

1828-15

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

COCKS et al VS. BRIGGS and Wife
8/1828

See also: BRIGGS and Wife vs. COCKS, v of 1828-13

other surnames: Dobie

cp^d

Look at next piece
vs { Bill answer
4 co. deors
2 any deors
Briggs & wife
H. p. 1827

1827 August deors as found
filed by counsel - cp^d

To the worshipful Court of Soarupton County
sitting in chancery humbly complaining shew unto
your worships: your oratrixes Linda Ann Rebecca &
Martha Adaline & your orator Jose Wilkins Cocks ~~my~~
infant children of ~~Patsy~~ Briggs late Cocks by
~~Henry Briggs~~ their next friend. Here your oratrixes
& your orator beg leave to represent to your worships that
their grama father Nathaniel Dobie sen deceased by
his last will & testament a copy of which is hereto
annexed & prayed to be taken as a part of this bill
among other specific legacies makes the following
that is to say Item I lend to my daughter Patsy
Cocks one negroe girl named Torga and her increase
after she comes to her possession during her widowhood
and in the event of her marrying I give her one moiety
of both said negroe and her increase to her & her heirs
forever and the remainder to be equally divided between her
three children Vizt Linda Ann Rebecca Jose Wilkins &
Martha Adaline, but should she not marry it is my will
& desire at her death the said negroe and the whole of her
increase be equally divided between her said children
& your oratrixes & orator beg leave to represent further to your
worships that their mother late ~~Patsy~~ Cocks hath some
time in the year 1826 intermarried with a certain
William Briggs of this (Soarupton County) that the
executor of Nathaniel Dobie appointed to the devise above
recited & that the said Briggs & wife are now
in possession of the said slave that by the terms
of the said devise immediately on the marriage
of the said Patsy with the said Briggs your
oratrixes & orator became entitled to a moiety
of the slave Torga & her increase if any that
this cannot be obtained but by the equitable

interposition of your worships sitting as a court of chancery
where matters of this kind are especially cognizable & at
the end that justice may done them they may your hon-
-ships to make the said Briggs & Patsy his wife defen-
-dants hereto & compel them to answer the facts
herein set forth that if it should be found that
a division cannot be effected in since your
worships be pleased to decree a sale of the slave
Terge on a reasonable credit by suitable persons
to be so arranged as to effect the division contain-
-ed in the will of the testator. That your worships the
premises considered be pleased to grant your Compts
the commonwealth writ of Subpoena directed to command
& such other further & general relief as comports with equity
& the rules of this Court & as in duty they will ever be

Attest before me
Blackburne pro Comptants

The answer of William Briggs & Patsy his wife late books
to the bill filed in Southampton County Court against
them by Linda Ann Rebecca Jeph Welkins & Martha
Adeline Books infants by

Therest

James These respondents saving to themselves all
benefit of exception to the Complainants bill for answer
thereto say they believe the facts stated in the bill
since that they have no objection to a decree for
the sale of the slave Terge to effect a division
which cannot be effected in since that they
are desirous that the sale should be made under
the direction of this Court & in such way as to
afford a division of the proceeds according to the
will of the testator & having now answered as
far as they are advised it is material they should
they may hence to be dismissed & as in duty they
will ever may &

Attest before me
pro & ad

next friend to Linda Ann Rebecca
Jeph Welkins, & Martha Adeline Books infants
Complainants In chancery

against
William Briggs & Patsy his wife late Patsy Books

This day this cause was docketed & came
on to be heard on the bill answers exhibits
& the arguments of counsel on mature considera-
tion whereof the Court doth as aforesaid
decree that ~~Wm Briggs~~

as commissioner of this Court
do after having given a reasonable public
notice of the time & place of sale sell to the highest
bidder & a credit of nine months the negro
slave Terge in the bill mentioned that they
take of the purchase one bond for one half
the purchase money & that they divide the
remaining half into three parts & take
three bonds therefor with good & sufficient
security in each case & that they report their
proceedings with the said bonds to this
Court preparatory to a final decree

Southampton County August Court 1827-

Linda, Sam Rebeca & Martha Adaline & Jeph Wilkins Locks infant children
of Patsy Briggs late Locks by Henry Briggs their next friend. Plaintiffs
against
In Chancery

William Briggs and Patsy his wife late Locks Defendants

This day this cause was docketed and came on to be heard on the
bill answer, and exhibits and the arguments of Counsel, on mature
considerations whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that
William Briggs as Commissioner of this Court do after having given a
reasonable public notice of the time and place of sale sell to the highest
bidder on a credit of nine months the negroes slave Tiza in the bill
mentioned, that they take of the purchaser one bond for one half the
purchase money and that they divide the remaining half into three
parts and take three bonds therefor with good and sufficient security
in each case and that they report this proceedings with the said
bonds to this Court preparatory to a final decree -

Attest Teste James Rochelle Clk

In obedience to the within decree the under
 signed did sell on the 5th of Decr. 1824. on a
 Credit of Nine months the negro woman named
 in said decree to the highest bidder for the
 Sum of \$140.00
 Cost. for decree & Com^{rs} fee - 20.00
 one half of the amt. of sales paid to the Guardian
 of the Orphan's Say \$75.00

William Briggs
 M. Com^r -

1828 day: rep^d m^d \$⁰⁰
 or Commission

Barry M^d

at 3 Copy across

Locke &^o

We have a bill ^{presented}
for Leamington. It
for sale of Ling
loaned Mrs Cochrane
who influenced
with his rights.

