1863-011 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY CHANCERY PAPERS

MURRELL vs. MURRELL'S ADM'R. et al

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Murrell

Bill, answer & Decree

Murrell, admr &c

1862. Dec. Decree as filed

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To the worshipful County Court of the County of Northampton — In Chancy

Humbly complaining sheweth your Complainant Peter Anne Mursell, widow of Jesse F Mursell, that sometime since, the said Jesse F. Mursell died intestate living real estate, slaves and other personal property, and two children to wit- Jesse H, and Edward Mursell his only heirs at law — that John Williams has qualified as the administrator of the said Jesse F. Mursell dec'd, and has executed bond &c according to law — Your Complainant claims to be entitled in the estate of the deceased intestate, assigned to her;- and to this end in consideration of the facts herein stated, prays that the said John Williams admr of Jesse F Mursell and the two infant children, Jesse H, and Edward Mursell by some fit and proper person to defend them, be made defendants to this bill — that they answer the same — and that the Court will appoint Commissioners with instructions to assign to her as dower one equal third part of the estate of the said deceased intestate — and she will as in duty bound ever pray &c —

N. A. Scarburgh atty

The joint and seperate answer of John Williams admr of Jesse F Mursell and Jesse H, and Edward Mursell by the said John Williams their guardian ad litem, to the above bill — These respondents saving and reserving &c in answer to said bill do say that the facts stated in the bill are true, and they know no reason why the prayer of the bill should not be granted — And for answer pray leave to be dismissed the Court with costs &c —

John Williams admr &c
and guardian ad litem to
Jesse H &c

Munnell

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Munnells admr: &c This day this cause was docketed with law of court and count of parties, and come on to be heard with like count, on the bill and answer of the defendants and was argued by counsel - On consideration whereof the court doth order adjudge and decree, that - David Thomas, Benj. Wallis Mark & Jones & David Lemon & William Francis - or they to act who are hereby appointed by the court commissions for the purpose, as soon as practicable, proceed to lay off and assign to the plaintiff Peter etsm Munnell one just and equal third part of the real estate and slaves of which Jesse A Munnell died seized and possessed having regard to value, to be held by the said Peter et Munnell as dower - and report their proceedings to court in order to a final decree -

Murrell

& Co. Decree

Murrells adm 1°

Southampton County December Court 1862.

Peter Ann Murrell widow of Jesse F Murrell Pltff

against

John Williams admor of Jesse F Murrell and Edward Murrell & Jesse F Murrell by the said John Williams their guardian ad litem Defts

In Chancery

This day this cause was docketed with leave of Court and consent of parties, and came on to be heard with like consent, on the Bill and answer of the Defendants and was argued by Counsel - On consideration whereof the Court doth order adjudge and decree that David Thomas, Benj. Waller Mark A James, David Turner and William Frances - any three to act - who are hereby appointed by the Court Commissioners for the purpose, as soon as practicable, proceed to lay off and assign to the Plaintiff Peter Ann Murrell one just and equal third part of the real estate and slaves of which Jesse F Murrell died seized & possessed, having regard to value, to be held by the said Peter Ann Murrell as dower. And report their proceedings to Court in order to a final decree -

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Teste

L R Edwards Clk

Southampton Va

We the undersigned commissioners appointed by the Court to divide the negroes belonging to the estate of Jessee F. Thurrell decd submit the following report to wit— Negroes Sam valued at one thousand dollars. Arthur one thousand Caroline & three children. Allen, Jack & Tom fifteen hundred and fifty dollars. Eliza and three children Rosell, William & John sixteen hundred dollars) Ginny and one child Anthony fifteen hundred dollars, Rebeca, one thousand dollars) Retta, twelve hundred dollars, Peter, eight hundred dollars) Turner eight hundred and fifty dollars and Jim) eight hundred and fifty dollars

The whole valuation of the Negroes amounted to eleven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars it being necessary to sell one to pay the debts of the Estate the Boy Jim was sold taking off in amount eight hundred and fifty dollars leaving Negroes to the amount of ten thousand five hundred dollars. to be divided between Mrs Peter A. Thurrell and her children Edward & Jessa F. Thurrell The widows portion ~~is~~ one third of the whole amount of Negroes property after the sale of the Boy Jim above written, was three thousand five hundred dollars. We allotted to Mrs Peter A. Thurrell widow of Jessa F. Thurrell Decd the following Negroes Sam valued at one thousand dollars. Eliza and three children. Rosell. William & John valued at sixteen hundred dollars, Turner valued

at eigh hundred and fifty dollars making
thirty four hundred and fifty dollars which
falls short of Mrs Peter A. Murrells portion
by fifty dollars making it necessary for
the Children Edward & Jesse H Murrell, to
pay over to their Mother the sum of fifty
dollars The remaining negroes, Arthur Caroline
and three children, Allen, Jack & Tom Jinny
and one child Anthony, Rebecca, Retta and
Peter valued at seven thousand and fifty
dollars were allotted the children Edward
and Jesse H. Murrell

Decmr. 29. 1862 This day Personly appeared
before me David H Thomas Benj. C——
Waller & William S Francis and oath
that they did act as commissioners—
in the Division of negros belonging
to the Estate of Dept H Murrell—dec'd
to the Best of their ability—

Thomas Vaughan J.P

Benja C Waller
David H Thomas
Wm S. Francis

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