

1863-012 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

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

5/1863

To the worshipful County Court of the
County of Southampton - In Chancery -

Humbly complaining sheweth your complainants John
Williams admr of Jeph & Murrell and Peter Ann Murrell
widow of the said Jeph & Murrell, that sometime since
the said Jeph & Murrell died, being entitled at the time of
his death, by virtue of his intermarriage with your female
Complainant, to an undivided interest of one fourth in five
shares, now in the hands of W. P. Morris admr of Joel Morris
who was the father of your female Complainant; the remaining
three fourths belonging to Emma J. Adair and John F Morris -

Your complainants state that they desire to have a division
of said shares, and apportionment to your female Complainant her
own interest in the same - That said shares cannot be divided
in kind, and that they will have to be sold in order to effect
a division among the parties, and the apportionment of same as
aforesaid - In consideration of the facts above stated your
Complainants pray that W. P. Morris admr of Joel Morris Emma
J. Adair and John F Morris - the last three of whom
are infants by W. P. Morris their guardians ad litem, be made
defendants to this bill - that they own the same, and that
the Court will grant a decree for the sale of said shares, and
a just and equitable division of the proceeds of sale among
the parties entitled - And they will as in duty bound ever pray
W. S. Gordon atty

The joint and separate answer of W. P. Morris admr Joel Morris
and Emma J. Adair and John F Morris infants by W. P. Morris
their guardians ad litem to the above bill -

These respondents saying & reserving as in answer to said bill
say - that the facts therein stated are true, and think the prayer
of the bill ought to be granted, and that the shares ought to be
sold in order to effect a division among the parties - and being
answerd pray to be dismissed the Court with costs &c -

W. P. Morris admr Joel Morris
and J. Adair to infant defendants

Mumfells order

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Harris order &c

This day this cause was docketed by leave of Court and consent of parties and came on to be heard with like consent on the bill and answers and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof, the Court doth order, adjudged, decreed that William P. Harris who is hereby appointed Commissioner of the Court for the purpose, sell at public auction for cash, the slaves in the bill mentioned to wit; Lewis, Biddy, Isham, Nathan, Henrietta and pay one fourth of the net proceeds of sale to the legal guardian of Emma J. Harris, one fourth to the legal guardian of Adela V. Harris, one fourth to the legal guardian of John F. Harris, one third of one fourth to Peter Ann Russell to be held by her during her life, and the remaining two thirds of said fourth to John William Harris of John F. Russell - and report his proceedings to Court in order to a final decree - But this decree is not to take effect until the said W. P. Harris shall have executed in the Clerk's office of this Court, bond with good security, in the penalty of \$3000, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties under this decree & for bond with good security to every interest from date - X

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Mumfells order

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Bick, Emma

Harris order

1862 Nov. Decree on file

1863 App. Report

" May. Rep. Confm."

Munell's adv.

to 3 Co. Direct

Harris's adv.

Southampton County December Court 1862

John Williams admor of Jesse Murrell & Peter Ann Murrell widow of the said
Jesse F Murrell

Defts.

against

W. P. Harris admor: Joel Harris and Emma J. Ada B. and

John F Harris infants by W. P. Harris their Guard: ad litem & Defts

} In Chancery

This day this cause was docketed by leave of Court and consent of parties and came on to be heard with like consent on the bill and answers and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that William P. Harris who is hereby appointed Commissioner of the Court for the purpose, sell at public auction for cash - for bond with good security to carry interest from date the slaves in the bill mentioned, to wit Lewis, Billy, Isham & Nathan.

