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SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

URQUHART and Wife VS. RIDLEY'S EXECUTOR et al

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Dicts: Court 1858

// 1855 Dec. Decree as filed

1856 Apr. Rept. of decree as filed.

In the worshipful County Court of the County
of Dorsetshire - sitting in Chancery -

Humbly complaining sheweth your complainants William
Argubent and his wife Ann Eliza, who before her inter-
marriage with the said Argubent was Ann Eliza Ridly
widow of Robert Ridly decd. - that some short time since
your female complainant - intermarried with your complain-
ant William Argubent - and that pursuant to the last will
and testament of the said Robert Ridly (a certified copy of
which is herewith filed and prayed to be considered as part
of this bill) she is entitled to receive one fourth part of
the whole estate of the said Ridly, to be held and enjoyed
by her for and during her natural life as dowry; the other
three fourths belonging, under said will, to the four children
of the said Ridly, to wit Robert, Mary S. Norfleet B and
Sallie Ridly - and that the whole estate of the said Robert
Ridly is now in the hands and under the management
of Thomas Ridly his executor - In consideration of the
facts before stated, your complainants pray that the said
Thomas Ridly Exor. of Robert Ridly, and the said Robert,
Mary S. Norfleet B, and Sallie Ridly, children of the
said Robert Ridly, all of whom are infants, be made de-
fendants to this bill, the said infants by some fit and proper
person to defend them in this suit - And that the worshipful
Court will grant them a decree for the division of the estate
of the said Robert Ridly in the hands of his executor, so as to
assign to your complainants one equal fourth part of the
same to be held and enjoyed by them, pursuant to the last
will and testament aforesaid - Your complainants pray that a
writ may issue, commanding &c. - and grant them such other
relief as may be necessary and proper - and they will as in
duty bound ever pray &c.

M. S. Gooden atty

In the honorable County Court of Southampton, sitting
in chancery - Answer of Thomas Prichy Esq. of Robert Prichy
to the above bill, brought by William Argent and wife -

This defendant answering &c. says that he believes the facts in
the bill stated are true, and has no objection to granting
the relief therein prayed for - And having answered prayer herein
to be dismissed the Court with costs &c. -

Thomas Prichy Esq.
by Goodenough atty

The joint and separate answer of Robert, Mary T. Wright
and Lillian Prichy infant children of Robert Prichy
decd, by Thomas Prichy their gd and tutor - to the above
bill brought by William Argent and wife - These defendants
answering and answering &c. say that they believe the facts stated
in the bill are true, and submit their interest to the
protection of the Court - And having answered prayer herein
the Court with costs &c. -

Thomas Prichy
Guardian ad litem

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This day this cause docted by
Court and with consent of parties, and came on to
be heard with like consent, on the bill and exhibit; answer
of the ~~defendant~~ and Thomas Ridley Exr. of Robert Ridley and
answer of the out-~~of~~ defendants by Thomas Ridley their
guordious ad libens, and was argued by Counsel. On con-
sideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree
that Samuel Drevy, James Drevy, Benj. C. Pope, James
C. Peterz ^{+ Henry M. Bents and Johna. Patton} and Joseph H. Borkom, ^x any ^x fine of whom may
act, be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners of Court
that said Commissioners as soon as practicable, proceed to
divide the real estate, slaves and other personal property ~~be-
longing to the estate of Robert Ridley decd.~~ consisting of
stock of hogs, horses, cattle and sheep, corn, fodder and fur-
nishing implements, belonging to the estate of Robert Ridley
decd into four equal parts, having regard to value, and
assign by lot or ballot, one of said parts to the said Wil-
liam Urgent and his wife Ann Eliza, to be held by
them for and during the lifetime of the said Ann Eliza so
down; and that said Commissioners report their proceedings
to Court, with any matters specially stated deemed necessary
by them, or required to be so stated by either of the parties -

Wright & Sons

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Ridley's Gt. & Co.

Southampton County Court. December the 17th 1955.

William Urquhart & his wife Ann Eliza
against

Plffs

In Chancery

Thomas Ridley Exor. of Robert Ridley dec: & others

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This day this cause was docketed by leave of the Court and with consent of parties and came on to be heard with like consent, on the bill and exhibit, answer of the defendant Thomas Ridley Exor. of Robert Ridley and answer of the infant defendants by Thomas Ridley their guardian ad litem, and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that Samuel Drewry, James Drewry, Ben. E. Pope, James E. Peters, Joseph H. Barkham, Henry M. Butts & Joshua Pritlow, any five of whom may act, be and they are hereby appointed Commissioners of Court - that said Commissioners as soon as practicable, proceed to divide the real estate, slaves and other personal property consisting of stock of hogs, horses, cattle and sheep, corn & fodder and farming implements, belonging to the estate of Robert Ridley dec: into four equal parts, having regard to value, and assign by lot or ballot, one of said parts to the said William Urquhart and his wife Ann Eliza, to be held by them for and during the lifetime of the said Ann Eliza as dower, and that said Commissioners report their proceedings to Court, with any matters specially stated deemed necessary by them, or required to be so stated by either of the parties -

