

1847-127

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

REESE et al VS. WILLIAMS' ADM'R. + d

4/1847

other surnames: Clements, Turner,
Simmons, Hines, Woodward, James,

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1833 June. Decree as filed &c

1847 March Report

" Apr. Conf. &c

File a copy of the record of
this suit in the cause =

// J. S. word

To the worshipful the County Court of Southampton sitting in
Chancery:

Humbly complaining shew unto your worships, your
Compts, Nancy Reese, widow who was Nancy Clement, Francis G. and
Ann Clement infant children and heirs of Francis Clement dec^d by
Thomas Turner their next friend, John Williams, Thomas
Crimmon and Anne his wife late Anne Williams, John Simmons and
Sarah his wife, late Williams, Daniel W. Simmons and Rebecca
his wife, Henry Hines, Zebulon L. Simmons and Reziab his wife
^{Sarah James and Sarah his wife}
and wife Woodward and Elizabeth his wife, which said Rebecca
Henry, Reziab & Elizabeth are the children and heirs of Elizabeth
Hines dec^d who was Elizabeth Williams & that Caroline
E. Williams hath recently departed this life in the County afores^d
under the age of 21 years, intestate, unmarried and without
issue, seized and possessed of a tract of land derived by
from her grand father situated in the County aforesaid, of several
negroes, and other personal estate - that admⁿ on her estate
hath been granted by this Court to one Spratley Williams,
that the said decedent hath neither mother nor father living
nor ^{nor descendants of them} sister, grand father nor grand mother, but that
her nearest relations living at her death, were brothers and
sisters of her father and the descendants of one in that degree
and a sister and children of a ^{dec^d} brother of her dec^d mother,
that is to say, her Paternal relations, were the said
John Williams, Spratley Williams, Anne Simmons, Sarah
Simmons, Rebecca Simmons, Henry Hines, Reziab Simmons
^{Sarah James}
and Elizabeth Woodward, the ~~last~~ last being the children of
Elizabeth Hines dec^d which said John, Spratley, Anne, Sarah
& Elizabeth were brothers and sisters of Nicholas L. Williams
dec^d father of the said Caroline - Her maternal relations
were Nancy Reese widow of Giles Reese dec^d who was Nancy Clement
and Francis G. and Anne, infant children of Francis Clement
dec^d which said Nancy and Francis were the sister and brother of

Elizabeth Williams, who was Elizabeth Clements, da. mother of the
said Caroline E. Williams -

That the respective shares of ^{to the land} ~~entitled~~ ^{entitled}, will not be
of 300 each, and ~~a~~ division in kind of the negro slaves is impracti-
cable - so that a sale of the land and negroes is indispensable
to a division amongst the heirs - But this division cannot
be had, without the interposition of this Court sitting in Ch.
In tender consideration whereof, and for as much as your Compts.
are remedial at law and only relievable in this Court.
To the end that the said Spratley Williams, as one of the
heirs, and as adm. of the said Caroline Elizabeth Williams
may be made Defendant hereto, and compelled to answer
the allegations herof, they pray the Commonwealth in aid of
Sp.^a directed L. commanding L. that your worships will
decree a sale of the said land and slaves and a division
of the proceeds amongst those respectively to whom the
same belong, and grant them general and special relief
including the balance which may remain in the hands of
the said adm. on settlement of his a/c and as in duty
bound they will pray &c.

WASON for Compt.

The answer of Spratley Williams in his own right, and as adm.
of Caroline Elizabeth Williams da. to the foregoing Bill
of Complaint - This Respondent, saving &c. for answer to the
said Bill, says, that he admits its allegations, does not
believe, that it will be necessary to retain the slaves for purposes
of adm. & has no objection to the decree prayed for,
and ~~having already~~ ~~used~~ ~~the~~ ~~prayer~~ ~~for~~ ~~&c.~~

V. Williams, adm.

Reese, Williams, Lotter

Pliff,

against

Spratley Williams adm. of Caroline E. Williams da. & Defat.

