

1824-006

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

LEWIS

VS

LEWIS ADMINISTRATOR

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/1824

Other SURNAMES: Rochelle

Lewis
or
Lewis admr to

Bill & Annurey

Decr 1873 J. W. Allen
& Co. &

Represent

To the most honorable Court of Southampton County sitting
in Chancery. Humbly complaining sheweth unto
your worships your sister Mary Lewis that her
late father Zoluton Lewis died in the year
leaving a last will and testament which
has been duly admitted to record an attested copy
of which is hereto annexed and prayed to be
considered as a part of this bill of Complaint
that the executors therein appointed refused to
take upon themselves the burthen of the execution
of the same and a certain Robert Rochelle qualified
as adm^r ^{de bonis non} with the will annexed and in that
character possessed himself of all the estate
of the said Zoluton Lewis decd and who
is prayed to be made a defendant hereto
that the said tutor among other things
in his said will bequeathed all his slaves
except one by the name of Isham to be equally
divided among all his children, which said
children are your complainant, Benjamin,
Nanny, Rebecca and Nicholas Lewis and
a posthumous child which is since dead
that all the aforesaid children except
your complainant are minors and are
prayed to be made defendants hereto to some
friends to be appointed by the Court to defend
them in this behalf. Your complainant
prays that the above mentioned defendants
may be compelled to answer all and singular
the allegations herein contained fully and unreservedly
and that the defendant Robert Rochelle answer
as aforesaid may be compelled to render to
the order of this Court all the slaves with
the exception of Isham as aforesaid to be

divided equally among your complainant
and defendants according to the will of the
said Zebulon Lewis, and the prays for
general relief &c.

Mary Lewis

To the honorable Court of Southampton sitting
in Chancery. The separate answer
of Robert Rochelle adm^r ^{de bonis non} ~~with~~ the will annexed
of Zebulon Lewis died to the bill of Complaint
exhibited against him and Renss. Nancy,
Rebecca and Nicholas Lewis infants and
legates of said Zebulon Lewis by Mary
Lewis.

This respondent saving
&c for answer to so much of the said bill
as he is advised is necessary for him to answer
saith. That he is adm^r as a person and hath
in his possession of the estate of the said Zebulon
Lewis, and he further states that he is willing
to surrender the slaves in his possession for
a division according to the prayer of the bill
provided he receives a satisfactory bond or bonds
according to law and having answered
the prays to be hence dismissed &c.

Ro. Rochelle

To the honorable Court of Southampton sitting
in Chancery. The joint and separate answers
of Benjamin Lewis ^{Nicholas Lewis} and Rebecca Lewis infant
legates of Zebulon Lewis died by Robert Rochelle
their next friend appointed by the Court to defend
them in this behalf and of Nancy Lewis and
infant legates of said Zebulon Lewis died by
her next friend Richd Blunt appointed by
the Court to defend her in this behalf to a
bill of Complaint exhibited against Robert
Rochelle adm^r with the will annexed of
said Zebulon Lewis died by Mary Lewis.

These respondents now and at
all times hereafter saving and reserving to
themselves all benefit of exemption to any errors
or imperfections in the Complainant's bill
contained, for answer to so much thereof as they
are advised is necessary for them to answer. Say
that their father Zebulon Lewis did leave such
a will as the one produced by the complainant
and that he made such a disposition of
his slaves as is stated. They further state that
they have no objection that the Court should
make such a division of the said slaves as
is prayed for and having answered they pray
to be hence dismissed &c.

Ro. Rochelle

Richd Blunt Guardian
for Nancy Lewis

Sketch of a deer

Lewis

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vs

3 In Chy.

Lewis's adm vs Deft

This cause was this day docketed
by consent of parties and agent of the Court and
was heard on the bills answers, exhibit filed
and arguments of Counsel. Whereupon the
Court doth adjudge order and decree that
the defendant Robert Rochelle adm with
the will annexed of Zebulon Lewis doth
do run order up the slaves in his possession
which are of the estate of Zebulon Lewis
do to be divided equally among the
complainants and defendants having
regard to value, requiring if he thinks
proper refunding bonds and it is moreover
ordered that Edward Reed, Thomas Appli-
-white, Alexander. P. Pate and Arthur
Wellcome or any three of them do divide
the said slaves into five equal parts
having regard to value and allot one
fifth part to the complainant, and one
fifth part to each of the defendants and it is
moreover ~~ordered~~ ordered that they or any
two of them as may act do make a
report to this Court of their proceedings
herein in order to a final decree.

