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RIDLEY + ux + al VS. GOODWYN, EXR. etal

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

Humbly complaining shewith your complainants Frances T Ridley and his wife Elizabeth A. George Hill and his wife Susan B. W. Gordwyn, Sarah A. Julia B and Martha L Gordwyn, the last named three of whom are infants by the said B. W. Gordwyn their next friend— that sometime since William B Gordwyn of said County died having made and published his last will and testament which has been admitted to record in said County— that in said will the testator devises certain specific slaves by name and then makes a general devise of all the remainder of his slaves to his children, to wit the six above named and W. S. Gordwyn— Your complainants are advised that in order to have a just and equitable division of said slaves among them entitled, it is necessary to apply to your worship for a decree appointing comm: for that purpose And in consideration of the above facts, your complts pray that W. S. Gordwyn in his own right and as Exr: of the said W. B Gordwyn may be made defendant to this bill and answer the premises and that the worshipful Court will grant them a decree appointing comm: to effect a division of the said slaves of which the said W. B. Gordwyn died possessed, and which are not specifically bequeathed in his last will and testament— And they will as in duty bound ever pray &c—

Ridley & Gordwyn attys—

The answer of W. S. Gordwyn in his own right and as Exr: of W. B. Gordwyn to the above bill— This respondent saving and reserving to himself &c— for answer says that the above facts as stated are true and that he thinks a decree for the purposes required and prayed for by the complts: in this bill above named is necessary and proper in order to effect a just division of the slaves aforesaid in said bill mentioned— This respondent as Exr: presumes that no part of the slaves will be necessary for the payment of debts due by the testator, but cannot say positively until the expiration of some time or six months— he has no objections to the decree being carried into effect at any time after the 25th day of January 1849— And having answered prays hence to be dismissed the court &c—

W. S. Gordwyn

Goodwyns,

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Goodwyns Exrs: &c

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Decree

This day this cause came on to be heard on the bill, answer and exhibits, with leave of Court and consent of parties and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that George B Carey, Thomas Ridley, Robert Ridley and Saml. Denny, any three of whom may act, who are hereby appointed Comrs of Court for that purpose, do proceed, as soon as practicable after the 25th January next, to divide the slaves belonging to the estate of W. B. Goodwyn ~~in the pleadings & bill mentioned~~ not specifically bequeathed in the will of the said testator, into seven equal parts, and allot one part to F. S. Ridley, in right of his wife, one to George Hill in right of his wife, one to B. W. Goodwyn, one to W. S Goodwyn, and the remaining three parts to each of the three infants, Sarah A. Julia B and Martha L Goodwyn, which said three equal parts, they are to allow to C. A. Goodwyn widow of the said W. B. Goodwyn, to be held by her, according to his last will and testament: And that said Comrs report their proceedings to Court—

Goodwyn &c

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Goodwyn

Southampton January Court 1819-

Francis T Ridley and his wife Elizabeth N. George Hill and his wife Susan B. W. Goodwyn, Sarah A. Julia B and Martha L Goodwyn the last named three of whom are infants by the said B. W. Goodwyn their next friend Pltffs: } In Chancery

against

W. S. Goodwyn in his own right & as Exor: of W. B. Goodwyn Defn

This day this cause came on to be heard on the bill, answer and exhibits with leave of the Court and consent of parties and was argued by Counsel: On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that George B Carey. Thomas Ridley, Robert Ridley and Samuel Drewry, any three of whom may act, who are hereby appointed Commissioners of Court for that purpose, do proceed as soon as possible after the 25th January next, to divide the slaves belonging to the estate of W. B. Goodwyn not specifically bequeathed in the will of the said testator, into seven equal parts, and allot one part to F. T. Ridley in right of his wife, one to George Hill in right of his wife, one to B. W. Goodwyn one to W. S. Goodwyn and the remaining three parts to such of the three infants Sarah A. Julia B & Martha L Goodwyn, which said three equal parts they are to deliver to E. N. Goodwyn widow of the said W. B. Goodwyn to be held by her according to his last Will and testament - and that said Commissioners report their proceedings to Court.

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Teste L R. Edwards Clk

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" Mar. Report confirmed

According to the decree annexed, we, Commissioners, appointed to divide the negro slaves, late the property of Dr William B Goodwyn dec'd. amongst the heirs, Proceeded to value the slaves, severally as they were presented to us. This being done we parcelled them out, according to valuation, into seven lots. Upon a review of the lots thus parcelled out, we endeavored to correct such irregularities as were discovered, by exchanges best calculated to secure an uniform value. In all cases the wishes of the heirs were accomodated so far as we conceived we had the power. During the progress of our work, we discovered a boy nearly blind, of no value. according to the wishes of the parties, we gave up this unfortunate boy, to the widow, who agreed to support him for life — We also found an old woman, an expense to the estate, we determined to allow $150. or for her support. We therefore placed her in one of the lots, making a corresponding deduction from value of that lot. By this means the burthen will be borne equally by all. There being three Infant heirs, we determined to consolodate their Lots.

Value of the negro slaves $18224 - 99/100
Proportion to which each is entitled 1/7 — 2603 - 57/100

Lot No 1 - W. S. Goodwyn	
Peter	$600
Jesse	550
William	325
Mary —	250
Eady & child	700
Nancy	250
	$2675

Lot No 2. Ben Goodwyn	
Phill	$700
Henderson	350
Little Jesse	275
Milly	600
Lucinda & 3 ch: Mariah, Clara and Sam	700
	$2625

Lot No 3. T. T. Ridly & wife

Daniel	$1000.
George	100
Clara	350
Liddia	400
Abraham	425-
Fanny	350
	$2625-

Lot No 4. George Hill & wife

Lewis	$700
Nat-	350
Charles	375-
Cherry	300
Mary.	350
Jennett.	250
China	150
	$2475-

Lot No 5. 6 & 7. (assigned to three Infant Children

Arthur	$900	
Andrew	150	
Allen	350	
Hannah & 2 Ch.	700	
Priscilla	250	
Jenny (child of Lucinda)	100	$2450
Jerry --	600	
Harry	500	
Lucy -	575-	
Ephraim	350	
Lucik	125-	
Betsy	250	
Anthony	500	$2900
Tom	650	
Henry	550	
Diana	200	
Jane	300	
Aggy (3 ch) Hude James & Robert -	800	
Simon	125-	$2625-
		$7975-

From this consolidated Lot- take for support of old Venus - 150

$7825-

Re-pitutation of values.

Wm S Goodwyn	$2675-
Ben Goodwyn	2625-
T T Ridly	2625-

George Hill	$2475-
Infants - -	7825-

Each of the heirs being entitled to only $2603-57. it will appear from statement that all the heirs have received in value more than their proportion with the exception of Mr Hill & wife, who are entitled to the amount of $128+57 ~~$~~ to wit

Value of Slaves allotted	$2475-
add amount above	128-57
	$2603 57

By reference it will be seen that

W. S Goodwyn	is over paid	$	71-43
T T Ridly	"	"	21-43
Benja Goodwyn	"	"	21-43
3 Infant Children			14. 28
		$	128 57

your Commissioners have therefore determined that W. S Goodwyn should pay to George Hill the amount of exs- to wit $71-43

T T Ridly pay to same	21-43
Benja Goodwyn pay to same	21. 43
3 Infants Children pay to same	14. 28
Amount to be paid Hill	$128. 57

that being the amount he is entitled to receive.

So By a fair review it will be seen that each of the heirs will receive the exact amount to which they are entitled - to wit $2603+57.

Respectfully Submitted

Thos Ridley

Wm Ridley