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~~March~~ Term 1856

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read, together with the report of the Commissioners made pursuant to the decree of the 19th December 1855, to which there is no exception, and as argued by counsel. On consideration when of the Court doth adjudge order and decree that said report be confirmed, and that the parties in this cause pay the costs of this writ in equal proportions

1856 Apr. 21st

In Obedience of the annexed Decree we Samuel Drury, Jas. L. Peters, Jos. H. Barham, Henry M. Butts & Joshua Butlow Commissioners appointed for that purpose proceeded to Value the Estate of Robert Ridley dec'd and divide the same as directed.

Names and Valuations of Slaves		20675
Billy Sugars	300	Louisa 550
Minerva, Peter, Billy, Cloe, Joe	1100	Willis & Hannah 350
Mill John	300	Jack Blow 900
Cherry and Gandy	500	Lizza, Malinda & Margaret 1000
Roderick	150	Elijah Branch 1000
Herbert	525	Giles 225
Peter	800	Cloe 100
Aaron	150	Creek Sam 500
Cynthia & Andrew	500	Aine, Ephraim, Lydia 1000
Gilbert	400	Austin 300
Peggy	300	David Harper 800
Orvis	1000	Cain, Euen, —
Creek Jack	800	Ethelred Gholson 650
Patience, Bird, Susan & Rachel	1200	Sam. Boykin 1000
Henry, Spark	1000	Richard Blow 1000
Hannah, Mason & Robert	500	Ginny & Miles 900
Ziba	1000	Anthony 1100
Narcissa & Junius	1000	Wyatt 800
Wilson	1000	Mansfield 850
Tom Jones	1100	Martha, Julia & Laura 900
Charles Black	1000	Charles Doyle 1100
Moses Jones	700	Betsy 700
Allen Shakerum	200	Washington 900
Harry Maclin	1000	Ben 1100
Miles Sykes	800	Augustus 750
Sarah, Matilda & Emma	950	Frank 950
Hall Blunt	500	Jacob Taylor 1000
Nelly, Susan, Jim & Mary	1200	Horrel Jones 1000
Fanny	400	Clailorn 1000
\$ 20675		\$ 43200

Amt forwarded \$ 43200		Amt 65850	
Crick Henry	1000	Annie old woman even	—
Angus Blow	950	Minerva, Rose, Phillis	1000
William Turner	700	and Britton)	
Ruffin	700	Hennetta	600
Hartwell Wyche	725	Eliza	600
Little Aaron	700	John Brown	1225
Albert Jones	600	Mason	500
Henry Blow	650	Dilsy	700
William Sykes	500	Mary, Malvina, Molly	1000
Frank Westbrook	600	Fally, Belmont	700
Charles Blow	650	Maggie	350
Cooper Turner	500	Charity	700
Solomon Joiner	500	Aggie, Lizza, Moses	
James Robert	400	and John Henry	1200
Jesse Wyche	600		\$74425
Pleasant, John & Edwin	1100	Abel old man life	150
Amy	50	whole value	\$74275
Griddy	500		
Inena old woman, even	—	We divided the slaves into	
Sylla, Ritta, Nathan, Mariah	1800	four lots of nearly equal	
and Abel		value and William Urgan-	
Hartwell, Peter & Albert	1200	hart drew lot nos as	
Hager, Willis, Sarsar		follows.	
Annie & Adeline	1200	Aaron	150
Lane Gally even	—	Cynthia & Andrew	600
Patsey	800	Gilbert	400
Lucy	750	Solomon	500
Morgiana	775	Peggy	300
Viola, Ephraim, & Annie		Miles Sykes	800
Linda & Winny	1500	Sarah, Matilda, Emma	950
Aris & Lucy (Vicks)	500	James Robert	400
Elizabeth	600	William	500
Venus & Maria	775	Maria, Rose, Phillis	
Chana	650	and Britton	1000
Isabel & Stephen Archer	875	Cooper Turner	500
	65850		6100

Amount forwarded 6100		Amt forwarded \$ 17650	
Pleasant, John & Edwin	1100	Willis & Hannah	350
Mansfield	850	Albert Jones	600
Martha, Julie & Laura	900	Annie old woman even	—
Anthony	1100		\$18600
Giles	325	41 Slaves valued at Eighteen	
Blue	100	Thousand Six Hundred dol-	
Wilson	1000	lars, which is \$51.25 over one	
Sam Boykin	1000	fourth of whole value	
Jacob Taylor	1000		
Angus	950		
Little Aaron	700		
Moses	700		
Venus & Mariah	775		
Charity	700		
Maggie	350		
	\$17650		