To the Worshipful Court of Super County sitting in
Chancery. Humbly complaining shew unto your worships
your orators and oratrices Lulleberry Chappell a son of
Claymond Chappell dec'd his wife late Dobie, Polly
Chappell Dobie, Wm Harrison exor of Nathaniel Dobie
deceased, Martha Cook late Dobie in her own right &
as the Guardian ad litem of her infant children Jesse
Mekins, Lundy Ann Rebecca & Martha Adaline who
together with a certain William Dobie who is also a
son and administrator de bonis non with the will annexed
of Nathaniel Dobie Sew are the devisees of the said
Nathaniel Dobie. Here your orator & oratrices beg
leave to represent, that Nathaniel Dobie Sew died some
time in the year 1825 having first made and published
his last will and testament a copy where of is hereto
annexed and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill.
that the said testator after having devised several specific
legacies in the said testament directs that the residue
of his estate after the payment of his just debts to be
divided equally among all his children Viz William
Dobie, Nathaniel Dobie who has died since the testator
and whose estate your orator Wm Harrison has taken
letters as executor under his will, Claymond Chappell
who has also died since the death of the testator and to
whom your orator Lulleberry Chappell her husband has
qualified as administrator, Patsy Cook and Polly Chappell
Dobie to them and their heirs forever with the exception
of the part which may fall to the lot of my daughter
Patsy which said legacy is to be divided equally, one
half to her and her heirs forever the remainder to be

equally among her said three children (ie) Linda Ann
Rebecca Jesse McKim and Martha Adaline. that
your orators and orators are satisfied that there is no
necessity for any further delay of the rights of the parties
as the administrator himself has no objections to a division
they are advised under a decree of your worship. to the
end therefore that justice may be done your orators
to make the said Wm. Doble a gift hereto decipied him to pay me this life that of my wife
and orators, they pray your worship be pleased to
grant the Commonwealth writ of Subpoena directed to
commanding her and such other further and general
relief as equity dictates and may comport with the
rules of this Court, and as in duty they will ever
pray &c

A Chamberlain pro Compiti.

In the name of God Amen I Nathaniel Doble of
the County of Sussex do make this my last will and
testament in the following manner that is to say.
Imprimis I give and bequeath to my son William Doble
one Negro Girl called Rachell with all the increase
she may have after she is in his possession to him and
his heirs forever. Item I give and bequeath to my
daughter Chauncy Chappell all the increase of two
Negro women formerly put into her possession by the
names of Melly and Leah (since dead) also seven hundred
dollars to her and her heirs forever. Item I give and
bequeath to my daughter Polly Chappell Doble three
negroes named Charlotte, Lincy and Cherry and their
increase when they come into her possession and their
future increase, two feather beds and furniture, one looking
Glass, one chest and half a dozen silver tea spoons, eight

hundred and fifty dollars and as much Corn and pork
as will serve her one year to her and her heirs forever.
Item I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel Doble
the tract of land whereon I now live together with the
Mill which is on the land, two negroes named Harry
and Cisp, one desk, two feather beds and furniture, one
chest, my silver watch, one gun, one pair of pistols
two Walnut Tables, three of the largest pictures in my
house, one large looking Glass, half a dozen silver tea
spoons and the increase of Cisp after he has been in
possession also two horses to be chosen by him, all the
Hogs and their increase that are now called his together
with as much pork and Corn as will serve him one
year also one yoke of Oxen, two Cows and Calves and
ten Sheep to be chosen from among all my flock to
him and his heirs forever. Item I lend to my daughter
Patty Cook one negro girl ^{negro} Terya and her increase after
she comes into her possession during her widowhood and
in the event of her marrying I give her one moiety of
both said Negro and her increase to her and her heirs forever
and the remainder to be equally divided between her three
children Wm. Linda Ann Rebecca, Jesse McKim and Martha
Adaline, but should she not marry it is my will and
desire at her death the said Negro and the whole of her
increase be equally divided between her said children. also
I give to my said daughter Patty Cook one moiety of
seven hundred dollars and the other moiety of the said seven
hundred dollars to be equally divided between her said three
children. Item It is my will and desire that my Copperhunk
plantation purchased of the estate of Robert Jones dec^d and

the tract of land called the old place on which I formerly
resided be sold, and that my executors be authorized to sell
them either publicly or privately as to them may seem
best, and the money or bonds to be appropriated towards the
payment of the legacies left my said daughters and the
children of Patsy Cooks. Item It is my will and desire
that Alice a negro woman be allowed the privilege of
choosing a master or mistress among my children herein
before named. Item after the payment of all my just
debts I desire the residue of my estate both real and personal
not herein before particularly disposed of may be equally
divided among all my children Vizt. William ~~of the name~~
Claymond, Patsy and Polly Chappell to them and their
heirs forever with the exception of the part which may
fall to the lot of my daughter Patsy which said legacy
is to be divided equally one half to her and her heirs
forever and the remainder to be equally divided among
her said children. Item It is my will and desire that
none of my negroes be sold to make a division among
my children. And lastly I do hereby constitute and
appoint my sons Nathaniel Dobie and Lisleberry Chappell
executors of this my last will and testament hereby
revoking all others heretofore made by me. In Witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal
this fifteenth day of October eighteen hundred and twenty three.
Signed Seals and acknowledged
in presence of 3 Nathaniel Dobie (read)
Entered into before signed

Wm. Harrison
John T. Southall
Edmund Chappell