Harris and pay one fourth of the net proceeds of sale to the legal guardian of Emma J Harris, one fourth to the legal guardian of John F Harris, x one third of one fourth to Peter Ann Murrell to be held by her during her life, and the remaining two thirds of said fourth to John Williams admor. of Jesse F Murrell, and report his proceedings to Court in order to a final decree. But this decree is not to take effect until the said W. P. Harris shall have executed in the Clerk's Office of this Court, bond with good security in the penalty of \$5,000 conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties under this decree. Clerk's fee. \$5.00

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Teste L R Edwards Clk

x one fourth to the legal guardian of Ada B Harris

Murcells Wm

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Harris Wm

1963 - Apr 64

Murrells advise

² Harris; advise - } Commissioners Report

Pursuant to the direction of the annexed decree, the undersigned Commissioner, after giving due notice sold the slaves therein mentioned, at the Court House of Greenville County, on January last day, at public auction - The following statement will exhibit his proceedings to wit -

Lewis	\$1480 00
Billy	1565 00
Arthur	135 00
Harriette	355 00
Isidor	<u>1225 00</u>

Wholesale sales - \$4780 00

3 p. ct Commissioner on \$300	15 00
2 p. ct do " \$4480	89 60
Atty: fee & visit -	21 00
Clarks fee -	5 00
	<u>130 60</u>

At retail sales - \$4649 40

1/3 of 1/4 - paid to Peter Ann Murrell	387 45
2/3 of 1/4 - paid John Williams advise	774 90
1/4 - due old ad B Harris	1162 35
1/4 - due Emma J. Harris	1162 35
1/4 - due John I Harris	<u>1162 35</u>

\$4649 40

The three last named parties are infants, and have no guardian; and the Commissioner is under the necessity of retaining in his hands, the above amounts due them respectively, until a guardian is appointed for them -

Respectfully Submitted
William D. Harris, Commr.

Recd. of W. D. Harris the sum of twenty one dollars in full of fee &c - for bill, on account of the sale of Murrells adv. & Harris &c
W. S. Gordon
att'y:

Mr J Harris Corn

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J. Clark Southampton Co

Dr

Due. Bill, due & due to for sale shares of Murrell & Harris &
Recording report.

5.00

JR Edwards (bld)

Jan'y The 21st 1863

Rec^d of Wm P Harris Comr
four dollars for Sillins negroes
belonging to the est of Joel
Harris deceased

R H Hammons
Cust

Feb. 14th 1863

To Wm P. Harris Commissioner appointed by the
County Court of Southampton to sell for a ~~share~~
division the slaves belonging to the four minor
children of Joel Harris Dec. You are here by
authorized and requested to pay to John Williams
Adm^r. of Jesse F. Murrell Dec. \$ ~~500~~
being one third of one fourth of the proceeds
arising from the sale of said slave that con-
taining my portion, and this order will be
Receipt in full for the same

Peter A Murrell

April 20th 1863 Received of Mrs P. Harris
the sum of three hundred eighty and ^{eight}/₁₀₀ ~~40~~ being the
amt. authorized to be paid to me by the within
order -

John Williams

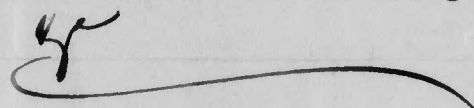
April 20th 1863

Received of Wm^{ll} P. Harris
~~commissioner~~ appointed to sell the slaves belonging
to the four younger children of Joel Harris
the sum of ~~one hundred and~~ ^{two} ~~hundred~~ ^{hundred} and 90/100 it being two
thirds of one fourth of the proceeds of sale of
said slaves

John Williams Adm^r.
of Joel H. Merrill Dec.

I now all hereby these presents that we ~~are~~
 Wm P Harris & John Williams -

are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and
full sum of five thousand Dollars
Current money of Virginia to the payment whereof well and truly to be made,
we bind ourselves our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally
firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals and dated this 15 day of
December A.D. 1862

The condition of the above obligation is such that if the above bound
Wm P Harris Commissioner appointed by a Dorse of the County Court of
Southampton at December Court 1862. in the case of Murrells ad
against Harris as 

Shall faithfully discharge the duties of his office or trust according to law
then the above obligation be void or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed Sealed and delivered
in the presence of the Court }
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W. P. Harris
John Williams

(Seal)
(Seal)
(Seal)
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