

1844-040 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

POPE et al vs. POPE'S GUARDIAN - d

12/1844

other surnames: Barrett

Pope

v. ^m Bell & An^s

Pope

1844 Nov. Dues as paid

" Dec. Dues as paid.

Pope

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Wm

Beck

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Beck

Pope 50 and others

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To the worshipping County Court of Southampton,
in Chancery sitting -

Humbly complaining now
unto your worships, your complainants, Amos
Pope, Madison Pope, Oswald Pope and Reddick
Pope, that sometime since their father, Arthur
Pope of the county of Southampton departed
his life, leaving your complainants together with
Ellaba, Amos, Shepherd and Francis Pope, his chil-
dren and heirs at law, and also a widow,

Pope whose claim in said Arthur's estate has al-
ready been assigned to him - that after the said wid-
ow's assignment of claims, there remains, among
other property fourteen negro slaves, belonging equal-
ly to the above named children and heirs of the
said deceased, Arthur Pope, in coparcenary - In
consideration of the premises - your complainants
pray that commissioners be appointed by the Court
for the purpose of making an equal partition
of the said negro slaves among your Compts and
the said Ellaba, Amos, Shepherd and Francis Pope
that the said four last named persons, who are
infants of tender years, be made defendants
to this bill, by Doris Bonnett their guardian
ad litem, and that your worships will decree
a partition of the said slaves, and your com-
plainants will as in duty bound can pray &c.

Ridley & Bondrup atty

Amos of Ellaba, Amos, Shepherd and Francis
Pope infants &c. by Doris Bonnett their guardian
These defendants, owing &c. for answer to the
above named bill say that the facts therein
stated they believe to be true, and have no objec-
tion to a division of said slaves - And having
answered pray hence to be dismissed the Court
with their reasonable costs &c.

Pope & others
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Deemed

Pope's 3^d will letter

This day this cause came on to be heard, with leave of court and consent of parties and was argued by counsel, On consideration whereof, the court doth advise, order, and decree that James W. Porter, Lewis Worrell and others & Stephenson, be and they are appointed commissioners of this court, that within thirty days from the date of this decree, the said above named commissioners, do proceed to make a just and equal partition of fourteen negro slaves, belonging to the estate of Nathaniel Pope dec'd, remaining since the apportionment of the vicarious claims, into eight equal parts, that they assign one part to Nathaniel Pope, one part to Elizabeth Pope, one to Oswald Pope, one to ^{to Lewis} ~~Elizabeth~~ Pope, three parts to David Barrett as guardian at law of ~~Elizabeth~~ ^{Elizabeth} Amos and Shepherd Pope and one part to Richard Barrett as guardian at law of Francis Pope and if said commissioners cannot make a just and equal partition of said slaves in kind they are hereby authorized and directed to make sale, at public auction, of one or more of said negroes, after having given due and proper notice of the time and place of sale, in order to effect the same. And that the said commissioners report their proceedings to court in order to a final decree.