

1832-011

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY  
CHANCERY PAPERS

HARRISON et al vs. HARRISON'S ADMINISTRATOR et al  
8/1832

Other SURNAMES: Davis,  
Johnson, Sturgeon, Parsons,  
Persons, Johnston, Parson,  
Person, Westbrook

Harrison & others

to J. Bille & Co. -  
Harrison agent.

Refer to 1818 Harrison

1820 Oct. Rep. net \$4.

1830 Aug. order for Ream. to be  
sum \$4.

To the honorable the County Court of Southampton, in  
Chancery sitting, Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honors  
your Petors & Creditors, William Harrison, Henry Harrison,  
Charles Harrison, Sally Davis (formerly Harrison) Jeremiah Edson  
in right of his wife Annastha (formerly Harrison) John, William and  
Patty Sturgeon children of Henry & distributees of Priscilla Sturgeon decd.  
(formerly Harrison) Rebecca Parsons heir and distributee of Polly  
Parsons (formerly Harrison) an infant under the age of Twenty-one  
years by Davis' last bequest her Guardian & next friend specially ap-  
pointed to prosecute for her in this suit.

That Henry Harrison formerly of this County departed this life  
several years since intestate, leaving a considerable Estate of Negroes,  
that at the time of his death he left a widow and sundry children.  
That by an order of this Court commissions were appointed to make  
distribution of the said Estate among the widow and children  
aforesaid - that the said commissions first assigned to the widow  
of the said Henry one intire part of the said Negroes as full  
Dower therein, ~~during their~~ <sup>during their</sup> natural life - That not long since  
the said Sarah Harrison widow as aforesaid <sup>also</sup> departed this life  
intestate, seized of sundry slaves which she had acquired a  
fee simple Estate in by Purchase in addition to the Dower  
slaves aforesaid - your Petors & Creditors by leave to State  
that they are the legal Heirs and distributees of the said Henry  
Harrison decd. and the said Sarah Harrison decd. that although  
the aforesaid Sarah Harrison has been dead for a considerable  
time no distribution of her fee-simple Estate or her Dower Estate  
has as yet made between them - They beg leave further to



their Guardians with good and sufficient security pay alms to Thomas  
Harrison admr. of Henry & Sarah Harrison decd. to secure and indemnify  
- nify them as admrs. as aforesaid from any legal claim or demand  
which may be hereafter recovered against him as admr. aforesaid,  
the said bonds to specify they are to pay in proportion to the amount  
they have received and that the said commissioners make their  
report to this Court in order to a final decree—

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Southampton Sept. Court 1818

William Harrison, Henry Harrison, Charles Harrison  
Sally Davis (formerly Harrison) Jeremiah Johnson in  
right of his wife Lucetta (formerly Harrison), John  
Williams and Patsy Sturgeon, Children, heirs and  
asintules of Priscilla Sturgeon and (formerly Harrison  
Rebecca Parson her daughter of Polly Parson (formerly  
Harrison) an infant under the age of Twenty one years  
by David Westbrook her guardian and next friend  
Specially appointed to prosecute for them in this behalf—Compl: *to*  
against

Thomas Harrison administrator of Henry  
and Sarah Harrison deceased

Defendants

This day this Cause came on to be heard on the bill and answer  
when it is ordered adj. uged, and decreed by the Court, that Orwet  
Harrip, Allen Jones, Benjamin Turner & William Smith or any three of  
them be Commissioners appointed by the Court to make Sale of the negroes  
which were assigned to Sarah Harrison deceased widow and relict of  
Henry Harrison and as her dower in the said Henry Estate, to Sell the  
negroes belonging to the Estate of Sarah Harrison deceased, Viz: Jimmy,  
Aggy, # meq, China & Nancy upon a Credit of Twelve months  
having first duly advertised the time & place of the same the proceeds  
thereof into Eight equal parts, and assign one Eighth to Thomas Harrison  
one Eighth to William Harrison, one Eighth to Henry Harrison, one  
Eighth to Sally Davis, one Eighth to Jeremiah Johnson in right of his  
wife Lucetta (formerly Harrison) one Eighth to John Williams and  
Patsy Sturgeon in right of their mother Priscilla (formerly Harrison  
and the remaining Eighth to David Westbrook the guardian of  
Rebecca Parson in right of her mother Polly (formerly Harrison)  
and one Eighth to Charles Harrison  
That the said Commissioners before paying over the respective  
proportions as aforesaid will take bond from the Seven last mentioned  
distributees or their guardians with good and sufficient Security  
payable to Thomas Harrison admr. of Henry & Sarah Harrison decd.  
to Secure & indemnify him as admr. as aforesaid from any legal  
claim or demand which may be hereafter recovered against him  
as administrator aforesaid the said bond to Specify they are

to pay in proportion to the amount they have received, and that the  
said commissioners make their report to this Court in order to a final  
decree

Attest

P. Webster D.C.

Harrison &

m { Com. Report

Harrison &

1831. May ret. John W Mason  
appt. receiver &

1832 Aug. Order for Wm Davis  
to receive John Sturgeons distri.  
lulive share &

Harrison & Others

vs.  
Harrison Adminr.

