1830-019 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY CHANCERY PAPERS RIDLEY and Wife et al VS. GEE, etal S/1830

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other SURNames: Blunt, Kello, Maclin, Goodwyne, Carey, Norfleet, Jones Johnson, Field, Cary, Goodwin

To the worshipful the County Court of Southampton sitting in Chancery
Humbly complaining shew unto your worships, your Compltˢ, Thˢ
Ridley and Stancy his wife, late Blunt, Mary N. Kello, widow, late
Blunt, John D. Mackin & Louiza R. his wife, late Blunt, Wᵐ B. Goodwyn
=wyn and Eliza A. his wife, late Blunt, George B. Carey and
Martha P. his wife late Blunt, and John A. Blunt. That John
Storfleet departed this life some years since possessed of a tract
of land lying and being situate in this County, containing
acres. That he died intestate, unmarried and without
issue - that his heirs were his mother, who had intermarried with
James Gee, his two sisters of the whole blood, Elizabeth Blunt,
widow of Wᵐ Blunt dec.ᵈ and Sarah Jones, widow, and his half brother
Wᵐ B. Gee. that the said Sarah Jones subsequently departed
this life, and her 2/7ths of said tract of land, descended to her
mother, Mrs Gee, her sister of the whole blood the dec.ᵈ Elizabeth Blunt,
and her brother & sister of the half blood, Wᵐ B. & Lavinia Gee.
that the said Lavinia Gee departed this life of tender years
and her 1/6th of 2/7ths descended to her father the dec.ᵈ James Gee,
as her heir at Law. that the said Elizabeth Blunt intermarried
with Benjamin B. Johnson, had issue by him, (which survived
a short time & died) and departed this life, living her said
husband, who was thus entitled as tenant by the Curtesy, to the
portions of said tract of land, to which his said wife was en-
=titled. that your Compltˢ, Stancy G, Mary N. Louiza R.
Eliza A, Martha P. and John A. children of the dec.ᵈ Elizabeth
Blunt, by a former marriage were her heirs at Law, and
entitled to the said portions subject to the dec.ᵈ Johnsons life estate.
That the said Johnson has recently departed this life - whereby
your Compltˢ are entitled to have partition made of the said
tract of land, the whole of which is now in possession of the said
Wᵐ B. Gee. But so it is, may it please the Court, no such par-
=tition can be compelled without the aid of this worshipful Court.
In tender consideration whereof, and forasmuch as your Compltˢ

are remediless at Law, and only relievable in this Court, where such matters are peculiarly cognizable: To the end that the said James Gee, and Wm. R. Gee, may be made Defendants hereto, and compelled to answer the allegations hereof, they pray the Court's writ of Sub.a directing &c. that Your worships will decree partition of the premises, agreeably to the rights of the parties, and grant the pltffs such other and general relief as may be consistent with Equity, and the nature of this case, and as in duty bound, they will ever pray &c.

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The joint answer of Wm R. Gee, and James Gee to the foregoing bill of Complaint: These Respondents, saving &c for answer to the said bill, say, that they admit its allegations, and have no objection to the decree prayed for. Having answered, they pray to be hence dismissed &c.

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Bill, deeds &c filed.
Exd &c
1830 June - Writ & Summons issued
Sheriff's Ret'n &c

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Goodwyne decree &
3 decree.
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filed &c

Wm B. Goodwyne and Eliza A. his wife,
Thos Ridley and Ann his wife, Mary W.
Kello, Louiza R. Field, George B Cary
and Martha his wife & John A. Blunt. } Pltffs.

against

Wm H. Gee, and James Gee . Defts. } In Chy.

