of land, and
slaves also which may remain after the payment
of debts. That the said Robert Jones left a personal
estate independent of the beforementioned slaves more
than sufficient for the payment of his debts, and that
therefore there can be no reasonable objection to the
assignment declared in the said slaves to your oratrix
In tender consideration of the premises and in as much
as your oratrix is without remedy save in a Court

Court of Chancery where matters of this sort are
properly cognizable she prays that the said Edmund Jones
administrator as aforesaid and the said. Wiley, John
Wright, Nathaniel, Sally Meliso, Rebut and Peter
Jones infants as aforesaid by some friend appointed by
this Court to defend them, may be made defendants
herein and be compelled to answer all and singular
the allegations herein contained fully and unequivocally
and she further prays that this worshipful Court
would direct that slaves within the land and slaves
aforesaid be assigned to her in the manner prescribed
by ^{law} and finally she prays that any other or further
relief may be granted which may be consistent with
justice and equity and she will ever pray &c

Mary Jones

Jones &c }
vs } Bill of
Jones &c } answer

February 1855 Inty
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Wm. P. Record

To the worshipful Court of Southampton in Chancery
sitting - The answer of Edmund Turner administrator
of Robert Jones and latter Bill of Complaint exhibited
against himself and Miley, Anna Wright, Nathaniel
Sally Meliss, Robert and Peter Jones infant children
of Robert Jones and by Mary Jones widow and relict
of the said Robert Jones, dated -

This Respondent now and
at all times saving and reserving to himself the
right of excepting to any errors or imperfections in
the Complainants bill contained for answer to
some such things as he is advised to necessary
him to make answer unto answering saith That
he has qualified as the administrator of the said
Robert Jones and, and believes that all the material
allegations contained in the Complainants bill are
true - he does not believe that the slaves whose
number and names are truly stated by the Complainant
will be required for the payment of debts,
and that therefore he has no objection that served
in the same slaves be assigned to the Complainant
answering to the prayer of his bill. This respondent
hearing answer prays to be dismissed &c
Edmund Turner

To the worshipful Court of Southampton in Chancery
sitting - The joint and separate answers of Wiley, Edmund
Wright, Nathaniel, Sally Melgrew, Robert and Peter
Jones infant children of Robert Jones and by Edmund
Turner their next friends appointed by the Court in their
behalf to defend them to the bill of Complaint exhibited
exhibited against administrators of the
said Robert Jones and themselves by Mary Jones
widow and relict of the said Robert Jones and

These respondents now are at all times seeing and
receiving to themselves all and every benefit of exception
to any error or imperfection in said bill contained
for answer thereto or to some such things as they are
advised is material and necessary for them to make
answer unto answering say. That they have no reason
to doubt the statement made by the Complainant in
her bill and they have no objection to urge against
the assignment of dower to her in the land therein
mentioned. These respondents having answered pray
to be hence dismissed &c -

Edmund Turner

Jones

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This cause being this day docketed came on by consent of
parties and assent of the Court to be heard on the bill and
answers and arguments of Counsels, whereupon and upon
due consideration thereof heard the Court with order adjudge
and decree that James Jackson John Blunt, Michael
Harris and Edmund Turner for any two of them -
do lay off and set apart one third of the tract of land
whereof Robert Jones late of this County died seized by
proper miles and bounds having regard to quality as
well as quantity to the Complainant Mary Jones as
and for her dower in the same and that they do also
set apart and assign to the Complainant Mary Jones
one third of the following slaves of which the said
Robert Jones died possessed to wit, Caesar, Jane, Pompey,
Isaac, Anthony, Amy, Davy, Sam, Lydia, Chany,
Viney and Melinda having regard to their value
as and for her dower in the same and finally
that they make report to this Court in order to a
final decree -

Jones

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Jones ad. H.

Ent. J. Jones

June 1815 Rept. ret. of sense
final

Louthampton February Court 1815

Mary Jones

Complainant

against

Edmund Turner administrator of Robert Jones dec'd.

Willis, Ann Wright, Nathaniel Sallee, Milissa,

Robert and Peter Jones infants children of
Robert Jones dec'd. by said Edmund Turner their
next friend specially appointed by the court to
represent them in this behalf

In Chancery

Defendants

This cause being this day docketed by consent of parties and
assent of the court came on by consent of parties and assent of the
court, to be heard on the bills (and answers and arguments of counsel
whereupon and upon due considerations thereof had the court doth
order adjudge and decree that James Jackson, John Blunt, William
Francis and Edmund Turner if any time of them do lay off
and set apart one third part of the tract of land whereof
Robert Jones late of this county died seized by proper metes and
bounds having regard to quality as well as quantity to the complainant
Mary Jones as and for her dower in the same; and that they
do also set apart and assign to the complainant Mary Jones
one third of the following Slaves of which the said Robert
Jones died possessed (to wit) Jane, Dimpsey, Isham, Anthony, Amy,
Davy, Lewis, Sylvia, Chany, Viney and others as having regard to
their value as and for her dower in the same and finally that
they make report to this court in order to a final decree

Teste Wm. Rochelle C.

Southampton February Court 1815

Ordered that James Jackson, John Blunt,
Edmund Turner jr. and Willis Francis or any three
of them being first Sworn before a justice of the
peace for this county so appraise in current money
the Slaves and personal estates of Robert Jones decd.
and return the appraisement to court.

Test J. P. Rochelle C. D.

Report of the dower
right of Mary Jones
June 19/1815

We the undersigned subscribers agreeably to an order of Southampton
February Court 1815, have set apart to Mary Jones Widow of Robert
Jones dec'd her right of dower in the Lands & Negroes to wit, -

The line to commence in the Grash just above the Old Causeway
opposite to the mouth of the lane, thence along the said lane to a white
oak, thence along a line of New mark trees to the back line of Robert
Jones dec'd line near Watts's mark fence, thence down the dividing
line between Benjⁿ. Blunt Gen^l. & said Jones land to the Grash,
thence down the said Grash to the beginning -

The Negroes allotted to the Widow for her dower right (Miss,
Isaac, Caesar, & Lewis. she is to receive from the representatives
of Robert Jones dec'd Forty Six dollars & sixty seven Cents. to make
her valuation equal to the other two thirds of the Negroes belonging
to the said estate, Given under our hands this 19th June

1815

James Dickson

Willie Francis

Edm^d. Turner jr