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SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY  
CHANCERY PAPERS

JOHNSON et al vs. HARRISON and Wife  
3/1821

Other surnames: Spence,  
Drewry, Capell, Morris,  
Morriss

Johnston.

W. B. B. B.

Business & Wife.

May 1870 John. dec.  
accord.

Ch<sup>r</sup> to Humphrey Drewy —

For the Worshippful the County Court of Southampton  
In chancery sitting, Humbly complaining sheweth -  
Your Petitioners and Petrices, Matthew Johnson, Anne Johnson  
Spence & Patsy his Wife (formerly Harrison) Patrick Harrison,  
Tally Harrison, Patsy Harrison, Carter Harrison, Clifton Harrison  
& Rebecca Harrison, infant children of - Rebecca Harrison  
formerly Johnson by John Spence their next friends and  
Kempsey Henry (in right of - John Johnson, Lucy Johnson and  
Thomas Capell) & Patsy his Wife formerly Johnson, he having  
purchased their Interest - and Henry, Life, James & Elizabeth Morris infants  
of Sarah Morris formerly Johnson, by John Morris their next friends -

That Harris Johnson departed this  
life several years since intestate, seized in fee simple  
of a certain tract of Land lying & being in this County  
leaving a Widow & several Children - That some  
time after the death of the said Harris Johnson,  
by an order of this Court, he was assigned to  
Widow Judith Johnson in the aforesaid Land -  
That not long since the said Judith departed this  
life, by which event your Complainers and a  
certain William Harrison in right of his Wife Prancey  
formerly Johnson are entitled to the said Land, by  
descent and purchase - Your Complainers further  
state that no distribution of the said Land has  
as yet been made & they further state that the lands

expressed if divided will not be worth one hundred  
Pounds for share; they therefore pray your worship to  
order and cause a sale of the said Lands, agreeable  
to an act of the General Assembly in such case made  
& provided - They further state that a certain William  
Harrison & Nancy his Wife, have reduced the said Lands  
in their possession and refuse a sale thereof without the  
aid of this Court. ~~In the~~ In tender consideration  
whereof & in as much as your Complainants are remediless  
at common Law & alone redress in this Court, they  
pray your worship to compel the said William Harrison  
& Nancy his Wife who are Prayers defendants, to  
assent to make to the foregoing bill, that your worship  
will decree a sale of the said Lands agreeable to  
the Prayer of the bill & grant such other & further  
Relief the Premises considered as may be consistent with  
Equity &c. & your Complainants as in duty well may  
Pray &c.

The Court & separate answers of William Harrison &  
Nancy his Wife to the within bill -

These defendants, saving &c. for answer saith,  
that the allegations in the Complainants, they admit to  
true & further that they have no objection to such a sale  
= as is prayed for - being all parties concerned  
they pray hence to be dismissed &c.

Johnson &c.  
vs. } & Nancy  
Harrison & Wife

This day this cause came on to be heard  
on the bill, Answer and exhibits, when it is ordered  
& decreed by the Court, that William B. Gooding, Joseph  
Blund, Lewis Westcott and Joel Westcott or any  
three, select to the highest bidder upon a week's notice  
the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Decr. next, the lands here lying to the  
Estate of Harris Johnson dec'd, the lands here lying to the  
Estate of his Widow and the Johnson dec'd, which were assigned to  
his Widow and the Johnson dec'd, as her Dowry, having  
first advertised the time & place of the sale,  
and take good bonds with good security for  
the same, and divide the proceeds thereof  
into seven equal parts, and assign one  
seventh to William Harrison & Nancy  
his Wife, and six parts to Matthew Johnson

was bequeathed to John Thomas & Patsy his wife, Patrick, Talley,  
Poley, Carter, Clifton & Rebecca Harrison in right of their mother  
Rebecca Harrison formerly Johnson, was bequeathed to Henry, Sape,  
James & Elizabeth Morris, Infant children of Sarah Morris  
wid. formerly Johnson and the remaining three bequeathed to James  
Phary. Henry in right of Joel Johnson, Jerry Johnson and  
Thomas Caples and wife Patsy formerly Johnson, her having  
purchased out their interest in the same, it that they report  
to this Court in order to a final decree.

Harrison  
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Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> 1821, copy  
of Harrison by Court

Johnson & Co. Intro.  
Harrison & wife } Decree

a copy

Southampton County May Court 1820

Matthew Johnson and John Spence and  
Betsey his wife, (formerly Harrison) Patrick  
Harrison, Sally Harrison, Polly Harrison, Walter  
Harrison, Clifton Harrison and Rebecca Harrison  
infant children of Rebecca Harrison formerly Johnson  
by John Spence their next friend and Humphrey  
Drewry (in right of Joel Johnson) Jerry Johnson  
and Thomas Capell & Patsey his wife formerly  
Johnson and Henry, Sept, James and Elizabeth Morris  
infants of Sarah Morris formerly Johnson  
by John Morris their next friend --- Complainants  
against

In  
Chancery

William Harrison and Nancy his wife --- Defendant

This day this cause came on to be heard on the  
bill, answer and exhibits, when it is ordered and decreed by  
the Court, that William B. Broome, Joseph Claus, David  
Westbrook and Joel Westbrook, or any three of them, see to the  
highest bidder, upon a credit within the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Decr.  
next, the lands ~~belonging to the estate of Thasick Johnson and~~  
which were assigned to his widow and John Johnson and  
her dower, having first advertised the time and place of the  
sale - and take bonds with good security for the same, and  
divide the proceeds thereof into seven equal parts, and assign  
one seventh to William Harrison and Nancy his wife, one  
seventh to Matthew Johnson one seventh to John Spence and  
Betsey his wife, Patrick, Sally, Polly, Walter, Clifton and  
Rebecca Harrison, in right of their mother, Rebecca Harrison  
formerly Johnson, one seventh to Henry, Sept, James and Elizabeth  
Morris infants children of Sarah Morris and formerly Johnson  
and the remaining three sevenths to Humphrey Drewry in right of  
Joel Johnson, Jerry Johnson and Thomas Capell and wife Patsey  
formerly Johnson, he having purchased out their interests in  
the same, and that they report to this Court in order to a final  
decree

To the Comptroler D.C.  
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Report of Commissioners  
for  
Hamp Johnson's land.



Agreeably to the annexed order we made sale of the whole of the  
lands assigned as dower to Judith Johnson dec<sup>d</sup> estimated at 110 acres  
more or less at \$5.31 p<sup>r</sup> acre making the sum of \$589.60 -  
Humphrey Drury became the purchaser - We divided the  
proceeds of said sale into seven equal parts allotting one  
seventh to William Harrison in right of his wife Nancy,  
one seventh to Matthew Johnson, one seventh to John  
Spencer and Betsey his wife, Patrick, Sally, Polly, Carter  
Clifton and Rebecca Harrison in Right of their mother  
Rebecca Harrison formerly Johnson, one seventh to Harry,  
Jesse, James and Elizabeth Morris infant children of  
Sarah Morris dec<sup>d</sup> formerly Johnson, and the remain-  
-ing three sevenths to Humphrey Drury -

Given under our hands and seals this 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
November 1820

Wm. B. Goodwyn

David Westbrook

Jell Westbrook