J
Lewis

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A Copy

St.ampton County Dec^r 1823

Mary Lewis

Complainant

Robert Rochelle, adm^r with the will annexed
of Zebulon Lewis deceased, and Benjamin Lewis and
Rebecca Lewis ^{Stahola Lewis} infants ~~children~~ and leg^{ates} of Zebulon
Lewis deceased, by Robert Rochelle their next friend
appointed by the Court to defend them in this behalf
and Nancy Lewis an infant legatee of said Zebulon
Lewis dec^d by her next friend and guardian Richard
Blunt appointed by the Court to defend her in this behalf ~~Defendant~~

This cause was this day docketed by Consent of the
parties and assent of the Court, and was heard on the bill, answers
exhibits filed, and arguments of Counsel. Whereupon the Court
doth assuage over and decreed that the defendant Robert Rochelle
administrator with the will annexed of Zebulon Lewis deceased, do
surrender up the slaves in his possession which are of the Estate of Zebulon
Lewis deceased, and to be divided equally among the Complainant
and defendants having regard to value, requiring if he thinks
proper refunding bonds, and it is moreover decreed, that Edward Revere
Thomas Applewhite, Alexander P. Peete and Arthur Williamson
or any three of them, do divide the said slaves into five equal parts
having regard to value, and allot one fifth part to the Complainant
and one fifth part to each of the defendants. And it is moreover
ordered, that they or such of them, as may act make a report
to this Court in order to a final decree. Teste A. Mcintosh Dls

See bill

Lewis Rhy.
Rochele @ Report

March 15th 1874 Report, etc.
& final decree by Court

We the undersigned Commissioners appointed by a Decree of the Worshipful Court of Southampton County at December term 1823, which is hereto annexed, have in obedience to said Decree proceeded to divide the negroes belonging to the Estate of Gabriel Lewis dec'd and do make the following Report of our proceedings.

We make the following valuation division and allotment of said negroes as per tabular statement annexed. We find the total valuation to amount to four thousand nine hundred and sixty five Dollars, which divided into five shares gives to each the sum of nine hundred and eighty nine Dollars.

To Mary Lewis we assign Lot No 1 as her share, she paying to Lot No 5 the sum of seven Dollars to equalize her share.

To Benjamin Lewis we assign Lot No 2 and to receive from Lot No 5 the sum of four dollars to equalize his share.

To Nancy Lewis we assign Lot No 3 as her share.

To Rebecca Lewis we assign Lot No 4 and to receive from Lot No 5 the sum of seven Dollars and from Lot No 1 seven Dollars making fourteen dollars to be paid to her lot to equalize her share.

To Nicholas Lewis we assign Lot No 5 he paying to Lot No 2 the sum of four dollars and to Lot No 4 seven dollars making eleven dollars he is to pay to equalize his share.

Negroes divided into 5 Lots and their valuation.

Lot No 1. Mary Lewis		Lot No 2. Benj Lewis		Lot No 3. Nancy Lewis		Lot No 4. Rebecca Lewis		Lot No 5. Nicholas Lewis	
Negroes names	value	Names	value	Names	value	Names	value	Names	value
Jam.	366	Tom.	400	Willis	450	Est	400	Jem	400
Charlotte.	325	Amy	325	Polly	350	Judy Childs.	350	Hannah Childs	350
Hubbard.	225	Amy	180	Bob.	130	Patty	225	Edwin.	150
Elanaga	80	Peggy	80	Belduld.	80	Nancy	100	Liza.	100
				Hanny	79				
Total valuation	\$ 996	Total valuation	985	Total valuation	989	Total valuation	975	Total valuation	1000
Excep to be paid to Lot No 4	3	deficit to be recd from Lot No 5	11			deficit to be received from Lot No 5	7	Excep to be paid to Lot No 4	11
Proportions	\$ 989	of Lot No 2	\$ 989	of Lot No 3	\$ 989	of Lot No 4	\$ 989	of Lot No 5	\$ 989

The above valuation and division made by us the 10 January one Thousand eight hundred and twenty four.

Edward Reese
A. P. Reese
Arthur Williamson

Commissioners