Pursuant to an amended decree of the worshipful  
Jules County Court of Southampton, bearing date September Court  
1818 the Commissioners thereby appointed, have since their report  
of the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 1820 proceeded to deliver over to the  
persons entitled, their respective proportions of the said amount  
of sales, upon their executing refunding bonds to the administra-  
tors of the estates of Henry & Sarah Harrison and executing  
receipts to the Commissioners filed herewith, except the one eighth  
part of the <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> proceeds to which John Williams and Patsy Sturgeon  
are entitled in right of their Mother Priscilla formerly Harri-  
son. This amount of seven hundred and sixty nine dollars  
and twenty eight Cents with interest from Jan<sup>y</sup> 30. 1820 is  
staid in the hands of the Commissioners, the said John Williams  
and Patsy Sturgeon having failed to execute a refunding  
bond pursuant to the provisions of the said decree,  
which sum amounting to twelve hundred and eighty three  
dollars, and ~~eighty three dollars and~~ seventy three Cents, is  
together with this report given up to and respectfully submitted  
to the further consideration of the Court, begging that we may  
be exonerated from further responsibility in the case -

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1831

Amos Harris } Comrs  
Barn. Turner }

Harrison &  
Sum. for cows.  
Harrison &

1830 September Court.

By order of the Court.

Executed on Wm Harris  
and Benj. Turner

Wm. T. Smith no int.

Ja. Folbre Deputy of  
Clement Rochelle Supt

<sup>47</sup>  
The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Southampton County, Greeting  
We command you to summon Newth Harris, Benjamin Turner, & William S.  
<sup>Commissioners appointed to make sale of the down negroes of Sarah Harrison</sup>  
Smith, to appear before the Justices of our County Court of Southampton at the Court  
house on the first day of September Court next, to shew cause if any they can why they  
have not made full distribution of the monies arising from the sale of the negroes assigned  
to Sarah Harrison as her dower in the estate of her dec<sup>d</sup>. husband Henry Harrison, And  
further to do and receive what our said Court shall in that part consider. And have  
then there this writ Witness James Rochelle Clerk of our said Court. at the Courthouse  
the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1830 in the 55<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

James Rochelle cl<sup>k</sup>

Committee

Report

Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 1820 up to  
ret. © Gov. by Const.

Pursuant to an unwritten decree of the most honorable Court of  
Southampton, bearing date September Court 1818. and there  
annexed, the undersigned do on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1819  
procure to sell the Negroes that belonged to the Estates of Henry  
and Sarah Harrison dec<sup>d</sup> upon the terms therein specified. Viz.  
(1<sup>st</sup>) First. The Negroes that belonged to Henry Harrison's Est<sup>e</sup>  
(2<sup>d</sup>) China, to Edward Russ for the sum of Three hundred  
dollars & Twenty five cents, Picy & Childs. to Mrs. Ridley for the  
sum of Nine hundred dollars. Allen to Edward Semple for  
the sum of Eleven hundred and twenty seven dollars, Elvira,  
to Mrs. Ridley for the sum of Three hundred and twenty dollars.  
and Henry to Mr. Harrison for the sum of Two hundred dollars.  
2<sup>nd</sup> The Negroes that belonged to the Estate of Sarah Harrison  
dec<sup>d</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup>) Jimmy to Allen Jones for the sum of One hundred  
and Ninety two dollars. Ned to Thomas Turner for the sum of  
One thousand & ten dollars, Chince to ditto for the sum of Five  
hundred and thirty dollars, Nancy to ditto ditto for the sum  
of Six hundred dollars, and Aggy to Allen Jones for the  
sum of Nine hundred and Twenty five dollars, which several  
sums makes the Gross total of Six thousand one hundred and  
fifty four dollars, and Twenty five cents, and have made  
the following distribution of the proceeds thereof. (Viz.)

