

1823-018 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

CLARKE et al

VS. CLARKE et al

12/1823

other SURNAMES: Buck,
Clark

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Nov. 1823 Full Decree
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To the Honorable the County Court of Southampton
in chancery sitting humbly complaining shew unto
your worships, your Compts Robinson Clarke & Jack
Clarke an infant by the said Robinson his next-
friend, who are free men of color: that by the death
of the mother of your Compts, which occurred some
time since a small tract of land situated in this
county, & containing about 60 acrs. descended to her
legal heir, to be distributed amongst them accor-
= ding to Law - That besides your Compts, the dec.
had three children, namely, Nancy, Patsy, and
Parthena, who were entitled to the same - that as
they came of age, your Compt Robinson purchased
of them their respective interests in the said tract of
Land, as appears by an attested copy of the deed
of record here herewith exhibited as parts of this bill,
that your Orator being anxious to avail themselves
of the benevolent offer made to people of color by
the African Colonization Society, and to leave
this country for the purpose of settling themselves
in Africa, in their Colony, and are therefore anxious
that their respective interests in the said land may
be realized: that their shares would be worth
up than \$300. each. and that they are without
relief except by the interposition of this Court.
In consideration whereof, & forasmuch as your
Compts are remediless at Law to the end, therefore,
that the said Nancy Clarke, Patsy Clarke, & Parthena
& her husband Allen Buck may be made Defs

hents; and compelled to answer the allegations thereof
that pray the Commonwealth's writ of Sp. Li - and
that your worship will decree a sale of the said tract
of land, and a distribution of the proceeds according
to the rights of the parties. & as in duty bound they
will ever pray &c.

The answer of Stacey Clark, Patsy Clarke and
Allison Buck & Partness his wife formerly Clarke to
the foregoing bill of complaint - These Respondents
in answer to the material parts of the said bill, admit
that they have conveyed their interests in the said tract
of land, as therein stated, and have no objection to
any decree which the Court may think proper
to pronounce in the premises, & having answered, pray
to be hence dismissed &c.

Clarke &c.

Clarke & ad. } In Chy.

This cause was this day docketed by consent of
parties, and the agent of the Court, & came on to
be heard, on the bill, & answer & exhibits filed,
upon consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge
order, and decree, that Benjamin Griffin be & he
is hereby appointed commr. with power to sell the
tract of land in the bill mentioned, on such terms
as in his judgment shall be most conducive to
the interests of the parties, that he make a title to the
purchaser, and of the proceeds, allot $\frac{4}{5}$ ths to the Compt.
Potenus Clarke, and the balance to the legal heirs.

of the Compt. Lack Clarke - & make report to the
Court in order to a final decree -

Clark ② Just. Clerice
③ a copy—
Clark ③

Decr 15th 1823 rept.
rel. 500.

Upson County Nat. Court 1823

Southampton Nov. Court 1823

Robertson black, and Jack black, in infant

By the said Robertson black his next friend... Compt.
by free persons of Colour

Nancy black, Palsey black and Allison

Buck and Patience his wife formerly

black (free persons of Colour). Defendants

In
Chf.

This Cause was this day docketed by Consent of parties
and the report of the Court, and came on to be heard, on the bill
and answer and exhibits filed upon consideration whereof
the Court, doth adjudge, order and decree, That Benjamin Griffin
be and he is hereby appointed Commissioner, with power to sell
the tract of land in the bill mentioned, (supposed to contain
about Sixty Acres), on such terms as his Discretion shall
be most conducive to the interest of the parties that he make
a title to the purchaser, and of the proceeds allot four fifths
to the Complainant Robertson Clark and the balance to
the legal guardian of the Complainant Jack. Clark, and
make report to this Court in order to a final decree

Teste A. Middleton D.C.

Report of the
Sale of Mary Clark's
Land. 1823

In conformity to the annexed Decree, I Benjamin Griffin,
have after giving due notice of the same, sold to the
highest bidder for ready money, the land & plantation
whereon Mary Clark died seized, (a woman of colour) which
land was sold for the purpose of making a division
between Robertson Clark. & John Clark heirs of the said
Mary Clark. and the said Robertson having purchased
of his three sisters their proportions & titles to said land,
which makes him entitled to four fifths of the same, & the
above named John only one fifth; and James Vaison became
the purchaser for the sum of one hundred & twenty three
dollars, - deducting there from, five dollars for the Decree (which
was the lawyers charge), five dollars for commissions, - & three dollars
58 Cents Clerks fees, making the sum of \$13. 63 Cent. the amt.
of expences taken from the amt. of sale. leaves one hundred and
nine dollars thirty seven Cent. - four fifths of this sum allotted
to the said Robertson making \$87. 58 Cent. & one fifth
to the said John making \$21. 87 Cent., all which I have
paid over to the said Robertson in right of himself, and as

Guardian to the said John Clark - all which doings
and doing is respectfully submitted to the Court - from
under my hands this 28th day of November 1823

Benj Griffin Comptroller

Report of the
Sale of John Clark's
Land. 1823