1851-018 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY CHANCERY PAPERS BRIGGS VS. BRIGGS' ADMR's al
11/1851

other SURNames:
Speatley

Briggs
vs 3 Bill answers
+ decree
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1850 Nov. Decree entered.

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" Mar. " Confirmed.

To the worshipful the County Court of Southampton
in Chancery sitting. November Term 1850.

Humbly complaining shew unto
your worships your orator Edward L. Biggs. That
Martha Biggs died intestate sometime during
the last year possessed of nine or ten slaves.
leaving as her distributees at law, Two
children, your present orator and Frances
L. Biggs, and a granddaughter Rebecca
Dillard who since the death of Martha
Biggs, has intermarried with Meredith
Spratley - Your orator states that Bennet S. Biggs
qualified as her administrator at law, and
as such took possession of said slaves. Your
orator having arrived at full age, is desirous
that a division of said slaves should be
made - In tender Consideration of the
premises and for as much as your
orator is without remedy save in a Court
of equity. It is prayed that Bennet S.
Biggs Adm'r. of Martha Biggs dec'd.
Meredith Spratley & Rebecca, his wife
and Frances L. Biggs, be made parties
defendants to this bill - That a guardian
ad litem be appointed to protect the interest
of Frances L. Biggs, who is an infant
of tender years, and that all of the said
defendants with apt and proper words
to bind them make true answers to
all the allegations contained in this
bill - And that your worships
decree a division of said slaves, and
that Commissioners be appointed to carry
into effect said decree - And that your
worships decree such other further & general
relief as to you may seem fit & your orator
will ever pray &c

Cobb & E.

The joint and separate answer of Bennet S. Biggs Admr. of Martha Biggs dec'd. Meredith Spratley & Rebecca his wife, and Joseph Biggs guardian ad litem to Frances L. Biggs to the foregoing bill -

These defendants saving and reserving to themselves all benefit of just exception to the errors and imperfections contained in said bill, say that they admit the allegations contained in said bill, and that they have no objection to the division prayed for, and having thus answered, pray to be hence dismissed with their costs &c

Edward L. Biggs Plff
vs. } In Chancery
Bennet S. Biggs Admr. of Martha Biggs dec'd. Meredith Spratley & Rebecca his wife, and Joseph Biggs guardian ad litem to Frances L. Biggs - } defts

This day this cause came on to be heard by consent on the bill, answers of the defendants, and exhibits, and was argued by Counsel, on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that William J. Sibley, Henry M. Butts, William A. Bollings Benjamin Brister, and John S. Coker be appointed Commissioners, any three of whom may act, to make a division of the slaves of which Martha Biggs died entitled to, and that they divide said slaves in three equal parts, and allot one part to Edward L. Biggs; one part to Meredith Spratley & Rebecca his wife, and the remaining part to Frances L. Biggs, and that said Commissioners make a report to this Court in order to a final decree -

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Southampton November Court 1850.

Edward L Briggs Pltff

against } In Chancery

Bennet B. Briggs admr. Martha Briggs dec'd & others Defts.

This day this cause came on to be heard by consent on the bill, answers of the defendants and exhibits and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that William J Scbrell Henry M Butts, William A Rollings, Benj. Barnes and John S. Coker be appointed Commissioners, any three of whom may act, to make a division of the Slaves of which Martha Briggs died entitled to and that they divide said Slaves into three equal parts, and allot one part to Edward L Briggs one part to Meredith Spratley & Rebecca his wife, and the remaining part to Frances L Briggs and that said Commissioners make a report to this Court in order to a final decree.

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Test. J R Edwards Clk

1851 Febry Court.

We the undersigned Commissioners in obedience to the annexed order of Court to us directed have proceeded to divide the slaves of Martha Briggs dec'd as follows, to wit.

Lot. No. 1. To Thomas L Briggs

Negro man	Moses	Value		$800.
do woman	Polly	do		475
do Girl	Ellen	do		125
				$1400

Lot. No. 2. To Mark Smedley Briggs

Rebecca —

Negro man	Gilbert	Value	$725	
do woman	Molly	do	450	
do Girl	Rebecca	do	200	$ 1375

Lot. No. 3. To Edward L. Briggs.

Negro man	Sam	Value	$525	
do woman	Eliza	do	825	
do. do	Rachel	do	100	1450
		Total Value		$ 4225

Lot. No. 3 pays To Lot. No. 1.	$ 8.33⅓
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	$ 41.66⅔

making each one satisfactorily $1408.33⅓.

Wm L Sibrell
T. M. Butts
Benj. Butler
William A Hollings