To Thomas Harrison the sum of Seven hundred and thirty nine  
dollars & Twenty eight cents as his proportion of said Estates.  
To Sally Davis <sup>(formerly Harrison)</sup> the sum of Seven hundred and thirty nine  
dollars and Twenty eight cents as her proportion of said Estates

To David Westbrook Guardian of Rebecca Person, Child & distributee  
of her Mother, Polly (formerly Harrison) the sum of Seven  
hundred and thirty nine dollars and Twenty eight cents as her proportion  
of said Estates, <sup>(to Henry Harrison the sum of Seven hundred & 69 dollars & 28 cents as his proportion of</sup>  
and to Jeremiah J. Johnson in right of his  
wife Lucinda (formerly Harrison) the sum of Seven hundred  
and thirty nine dollars and Twenty eight cents, as his proportion  
of said Estates, - Having a Balance in the hands of Mr. J. Smith  
one of s<sup>r</sup>. Commissioners) <sup>Twenty three hundred</sup> ~~and~~ seven dollars  
& <sup>(85 cents)</sup> for distribution, which several Lagacies here  
disposed of including the above Balance, makes the aforesaid sum  
of Six thousand one hundred and fifty four dollars & Twenty  
five cents, which is respectfully submitted to the Court.  
Given under our hands this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October - one thousand  
eight hundred and Twenty -

Wm. Harris  
Benjamin Turner.  
Wm. J. Smith.

Henry Harrison  
Recd. £ 7s  
Commissioners

13<sup>th</sup> February 1819 Then Rec<sup>d</sup> of Thos Harris Benjamin  
Turner Allen Jones, & Wm J. Smith Comms. appointed  
by Court to Sell the Negroes Belonging to the Estate of  
Henry Harrison & Sarah Harrison dec<sup>d</sup>. ~~Five hundred~~  
the Sum of Seven hundred & thirty nine dollars & Twenty  
Eight Cents. in full of my Legacy in the<sup>o</sup> Negroes  
Teste  
Henry Harrison Int<sup>o</sup>  
Wm J. Clarendon

J Davis's  
Receipts To  
w<sup>m</sup> J Smith

13<sup>th</sup> December 1819 Then Received of Stuart Harris. Allen  
Jones Benjamin Turner. & Mrs J. Smith. Commissioners appointed  
by the County Court of Southampton, to make sale of the Slaves  
belonging to the estate of Henry & Sarah Harrison dec<sup>d</sup>.  
the sum of Seven hundred sixty nine dollars & twenty  
eight Cents in full of my legacy in the S.<sup>d</sup> Negroes

~~Sept~~  
Thomas Smith

Sarah Davis

Thos: Harrison Gent.

Recd. 3/7a

Commissions

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25<sup>th</sup> January 1820 Rec<sup>d</sup>. of Thos Harris Benjamin  
Zachary & Wm J. Smith Comrs appointed by the  
County Court of Sampson Co make sale of the  
negroes belonging to the estate Sarah and  
Henry Harrison dec<sup>d</sup>: the sum of seven  
hundred & sixty nine dollars & twenty  
eight cents in full of my legacy in  
the s<sup>d</sup> negroes

Witness

Robt Harrison

Thos Harrison Sen<sup>r</sup>

Jeremiah Atkinson

Part 3 To

Commonplace

31<sup>st</sup> January 1820 This received of Messrs  
Harrison Benjamin Turner & Wm J. Smith  
Commissioners appointed by the County Court of  
S<sup>c</sup>rimpton do sell the negroes that belonged  
to the estate of Henry & Sarah Harrison d<sup>e</sup>.  
The sum of Seven Hundred & Sixty nine  
dollars & twenty eight cents in full of my  
Legacy in the S<sup>c</sup> estate

Witness

Geo P. Johnston

Rowell Harrison

David Westbrooks. L. & H.

Rect. & To

Commisarius

April 1820 Rec<sup>d</sup> of Wm J Smith Allen Jones Mowbr Harris  
& Benjamin Turner Commissioners appointed by Court to sell the  
negroes that belong to the estate of Henry & Sarah Garrison  
due the sum of seven hundred sixty nine pounds &  
Twenty eight cents in full of a legacy due from said  
estates to Rebecca Persons orphan of said Person.  
due.

