

1818-023

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

CLAUD et al VS CLAUD

5/18/8

John Claud Roe
v
Charlotte Claud
Friendly Bill and
Answer.

November 1817
Int. Decree

To the worshipful court of Southampton County in
Chancery sitting humbly complaining sheweth unto
your worships your Orators & Petitioners John Claud
Philip Claud Jesse Claud Wm. Claud and Phoebe
Claud an Idiot by her committee appointed by the
County Court of Southampton to preserve and take
care of her Estate -

That William Claud father to your complainants
departed this life in the year 18th after duly
making and publishing his last will and testa-
ment in writing which has been duly recorded
in the County Court of Southampton, in which
said Will the s^d. Wm. Claud died. but to his wife
Charlotte Claud all his Estate for and during
her natural life - and afterwards to be sold &
equally divided amongst your complainants;
that so it is may it please the Court, that
in making ample and very liberal provision
for the Widow the Tutor, left his children
poor and one amongst them an Idiot -
That the said Widow, mother to your complainants
the possessor of wealth does not enjoy that
comfort and tranquility of mind which was
vainly expected by her deceased husband
and now wishes your complainants her
children should be better provided for out
of the Estate which has been left to her for
her life by her s^d. de^d. husband Wm. Claud
& therefore is willing that all the Slaves one
only excepted Marie a girl should be imme-
diately sold with the Stock of all kinds as

also the crop now on the plantation of every
kind should be sold and the money arising
therefrom equally divided amongst your
orators & oratrix, but your complainants are
aware that some difficulty may attend a case
like the present, from the unfortunate situ-
-ation of Phoebe Claud one of the complain-
-ants who is an idiot and cannot for
herself agree to any contract or undertaking
whatever; and therefore the aid of a court
of Chancery is sought to authorize & justify
such proceedings as might be just & proper
in all the others as parties concerned, without
the interference or aid of such court, they
your complainants being of full age to act
for themselves -

To the end therefore your
orators & oratrix by her said Committee pray
the Court with leave and order that Jesse
Claud administrator with will, sell the said slaves, stock
and crop and make division equally
between your complainants and the general
debts -

Jesse Claud

The answer of Charlotte Claud widow
of Mr. Claud due to a bill in Chancery
exhibited against her in the County Court
of Southampton by John Claud, Philip Claud
Jesse Claud, William Claud and Jesse Claud
Committee appointed for Phoebe Claud an
idiot - For answer thereto saith
that true it is as stated in the said
Bill, she is perfectly willing that the
said slaves lent to her for life by her
decd husband, one only excepted by the name
of Marie a girl - as also the stock of
all kinds, and crop made on the
plantation lent to her, should be sold
immediately and the money divided
equally amongst the said complainants
And having answered pray she be
dismissed -

Charlotte Claud

By Virtue of the within Decree to me directed I have
 made sale of the property as directed therein, and
 have since the proceeds thereof as directed in the
 within Decree — Given under my hand this
 2nd day of December 1877 —

Jesse Claude

Claude vs
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 Decree
 Claude

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May 6 1878 Rep.
 re: final decree
 per consent

Southampton County November Court 1777
John Bland, Phillis Bland, Jesse Bland, William Bland &
Phillis Bland an insane person, by the said Jesse Bland
Committee appointed by the Court to preserve and take
care of his estate Complainants
vs
Jesse Bland

In
Chancery

Charlotte Bland widow & relict of Wm Bland and Defts:

This Cause this day was docketed by Consent of the parties and a report
of the Court. Came on to be heard upon the bill of the Complainants, exhibits
and answer of Deft (and arguments of Counsel, whereupon and after due
consideration thereof has the Court doth approve order and decree that
the said Jesse Bland do with the will and assent of Wm Bland and do
make sales of all the Slaves except one by the name of Maria, whereof
the said William Bland did sign and paper off, together with the crop
of born & last made on the Plantation after giving reasonable Public notice
of the time and place of Sale, the said negroes and crops being bequeathed
to the said Charlotte Bland the widow for and during her life, but she
herely consenting to a division as aforesaid, that the said Complainants
make and equal division of the proceeds of the said Sale, between the
said Complainants, and that the said Complainants make a report
thereof to the Court in order to a final Decree

Teste

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