

1856-130 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

NEWSUM, GUARDIAN VS. FRANCIS
12/1856

other surnames: Newsom

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Francis' Gen.

~~Assessment~~

vs.

} Bill -

Francis.

Oct. Co. 1856.

1856. Oct. Dec. as filed

" Dec. Report of final account

To the most respected and worthy Court of Southampton
in Chancery sitting.

Humbly complaining sheweth unto
your worships, your orator, Thomas N. Atkinson, that
he is the legally qualified Guardian of Martha J. Francis,
and that his ward is entitled, to a negro girl, by
the name of Evelyn - that in the opinion of your
orator, the interest of his ward requires, the said slave
should be sold - she is of bad temper - and has been
strongly suspected of criminal conduct, & although
the evidence thereof, is not sufficient to convict, yet
it will impair her value, in the neighbourhood, and
as she is young, a removal from her present associates
will, probably reform her. That your orator is
aware of his power to sell her but he prefers, the
sanction and authority of the Court, from which
arise his power.

In more consideration of all which &c -
To the End that Evelyn may be sold. Your orator
prays the court, to make, the said Martha J. Francis
an infant of more years, by some fit person to
attend her, a defendant to this bill. That you will
make a sale of the slave in the bill mentioned, and
grant such other and general relief, as Equity may
dictate and the case require.

May it please the Court &c &c -

T. N. Atkinson

By Counsel.

arson of Martha J. Francis, and infant, by
L. R. Edwards, her Genl. ad. litem, to the foregoing
bill.

This bill says she knows nothing of the facts.
but has no reason to doubt, their accuracy - and
submits her interest - to the judgment, and protection
of the court. & having assumed to be true
disputed.

L. R. Edwards Genl.
ad. litem.

et cetera.

as.

Francis - an infant

On motion the court with adjournment
L. R. Edwards, Genl. ad. litem to the infant defendant
who filed her answer - and this cause was this day
arbitrated by counsel, and came on to be heard on the
bill, and answer, replication thereto and was argued by counsel
on consideration whereof the court with adjournment, now
and acquiesce, that Thomas M. Ansam. sell, either publicly
or privately, the slave Elisha, ~~the~~ belonging to his ward Martha
J. Francis - and report his proceedings to court.

But this decree shall be suspended, until the said Ansam.
in the into bond and security, in the clerk's office of this
court, in the penalty of \$800. Conditioned - according to Law

Frank

2. June

Frank

Oct. 10. 1856.

Francis

is

Francis.

This day this case came on to be
again heard, on the paper formerly read, and
on the report of Court J. M. Russell. To which report
there is no objection - and the ^{court} ~~perpetrating~~ said
report with alacrity over & allow. That the
said person obtain the sum of \$582. ²⁵ and
credit the same, to the account of his ward
Mattha J. Francis. -

Francis' Son

2 } Copy Sent

Francis

Southampton County Court October Term 1856.

Thomas M. Newson

Plff

In Chancery

against

Martha J. Francis an infant by L. R. Edwards her guardian ad litem Dfto

On motion the Court doth appoint L. R. Edwards guardian ad litem to the infant defendant who filed his answer and this cause was this day docketed by consent and came on to be heard on the bill and answer, replication thereto and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that Thomas M. Newson sell either publicly or privately, the slave Eveline belonging to his ward Martha J. Francis and report his proceedings to Court.

But this decree shall be suspended until the said Newson enter into bond and security in the Clerk's Office of this Court in the penalty of \$800 conditioned according to law
Clerk's Costs \$3.50

Paid by the Court.

at Copy

Henry S. Herndon, D. C.

Teste

L. R. Edwards Clk

The steamer to the north side. I have sold
the north named steamer for

beans 21.50.

spices 7.75

cloves 10.00

black. 3.50

42.75

Balance in hand. \$582.25

which is now in my hands.

Respectfully submitted

Thos. M. Newman

Dec 5 1856. R.D. of L.M. Stinson. Cont. The
sum of the above, for an account of the same
belonging to Martha J. Francis

Chas. H. & Mary Ann