

1859-026

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

STEPHENSON

VS. STEPHENSON'S ADM'RS. et al

11/1859

other surnames: Boykin

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Stephenson
or

Stephenson's adm?
Others.

Bill. answers
+ Decur

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" Oct. Rep.
" Nov. " Confir?

Worshipful

To the County Court of Southampton County.
Feby Court 1859.

Humbly complaining shew unto your
Worships, your Complainant Levi M. Stephenson
that Allen Stephenson has recently departed
this life intestate in the County of Southampton
and that Augustus J. Stephenson and John
P. Boykin have qualified as his administrators
according to law - That the said Allen
Stephenson left a large personal estate
consisting of many valuable slaves and
other property - That his slaves were not
be wanting to pay debts, and he desires
that they should be divided amongst those
intitled - That the said Allen Stephenson left
as his distributees at law six children
viz. your Complainant, Augustus J. Harrison L.
Murdock L. John W. and G. B. G. Stephenson
the last two of whom are infants.

In tender consideration of the premises, and
in as much as your complaint is without remedy
done in this worshipful Court, it is prayed that

Augustus J. Stephenson and John P. Boykin administrators of
Allen Stephenson in his own right, Harrison L. Murdock L.
John W. and G. B. G. Stephenson.

all - That a guardian ad litem may be appointed
for the infants who together with the other defendants

shall make answer to all the allegations of
this bill - That your worship will decree
a division of the slaves of which Allen Stephenson
died possessed amongst the parties entitled
and such further & general relief as equity
may dictate, and the nature of their case
may require, and we will ever pray &c
Cobb p. 9.

The answer of Augustus J. Stephenson and John
Baykin admrs. of Allen Stephenson, to the
foregoing bill -

These defendants saving & say that they
have no objection to the decree prayed for
and pray to be hence dismissed &c

The joint separate answers of Augustus J.
Stephenson in his own right, Harrison L.
and Murdoch L. Stephenson to the foregoing
bill.

These defendants saving & for ever say
that they have no objection to the decree
prayed for & pray to be hence dismissed &c

The answer of John H. & J. B. G. Stephenson
by L. N. Bowen as their guardian ad litem
These defendants saving & say that being
infants they submit their interests to the
care and protection of this worshipful Court
& pray to be hence dismissed &c

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Stephens on's army
to others.

Recd.

1859 Feb 1st

Levi W. Stephenson

vs

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Augustus J. Stephenson and John P. Boykin admrs.
of Allen Stephenson decd, Augustus J. Stephenson
in his own right, Harrison L. Murdock L,
John W. and T. B. G. Stephenson the last two infants by
L. N. Edwards their guardian ad litem.

This day this cause was docketed by consent
of the Court and of the parties, and came on to be
heard by like consent on the bill, answers of the
defendants, general replications thereto, and was
argued by counsel, on consideration whereof
the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that

Thomas J. Brister, Alfred T. Stephenson & Walter B. Scott
who are appointed commissioners for the purpose
proceed to divide the slaves of which Allen
Stephenson died ~~possessed~~, having regard to
quantity and value, into six equal shares.
That they accept one share to Augustus J. Stephenson,
accept one share each to Harrison L.
Murdock L. Levi W. John W. and T. B. G.
Stephenson, and that they make up
of their proceedings to this Court in order
to a final decree -

Stephenson

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Stephenson's adm. ff.

Southampton County Court February Term 1859-

Levi W Stephenson

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In Chancery

against
Augustus J Stephenson & John P Brykin admors of Allen Stephenson de.
& others

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This day this cause was docketed by consent of the Court and of the parties, and came on to be heard by like consent on the bill, answers of the Defendants, general replications thereto and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that Thomas J Brister Alfred T Stephenson & Walter B Scott who are appointed Commissioners for the purpose, proceed to divide the slaves of which Allen Stephenson died possessed, having regard to quantity and value, into six equal shares, that they allot one share to Augustus J Stephenson and one share each to Harrison L. Murdock L. Levi W. John W. & J. B. Stephenson, and that they make report of their proceedings to this Court in order to a final decree.

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Stephenson

1859 Oct. Court

To the worshipful court of
Southampton County.

In Obedience to the above order
made at the February ^{term} 1839 We the under-
signed Commissioners beg leave to make
the following report. We did on the 3^d
day of February 1839 Value & divide
the following slaves belonging to the
Estate of Allen Stephenson decd. And allot
to A. J. Stephenson one Girl Agnes value
\$ 350 & one man Jordan value \$ 1100 and
to pay \$ 50 to the legatee.

Allot to L. W. Stephenson one man
Madison value \$ 1200 & to receive \$ 200

-- Allot to H. S. Stephenson one man
Shade value \$ 800 & one Girl Sophia value
\$ 450 & to pay \$ 150

Allot to M. S. Stephenson one boy George
value \$ 1000 & one girl Maria value 350
& is to receive \$ 50

Allot to John W. Stephenson one boy
Bill value \$ 500 & one girl Julia value
\$ 900.

Allot to B. B. G. Stephenson one
woman Mahala & child value \$ 1100 &
boy Henry Clay value \$ 350 & is to pay
\$ 30,

All of which is respectfully submitted

Thos. J. Miller
Alfred T. Stephenson
W B Scott