

1817-025

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

FELTS VS. FELTS

11/1817

other SURNames - Hines

To the Honorable Court of Seampson in Chancery
sitting - Humbly complaining sheweth unto your
wishes your mother William H Felts, that several
slaves were allotted to himself and his infant
sister Susan H Felts by a decree of this honorable
Court as two of the distributees of their grand
father William Hines and in coparcenary affect
also a small tract of land lying in this County
that your mother has lately arrived at the age
of twenty one years and wishes to have his
proportion of the slaves and land of her said set
a part to him, which he is advised cannot
be done without the aid of this Court. For
tender consideration whereof and in as much as
your mother is without remedy save in this Court
he prays that the said Susan H Hines may be
made a defendant here to by some person
specially appointed by the Court to defend her
in this behalf. and that a division of said
slaves and land may be decreed to be made
between your mother and the said Susan equally
and he prays for general relief &c.

To the worshipful Court of Southampton
in Chancery sitting -

The answer of Susan R Felts ~~was~~ infant by
her special guardian Frederick Felts
appointed to defend her in this behalf to the
bill of Complaint exhibited against her by
William H Felts - This respondent saving
and reserving to herself all benefit of exception
to any error in said bill contained; for answer
thinks that she believes the complainant's
allegations are true and that she is
willing that this Court should pronounce
such decree as this Court may be deemed
proper and having answered she prays
to be hence dismissed &c. his
Frederick H Felts
Counsel

Felts - Plff

Felts - Deft } In Chancery -

This cause was this day docketed by consent of
parties and opened at the Court and was
heard on the bill and answer and argu-
ments of Counsel on consideration whereof
the Court doth adjudge order and decree
that James Seaworth, Thomas Simmons, John
Williams and John James or any three of
them do divide the tract of land which was
allotted ^{to them} as their proportion of their grandfather's
Wright's land into two equal parts having
regard to value and allot one equal part
to the complainant and one equal part to
the defendant. That they or any three of
them do also divide the slaves which were
allotted to them as their proportion of their
grandfather's Wright's slaves into two
equal parts having regard to value and
allot one equal part to the complainant
and one equal part to the defendant
and that they or any three of them do my act

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Feltz ³ Answer

Nov^r 1817 Int^y Decree

do m^r the original of the following letter
in order to appear as usual -