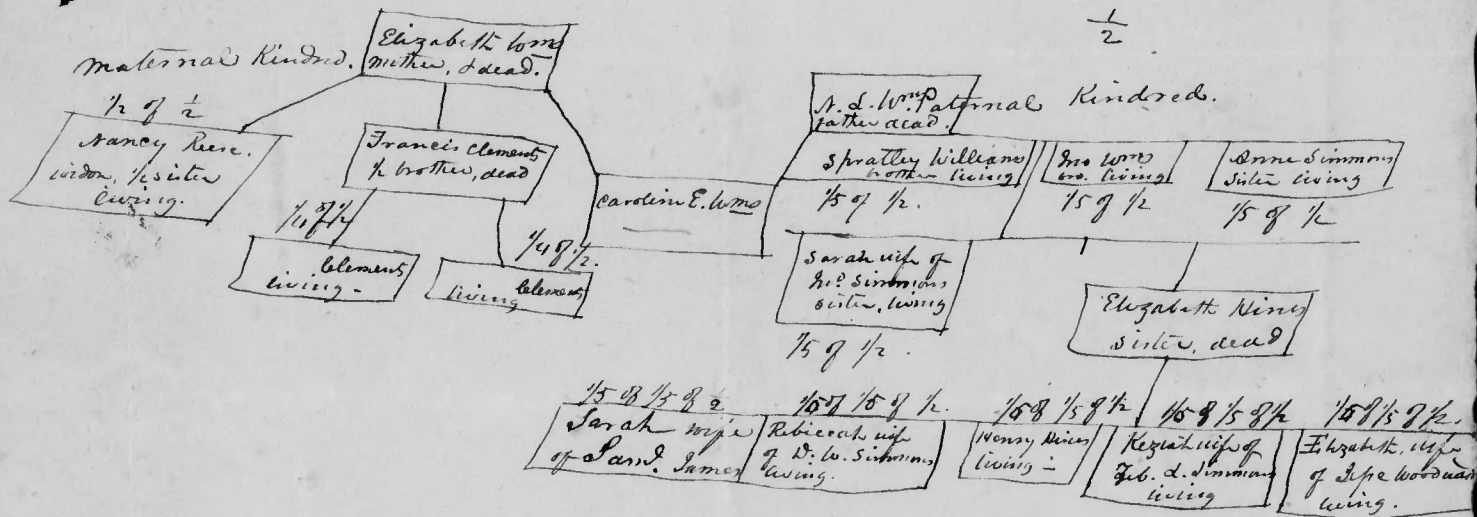
Be. Chy.

This cause was this ^{day} docketed by consent of parties, with the assent of the
Court, and came on to be heard on the Bill, answer, and argument of
Counsel. On consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge order and
decree, that the Defat Spratley Williams, as Commissioner, after ad-
justing the time & place of sale at Southampton Court House for
thirty days, sell the land and negro slaves of which Caroline E.
Williams died possessed, on a credit of twelve months, and that
he take of the purchasing bond with approved security, in such
sums as to allot one fourth of the whole, to the plaintiff Nancy
Reese, and one fourth to the Guardian of the infant plaintiff,
Francis E. and Ann Clements, one fifth of one half to John Williams
retain the same proportion himself in his own right, the same proportion
to Thomas Simmons and wife in right of his wife, the same proportion
to John Simmons and wife in right of his wife, and allot the
same proportion in shares of one fifth each, to Henry Hines, Benjamin
Hines, to the pliffs James Swift in right of his wife, D. W. Simmons Swift
in right of his wife, Zebulon L. Simmons Swift in right of his wife
& to Sipe Woodward Swift in right of his wife - and how he shall
have executed this decree, make report to this Court in order
to a final decree.

Tree for distribution of Caroline Elizabeth Williams's Estate.

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