Valuation of Lands as follows

Rock Spring	996 Acres at \$4.80	\$4780.80
Belmont	1959 do " 5.40	10578.60
Creek Quarter	2007 do " 3.70	7425.90
Goodwyn Tract	1204 do " 5.20	6260.80
Mill		500.00
		\$29546.10
		\$7386.52 1/2

After valuing the different tracts of land we were of the opinion that we could not put them into four equal lots without injury to the State, we therefore by the consent of Col Thos Ridley and Mr William Urganhart assigned to William Urganhart and Ann Eliza his wife a part of the creek quarter called Potterways containing 370 Acres at \$3.70 \$1369.00

The Goodwyn tract containing 1204 Acres @ \$5.20 \$6260.80

deduct the field formerly belonging to the Newsum Tract, supposed to contain 50 Acres at \$5.20 260.00

\$7369.80 over

The land assigned to William Urquhart & Ann Eliza his wife is valued at \$7369.80. which is \$16.72¹/₂ less than one fourth of the whole value of said lands

Horses and mules

Polly blk mare	125	Rose mule (Belmont)	150
Amos, Gray horse	150	Bob " do	170
Locket Gray mare	35	Tom	5
Crocket blind mule	25	Fox Gray horse	50
Fanny Lind gray mare	60	John Colt	125
Cynthia blind mule	50	Tom mule	150
Dangerfield	60	Juliet do	150
John bay horse	100	Monroe do	150
Dick mule at Greggards	150	Colt	50
Jin blk horse	5	whole value	\$3807.00
Dick horse	75		951.75
Will Co.	25	we divided the horses and mules	
Tom, mule Greggards	120	into 4 lots Mr Urquhart drew	
Nick " do	50	lot no 4 containing	
Brown " do	175	John bay horse	100-
Dolly " do	175	Charles mule	75
McLannan mule	50	Locket bay mare	35
Blaze (Belmont)	50	Patty bay, Colt	50
Dick at Vicks	160	Dick mule Vicks	160
Rhoda " do	140	Tom do Belmont	150
Rock " do	140	Juliet " do	150
Charles " do	140	Charles " Vicks	140
Bob " do	150	Blaze Belmont	50
Cain " Horse	140	Beck do	50
Bill " do	140		\$960.-
Crank " do	125	which is \$8.25 over 1/4 of whole	
Charles " do horse	75	Value of Horses and mules	
Beck " (Belmont) mule	50		
Rock do "	62		
Gin	5		

27 Oxen	625.00	Amount forwarded \$	2744.00
16 young sters	@ 12.50 200.00	6 Axes	50 3.00
44 Cows	" 9.00 396.00	1 Buggy & harness	40.00
32 Yearlings	" 4.00 128.-	Waggon harness	15.00
112 Sheep	" 1.50 168.-	4 Raw hides	2.00 8.-
40,000 lbs Pork	" 8.00 3200.-	3 Spinning wheels	100 3.-
38 sows & 159 pigs	" 273.-	1 Loom & C	2.50
78 " without pigs	" 5.00 390.-	One 4 horse wagon & C	50.-
262 Shoats	" 2.50 655.-	1 horse cart "	10.-
1156 barrels corn	" 3.25 3748.-	2 Ox carts	20.-
114900 lbs blade fodder	1.00 1149.-	2 lock chains	3.-
yards Top fodder @ 1/2		4, 2 horse turn plows	12.-
5 Waggon	265.-	7, 1 do " do 125	8 75
12 carts	115.-	7 Trau plows with gear	10 50
6 Mills	445.-	21 plow bars	50 10 50
Stands apple mills & C	162.-	8 Coulters	2/3 3.-
Farming implements and		8 Green hoes	50 4.-
plantation tools	1 488.36	6 killing hoes	1/2 1.-
	\$ 12/27.36	12 rearing do	1/2 2.-
		5 Iron wedges	75 3 75
Of the above property		3 augers, 2 planes, hatchet saw	1 50
William Urquhart recd.		1 hammer & draw knife	50
7 Oxen	at 155.-	1 Grind stone	1 50
4 Young sters	" 12.50 50.-	2 Spades	75 1 50
11 Cows	" 9.00 99.-	1 frow	50
8 Yearlings	" 4.00 32.-		\$ 2959.50
28 Sheep	" 1.50 42.-		
10,000 lbs pork	" 8 800.-		
9 sows & 40 pigs	" 67.-		
20 sows without pigs	500 100.-		
65 Shoats	250 162.50		
289 bbls corn	3.25 939.25		
28725 lbs blade fodder @ 14	287.25		
Saroyers Tools	10.00		
carried up	\$ 2744.00		

The valuation of the Estate of Robt Ridley decd is
as follows

Slaves	\$ 74275.00	In Slaves	\$ 18600. —
Lands & Mill	29546.50	" Land	7369.80
Horses & Mules	3809.00	" Horses & mules	960. —
All other property	12127.36	" Other property	2959.50
Whole Value	<u>\$ 119755.46</u>		<u>\$ 29889.30</u>

William Arguheart - Receiver

Respectfully submitted

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Geo E Peters
H. M. Buttz
Joseph H. Barham
Saml Henry
Joshua Dickson

Commissioners

Urquhart gave

& } Exhibit.

