1823-032 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY CHANCERY PAPERS

JINKINS et al VS. JINKINS' ADMINISTRATOR

5/1823

other SURNAMES: Jenkins, Bowden

Polly Jenkins Dal
vs. Bill &c.

Wm. Borden admr
John Jenkins dec.

Dec. 16th 1802. Decree

To the worshipful court of Lancaster County in
it chancery sitting humbly complaining shew unto
your worships, your Petitioner Polly Jinkins widow of John
Jinkins dec.d & your orators Nathaniel Edmond Jinkins, Silas
Jinkins, Betsey Jinkins & Nancy Jinkins infants suing
by the said Polly Jinkins their mother and next friend,
that some in the year the said John Jinkins departed
this life, intestate leaving the said Polly his widow, & the
infant compts his children & heirs at law. a certain
William Bowden pretended as the admr. of the said
intestate and obtained possession of considerable person-
al estate among which are the following Slaves, to
wit Jacob, London, Simon, Dinah, Pomby, Elick and
Rebecca, which said slaves will not be required for
the payment of debts: notwithstanding the said Wm.
Bowden still holds possession of the same and refuses
to make division thereof - In Tender consideration
whereof &c To the End therefore that the said
William Bowden admr. as afores. (who is prayed to
be made deft. hereto) may upon oath full & perfect
answer make to all & singular said allegations, and
that as perfectly as if the same were here again
repeated the Same interrogated - Your compts. pray
that your worships will decree a division of the said
Slaves allotting to the compt. Polly, as widow as afores.
one third part thereof for life, and the balance of the
said Slaves to & among the infant compts. Silas and Nancy
alike, and that your worships will make such other
or further order or decree in the premises as may seem
just & proper &c may it please the court &c.

The answer of William Bowden admr. of John Jinkins dec. to the amended bill of complainant. This Respondent saving &c. for answer thereto saith that the allegations in the said bill contained are true and correct. He is willing that the court shall decree a division of the slaves in the bill mentioned as aginst by the complt. He denies all fraud &c.

Richd. H. Baker
for
William Bowden

Sinclair Esq
Mr. Dacres
Bonds assn. Justices.

Polly Jinkins widow and relict of John Jinkins dec.d
Edmond Jinkins, Silas Jinkins, Betsy Jinkins and
Nancy Jinkins infants under 14 by the said Polly Jinkins
their mother and next friend - Plff

vs. Ex Clerk.

William Bowden admr of John Jinkins dec.d - Defts

This cause coming on this day to be
heard upon the bill and answer, by consent of parties
and with the assent of the court, whereupon the
Court doth order adjudge and decree that Benj:
Griffin, Silas Summerell & Willis Bowers or any
two, do divide the slaves in the bill mentioned to
wit, Jacob, London, Simon, Dinah, Penny, Elick &
Rebecca, and allot to the compl.t Polly Jinkins one
third part thereof for and during her life and the
balance to and among the infant complainants share
and share alike ~~to the said~~ or to the guardian
of the said infant compl.ts for their joint benefit and
advantage, to be kept &c.

Jenkins &c.

vs

Bowden and &c.

Int.g Decree

Southampton December Court 1822

Polly Jenkins widow and relict of John Jenkins dec.
Edwards Jenkins, Silas Jenkins, Betsey Jenkins and
Nancy Jenkins infants suing by the said Polly Jenkins
their mother and next friends ——— Compts
against
William Bowden admr of John Jenkins dec. Defts

In Chancery

This cause came on this day to be heard upon the bills and answer by consent of parties and with the assent of the court whereupon the court doth order adjudge and decree that Benj. Griffin, Silas Simmerell and Willis Bowen or any two do divide the slaves in the bills mentioned to wit Jacob, London, Simon, Dinah, Tenby, Elick and Rebecca and allot to the complainant Polley Jenkins one third part thereof for and during her life and the balance to and among the infant complainants share and share alike, or to the guardian of the said Infant complainants for their joint benefit and advantage and make report to this court in order to a final decree —

A Copy
Teste James Rochelle Cl

Dimission and
allotment of Dower
of the Estate of the
Est. of Jno. Jenkins

may 19th 1823 Supd
and ORD

Agreeably to a Decree of the County Court of Southampton, bearing date December Court 1822, We the undersigned Commissioners, did on the 27th day of December 1822 Proceed to divide the Negroes belonging to the Estate of John Jinkins dec'd, and have Valued them at the following Prices to wit, One Negro man Jacob at $450. One ditto London at $425. One boy Simon at $300 One woman Dinah and child Rebecca, at $375. and one boy Elick at $125. amounting in the whole to the sum of $1875. and have allotted to Polly Jinkins, the widow of said decest, for her Dower, in said Negroes, the above named man London Valued at $425, and Girl Jenny Valued at $200 amounting to $625. which is one third of the total amt, and finding it impossible to divide the balance Equitably amongst the Children, we have turned over to William Bowers, who is Guardian to all the Children the following Negroes, Valued at the following Prices to wit, One Negro man Jacob Valued at $450. One boy Simon Valued at $300, One Woman Dinah & child Rebecca Valued at $375. and one boy Elick Valued at $125. amounting to $1250. being two thirds of the total amt Subject to a future Division, agreeably to the decree Given under our hands this 27th day Dec. 1822

Silas Summerell

Benjamin Griffin

Willis Bowers