This cause was this day docketed by consent of parties, with the agent of the Court, and came on to be heard on the Bill, answer, and exhibit filed, and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge order, and decree, that Willis Francis, James Jackson and Littlebery Mason, or any two of them, do, attended a competent surveyor, divide the lands which descended from John Norfleet dec.d and at present in the possession of the Defdt Wm H. Gee, including the water Grist mill, having regard to quality of soil, improvements and quantity, so as to allott to the pltffs. children and heirs of Elizabeth Blunt dec.d four sevenths thereof, and to the Defdts Wm H. Gee, and James Gee, three sevenths thereof in value - and, if required by the said pltffs, that they do in like manner divide the said four sevenths so set apart for the pltffs. into six parcels of equal value, and allott one to the pltffs Goodwyne & wife, one to Ridley & wife, one to the Pltffs Cary & wife, and one to each of the other three pltffs. and how they shall have acted in the premises, make report to the Court, in order to a final decree —

Report on the Division
of the land of
John Norfleet Dec.

Wm N. Dec ... 535 Acres
Goodwin & others 1373
Whole tract 1908 Acres

1830 May Rept. rec'd & ferial done by
Consent

Agreeably to an order of the Worshipful Court of Southampton County to us directed Dated "Southampton County January court 1830" and hereto annexed, We the undersigned Commissioners as expressed in said order. In obedience to the requisitions thereof; have gone on the Land of John Norflet dec. attended by Tho. B. Worrell Surveyer who run off said tract of land & found there to be in the Whole tract One Thousand nine hundred and Eight Acres of which we have allotted to William H. See and James See Five Hundred and Thirty five Acres lying on the West side of the road, Including the Water Grist mill. red house &c which is equal in Value to three Sevenths of the Whole tract of land, and Bounded as follows to Wit Beginning at the first swamp bridge in the road, thence along the road S 36° W 20 Poles. S 5° W 94 Poles. thence S 34¼ W 94 Poles. thence S 51° W 28 Poles to the red house thence S 60° W 56 Poles. thence S 63° W 40 Poles. thence S 50° W 52 Poles thence S 57¾ W 71 Poles. thence S 18° W 44 Poles. thence S 10¼ W 58 Poles to a corner, in said Road, thence along a line of marked trees N 49° W 39 Poles to a Dead pine, thence N 17½ W 7½ Poles thence N 10 E 20 Poles to a White oak, thence N 53½ W 34 Poles to a small black gum a corner. thence N 22° E 104 Poles to a sweet gum standing in North Buckhorn branch. thence N 23½ W 110 Poles to a Post oak, thence N 60¾ W 20 Poles. thence, N 5° W 20 Poles. thence N 66¾ W 24¾ Poles to a Dead oak a corner, thence N 53° E 22 Poles N 57½ E 18¾ Poles to a Dead White oak a corner, thence N 51½ W 24 Poles. thence N 54½ W 42 Poles to a Dead pine, standing near the Edge of the Mill pond, marked fore & aft; thence Down the Edge of said Mill pond to the mill house, thence Down the run of swamp to the Beginning ——

The remaining Thirteen Hundred and seventy three acres, lying on the East side of the road Including the houses. being equal in value to four Sevenths of the Whole tract, We have allotted to the Plaintiffs. William B. Goodwin and Eliza N. his wife, Tho. Ridley and Ann his wife. Mary W. Hello.