David Westbrooke Guar<sup>t</sup>  
for s.<sup>o</sup> Rebecca Persons

Charles Harris  
Rt 3 To  
Consigners

28th February 1821 This day Rec<sup>d</sup> of Wm. T. Smith  
Stewk Harris and Benjamin Turner, Commis<sup>rs</sup>  
appointed by the County Court of Southampton  
to sell the Negroes that belonged to the estates  
of <sup>(Heppay)</sup> Harrison & Sarah Harrison dec<sup>d</sup>, the  
sum of Seven hundred Sixty Nine dollars  
and Twenty eight cents in full of my Legacy  
in s<sup>d</sup> Estates,

Charles Harrison

<sup>(Hemp)</sup>  
David W. Mason

Wm Harrison

Recd. 3 To

Commissaries

May 28/1822 then Rec<sup>d</sup> of Aewit Harris Benj<sup>n</sup> Turner & Wm J.  
Smith Commissioners appointed by the County Court of Hampshire to  
sell the negroes that belonged to the Estates of Henry & Sarah Harris  
dec<sup>d</sup>: the sum of Seven hundred and sixty nine dollars & Twenty &  
cents with Interest &c.)  
repulse of my legacy in said Estate

Wm Harrison

Henry  
Lewis Dupree

J. G. Mason's

Rest as

Received -

Harrison L

" } Chy.

Harrison L

1891. March 16.<sup>th</sup>

Rec<sup>d</sup> of James Rockelle, clerk of Southampton  
County Court, the sum of two hundred, and  
eighty three dollars and seventy three cents, it being  
the amount, of John William and Patsey Thurgood's  
distribution share of the sales of negro slaves, made by  
Nesbit Harris and others Commissioners under a decree  
of the County Court of Southampton ~~made~~ at Sept.  
Court, 1818, and which the said Commissioners have  
paid into Court with their report, in the Chancery  
suit of Harrison & against Harrison & — which  
money I am to hold as receiver of the Court, unto  
the further order of the Court in that behalf —

J. Mason Receiver

Wmason Seal  
Edw. D. Butts Seal  
James Rockwell Seal

I Sumner Middle School Bridge.  
Re: Mary Sept 1870  
A. Kellenor.

John Sturgeon & Co

to } Refunding bond.

Harrison's adms

August 20/1832.

Wm. C. Davis ap[er]e of

Know all men by these presents, that we, John Sturgeon  
and Thomas P. Smith — are held and firmly bound  
to Rouel Harrison adm[or] of Thomas Harrison dec[ed] who was  
adm[or] of Henry and Sarah Harrison dec[ed] in the just and  
full sum of Eight hundred fifty five dollars and  $\frac{88}{100}$   
of lawful money to be paid to him & his Ex[ecutors] —  
To which payment well and truly to be made we bind  
ourselves and our heirs. Witness our hands and seals  
the 20.<sup>th</sup> day of August — 1832.

The Condition of this obligation is such, that whereas by  
a decree of Southampton County Court, pronounced at the  
September Term of said Court, in the year 1818, in a  
suit in Chancery wherein William Harrison, Charles Harrison,  
and others were plaintiffs and the said Thomas Harrison  
adm[or] of the said Henry and Sarah Harrison were defen-  
dants, certain comm[issioners] therein named were directed to  
sell the negro slaves which were assigned to Sarah Harrison dec[ed]  
widow and relict of Henry Harrison dec[ed] as her dower in the  
estate of said dec[ed] and were directed to pay to John,  
William, and Patsey Sturgeon one eighth part of the  
proceeds of such sale, in their right as children & heirs  
of their dec[ed] mother Pivellia Sturgeon dec[ed] upon their  
entering into bond respectively with good and sufficient  
security, to be payable to the said Thomas Harrison adm[or]  
as aforesaid, who hath since departed this life —  
and whereas the said Comm[issioners] last May Term of the said  
County Court, have made their report, and returned into  
Court, the said eighth part of the said sale, with the  
accrued interest thereon, which amounts to the sum  
of twelve hundred and eighty three dollars, & seventy  
three cents, which, by order of the said Court, was placed  
in the hand of a Receiver of the said Court, and whereas

by a further order of the said Court, the said Receiver  
hath paid to the said John Sturgeon his full third part  
thereof, deducting expenses, Now if the said John Sturgeon  
or the said Wm C. Davis his heirs,  
shall well and truly receive and indemnify the estate of  
him the said Thomas Harrison admr. of Henry & Sarah  
Harrison decd. from any legal claim or demand which  
may be hereafter recovered against it, or out of said  
adm. in the proportion of one one third of one eighth  
part of the whole amount, then this obligation then this  
obligation to be void else to be and remain of  
full force & effect.

Witness <sup>interlined before executed.</sup>

James Rochee

Wm C Davis

Thos O Smith

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