Ridley

I Robert Ridley of the County of Southampton, make and publish the following as my last Will and testament - to wit.

Item 1st. I give to my wife Ann Eliza Ridley my carriage, harness and match of horses recently purchased, together with my household and kitchen furniture of every description, with the exception of the beds and silver plate, to her and her heirs forever - All my beds and silver plate I leave to my wife until my children respectively arrived at the age of twenty one or marry, on which event I desire each one of them to receive one fifth part - on the death of my wife, the remaining fifth part of the beds and plate, I give to my children to be equally divided between them - I also give to my wife in fee simple the bond which I hold against her father John M. Blunt -

Item 2nd. I give to my son Robert in fee simple, my gold watch and my gun, known as the "old Jovins gun" should he arrive to the age of twenty one. Should he die before arriving at that age, I give the said watch and gun to my son ~~Henry~~ Norflet 13 Ridley - I also give to my son Norflet my patent breech gun formerly owned by my brother William Ridley.

Item 3rd. I desire that my whole estate including land, negroes, stock and farming implements should be kept together and managed by ^{my} executor herein after to be named, in the same manner as if I were living - After paying all necessary expenses of the farms, and also for the support and maintenance of my wife and children, I give unto my wife, in fee simple, one fifth part of the annual income and profits of my estate remaining - the annual income and profits before named are such as come from the sale of produce and are not intended to include the increase in the slaves or stock of any description - and under the head of support and maintenance above named it is my intention not to include articles of clothing for my wife and children, nor the expenses of educating the latter - the balance of the annual income and profits of my estate, I give to my children, to be equally divided among them, for the purpose of clothing and educating them -

Item 4th. Should my wife marry, or at any time become dissatisfied with the provision made for her in the clause next above, I give to her in lieu thereof, one fourth of my whole estate during her life, to be held as dower; and the remaining three fourths to my children to be divided equally among them - at the death of my wife, the portion herein given her for life is also to be equally divided among my children.

Item 5th. Should my wife remain single and continue satisfied with the provision first herein before made for her, it is my will and desire that my children respectively as they marry or arrive at the age of twenty one years, shall have

an equal portion of my ^{whole} estate not herein otherwise disposed of, assigned and allotted to them - And if in my event my wife should receive the one fourth of my estate, as above mentioned, it is my Will and desire that the remaining three fourths shall be kept together for the benefit of my children and an equal portion of the same assigned and allotted to them respectively as they marry or arrive at the age of twenty one years.

Item 6th The whole of my monied estate, including debts now due me and money in my possession, after the payment of all my debts out of the same, I desire to be invested in some profitable stock or good security, as a fund especially for the education of my children, should the same be necessary for that purpose and it is my desire, should it become necessary, that not only the interest but also the principal of said fund be devoted to that purpose - But no part of the said fund ^{is to be used} unless the portion of the annual income of my estate herein before given to my children, shall prove insufficient for their proper education after defraying their other necessary expenses - After all my children shall have been properly educated, I give the above named fund or whatever thereof remains to be equally divided among them.

Item 7th Should any of my children die before marriage or arrival to the age of twenty one years, I desire the portion of such dying to be equally divided among the survivors or survivors -

Item 8th If all my children die before marriage or arrival to the age of twenty one years, and my wife should be then living I desire my whole estate to be divided into two equal parts and I give one part to her and the other ~~half~~ to the children of my brother Thomas Ridley in fee simple. But should my wife be dead in the event before named I give the ^{whole} of my estate to the children of my brother Thomas Ridley to be equally divided among them.

Item 9th Lastly, I request that my brother Thomas Ridley will qualify as my Executor to this my last Will and Testament - Under my hand and seal this 3rd July 1852

Signed sealed and delivered }
in presence of
William S. Goodwyn
L R Edwards
Jas. Johnson

Ro. Ridley (Seal)

At a Court held for the County of Southampton the 16th day of August 1852
This last Will and Testament of Robert Ridley dec^d was this day proved by the oaths of William S. Goodwyn and L R Edwards two of the subscribing witnesses thereto

and ordered to be recorded - And on the motion of Thomas Ridley the Executor thereto named who made oath and entered into and acknowledged a bond as the law directs, certificate is granted him for obtaining a Probate of the said will in due form

Teste

L R Edwards Ck

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L R Edwards Ck