Louiza K. Field George B. Cary and Martha his Wife, and John W. Blunt, — which is Bounded as follows. (to Wit,
Beginning at the flat swamp bridge in the road a new corner made, thence Down the various courses of the run of said flat swamp to the mouth of a small branch a corner for the land of Lawrence Cook &c. thence up the run of said branch 130 Poles to a black gum in said Cooks line thence along his line of marked trees. S 20¼ E 27 Poles. thence S 24¼ E. 14 Poles. thence S 18° E 15 Poles. thence S 2¾ E 67 Poles. thence S 22½ E 46 Poles to a large White oak, thence S 60° E 19¾ Poles, to a Dead Dogwood a corner in Cooks line, Near the East end of the long old field substituted by a red oak & two sweet gums. thence S 72⅔ W 74 Poles to a White Oak, thence S 39° W 20 Poles. thence S 37⅔ W 46 Poles to a Post oak, thence S 7½ E 56 Poles to a White Oak a Corner for said Cooks land also a Corner for Littleberry Mason, thence along said Masons line N 44° W 33½ Poles, thence N 28⅔ W 24 Poles N 30½ W 24 Poles. Thence N 61° W 5 Poles. thence N 79° W 19 Poles thence N 80° W 32 Poles. N 77¾ W 12 Poles. thence N 80° W 12 Poles. thence N 87 W 10 Poles. thence N 71° W 8 Poles. thence N 81° W 9 Poles. thence S 88° W 57 Poles. thence N 89¼ W 12 Poles to Middle brook path thence S 87° W 118 Poles to a large path, thence same Course S 87° W 43 Poles. thence S 71° W 8 Poles to a lightwood stump (a Corner for said Mason) standing near the Edge of old Mill-pond, thence up the edge of said pond 185 Poles to the mouth of South buckhorn branch, thence up said branch 114 Poles to the road, thence along the road N 17° E 54 Poles to a new corner for William P. Lee, thence his line along the road to the Beginning

Given under our hands the 6th day of February 1830

James Jackson

Littleberry Mason

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Southampton County January Court 1830

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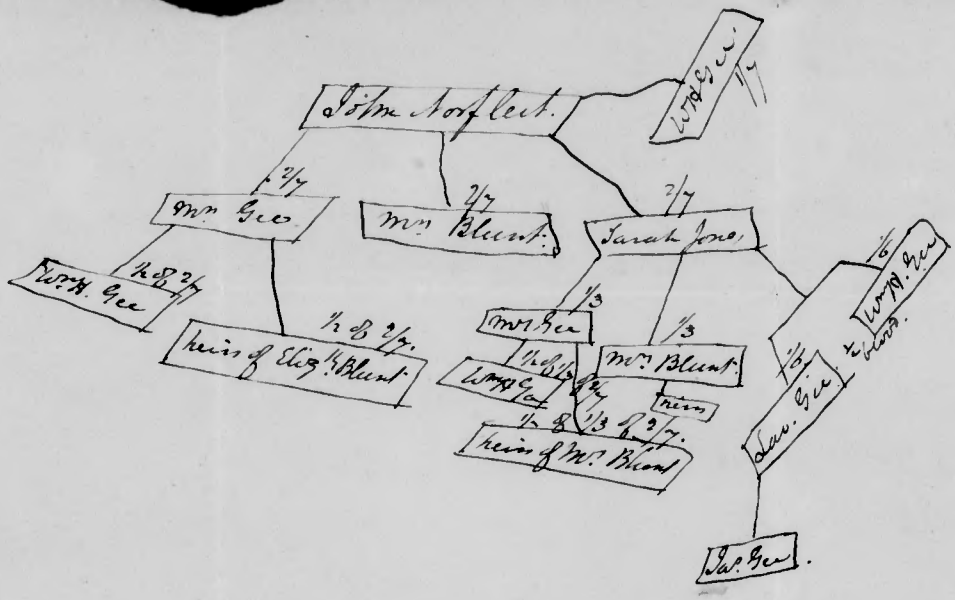

Mrs Blounts heirs are entitled to 1/2 of 2/7.ths to 2/7.ths & to 1/3. of 2/7.ths
Capt Gee is entitled to Lavinias part or. 1/6. of 2/7.ths
Wm H. Gee is entitled to 1/7.th - 1/6.th of 2/7. 1/2

If Lavinia Gee was living at the death of John Norfleet, Mrs Blounts heirs are entitled to 4/8.ths or 1/2 - and Wm H. Gee & Capt. Gee to 1/2 = if She was not living then, Mrs Blounts heirs are entitled to 4/7.ths. & Wm H. & Capt. Gee are entitled to 3/7.ths 1/7.th