

1842-0/4 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

BARHAM and Wife vs. NICHOLSON and Wife
3/1842

other surnames: Millikin

Burham wife

to Z Bell & Co

Nichols wife

1841 Dec. Debit as filed

1842 Feb. Report.

Mar. Final debit &c.

To the worshipful, the County ^{Court} of Southam-
ton in chancery sitting: Humbly com-
plaining sheweth unto your worships
your complainants Solomon Barham
and Sarah his wife, formerly Sarah Mil-
likin, and Martha Mellickin that some
time in the year ^{complete} James Mellickin
deceased this life, leaving a widow
Martha who has since deceased this
life intestate &c. by her female complai-
nants & ^{Mary} ~~Martha~~ who th^{er} married
with Doctor Samuel P. Nicholson -

That Henry & William qualified
as the assessors of the same James
Mellickin, who settled up the whole &
has returned an account of his trans-
actions as assessor as aforesaid, which
has been returned to ^{the} Court & duly admitted
to record - That there certain shares which
are subject to division, but which have
never yet been allotted on separate pro-
portions among his distributees, who
are your complainants & the said L P
Nicholson in right of his wife Martha

To the said therefore that a division may
be had, according to law your com-
plainants pray, that a commission
may be appointed to divide and
allot the same into three equal
parts, apportioning one third to your
complainants Solomon Barham &
Sarah James his wife, one third to
Martha Mellickin and one third to
L P Nicholson in right of his wife
Mary & that the said L P Nicholson
& ^{Mary} ~~Martha~~ his wife may be made

defendants hereto with all and from
per words to charge them & may be
required to answer the premises
of your complainants will ever pray
P. W. P. L.

The answer of Lemuel P. Nicholson
& ~~Martha~~ ^{Mary} his wife to a bill of com-
plaint exhibited against them in their
worshipful court by Solomon Barkham
& Sarah James his wife, and Martha
Millikin -

This defendants answering do say that
they are willing & desirous that
the decree asked for by the complain-
ants shall be made in order to a speedy
division of the slaves before and and
money answered pray to be here as
disputed &c

P. L. W. pr. d.

This day this cause came on to be heard
by ~~consent of parties~~ ^{on the bill}, answer, Exhibits, and was ar-
-gued by counsel whereupon the court
both judges order and decree that
Henry Vaughan Thomas & Lewis Nicholson & Seabree
& James Seabree ^{any three of whom may act}
be appointed commissioners to divide the ne-
-gros belonging to the estate of James Mil-
-likin dec. into three equal parts, and
assign one part to Lemuel P. Nicholson in
right of his wife Mary, one part to Solomon
Barkham in right of his wife Sarah, and
the remaining part assign to Martha
Millikin, and make return to Court
how they have executed the same.

Barham George J^r

to } Copy Done.

Nicholson George

Southampton County Court December Term 1841

Solomon Burkhead and Sarah his wife & Martha Millikin }
Plffs

Against

Samuel P. Nicholson and Mary his wife }
Dfts

This day this cause came on to be heard by consent of parties and the bill answer exhibits and was argued by counsel whereupon the court with a judge order and decree that Henry Vaughan Thomas to James Nicholas M. Sebell and James Sebell be appointed commissioners any three of whom may act to divide the negroes belonging to James Millikin dec'd into three equal parts and assign one part to Samuel P. Nicholson in right of his wife Mary one part to Solomon Burkhead in right of his wife Sarah and the remaining part to Martha Millikin and make return to Court how they have executed the same.

Attest Juste L. R. Edwards C. C.

In pursuance of an order of the County court of Southampton made
December term 1846, for the purpose of dividing the negroes belonging
to the estate of James Millikin between Samuel P. Nicholson in
right of his wife Mary, Solomon S. Barkham in right of his wife Sarah
and Martha Millikin the Commissioners having divided the
said negroes according to the said order, do allot unto Samuel
P. Nicholson in right of his wife Mary, the following negroes to wit;
Anthony, Dick, Orie, Fanny and child Albert; unto Solomon S. Barkham
in right of his wife Sarah; Richmond, Jack, Isaac, Indianina,
and Patty, and unto Martha Millikin; Molly, Bob, Egbert, Fanny,
and Hannah, and that the said Solomon S. Barkham and
Martha Millikin pay unto the said Samuel P. Nicholson
the sum of Eight Dollars and thirty three cents each
Given under our hands this 17th day of January 1847;

J. W. Seabell
J. L. Jones
N. M. Selree

Comt.