

1866-14

Southampton County Chancery-

Ridley, W. T. et al

vs

Ridley, A. B. et al

divide real estate

Ridley, Mary T.

Ridley, Sallie A.
" , N.B.

Ridley & wife
vs 3 Bill
Ridley & others

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Ridley wife

vs 3 Bill. ans. &

Ridley's

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1868 July Report -

" Dec. Report -

1869 - Feby " Confm?

To The Honorable Chy Court of Southampton Chy
in Chancery sitting -
Humbly complaining sheweth unto your worships, your
Orator A. J. Ridley & Oratrix a Mary J. Ridley his wife,
That Robt Ridley late of Southampton County, was
seised & possessed of several tracts of Land in said
County & being so seised & possessed died on The
Day of in The year 1850, having first made &
published his last will & testament (a copy of which
will ~~is~~^{is} filed with his bill if necessary), directing
that his whole estate shall be equally divided be-
tween his four children Robt. Ridley, Mary J. Ridley,
Asa B. Ridley & Sallie A. Ridley, each to re-
ceive his or her portion as he or she arrived at the
age of 21 years or married - That Robt Ridley having
attained the age of 21 years has received his portion
of the real estate, stock, farming implements &c
That A. B. Ridley & Sallie A. Ridley are in-
fants under the age of 21 years - And your Orator
A. J. Ridley further states That he has recently
intermarried with M. J. Ridley (your Oratrix) & by vir-
tue of such intermarriage, your Orator, in right of
his wife, has become entitled to demand & receive
the one third part of The real estate, stock & farm-
ing implements now belonging to The estate - And
further That said real estate &c are susceptible
of partition amongst the parties entitled thereto; but
if it be not, then your Orator & Oratrix desire that

The same to be sold & The proceeds distributed amongst the parties, in proportion to their respective interests therein -

In tender consideration whereof & for as much as your Orator & Oratrix are unwilling, in the premises, save by aid of a Court of Equity, where such matters are properly cognizable, your Orator & Oratrix pray that A. B. Ridley & Walter A. Ridley be, by proper process, made parties defendant to this bill, & required to answer its several allegations by guardian ad litem to be appointed by this Court. That your Orator's will make a decree directing the real estate &c. to be equally divided between the parties & your Orator & Oratrix's portion be allotted & assigned to them - Grant to Orator & Oratrix The Commissions' writ of subpoena commamding &c, & all such other & further relief as equity & good conscience may dictate & the nature of the case may require & your Orator & Oratrix will

~~over~~ pray, -

J. W. M. G. Wharck Esq
Complainants

Ridley & wife
vs Com^r Repor
Ridley & others

Filed away in chancery
papers of County Ct. from
1866 to 1869 inclusive

1868 Dec. 21st

The undersigned Commissioners, appointed by
The County Court of Southampton County
at its Term 186, to set apart, allot
& assign to St. J. Ridley & Mary J. Ridley his
wife, her portion of the Estate of her Fa-
ther Robt Ridley dec'd, beg leave to re-
port, That, having duly assessed the value
of the real property, belonging to said Estate,
they have assigned to said St. J. Ridley & Ma-
ry J. Ridley The tract of land known as The
"Goodwyn Tract", conveyed to said Robt Ridley
by Wm J. Goodwyn Ex^{or} of Wm B. Goodwyn dec'd
of record in the Clerk's office of South-
ampton County, deed-book for 18 p.

to which deed reference is here made for par-
ticulars. And in addition thereto one hundred
- eighty-five acres cut off from the "Pethway
Tract", belonging to said Estate, & bounded as
follows, to wit - Beginning at Blow's corner
on the road to Garrath's depot, Thence a direct
West line to the line dividing the "Creek Tract"
from the "Goodwyn Tract", Thence along a
line to a corner in the Hornet Swamp,
passing a fine & old Hickory near the swamp,
Thence down the Hornet Swamp, to a gum
tree a new corner, for St. J. Ridley & Mary
J. Ridley his wife, in the line between said
tract of 185 acres & the "Pethway Tract",
Thence along a new chopped line to the

starting point a pine tree -

Respectfully submitted by the Commissioners

Wm. Ingubart

Elijah Helms

Robt Rowland

Commissioners' Report

Ridley & wife

vs

Ridley & others

1868 July 16th.

The undersigned commissioners, appointed by the County Court of Southampton Cty. at its December Term 1886, to lay off & assign to N. J. Ridley & Mary J. Ridley his wife, the one third part of the estate of Robt Ridley. They leave to report that, after valuing all the chattel property belonging to said estate, they assigned to said N. J. Ridley & Mary J. Ridley his wife, the following property, to wit, 187 1/3 Hls of corn valued at \$4.50 per Hl - \$843.00

13883	" "	fodder	" "	1 ⁰⁰ " h.	-	138.83
4000	" "	ginned cotton	" "	28 " lb.	-	1120.00
330		gals of Apple brandy	" "	3 ⁵⁰ " gal.	-	1089.00
4		work oxen	" "	40 ⁰⁰ " yoke	-	80.00
0		unbroke oxen	" "	15 ⁰⁰ " yoke	-	15.00
16		heads of cattle	" "	9 ⁰⁰ " head	-	144.00
18		sheep	" "	1 ⁰⁰ " "	-	18.00
16		pigs (31)	" "	12 ⁰⁰ " "	-	192.00
32		hens	" "	2 ⁵⁰ " "	-	80.00
+	8000	lbs fat lard	" "	10 ⁰⁰ " 100 lbs	-	800.00
	1	wagon	" "			50.00
	2	horse carts	" "	10 ⁰⁰		20.00
+	1800	boards	" "	25 per h.	-	13.50
		1 pr ox. wheels & chain				10.00
		15 pl. hoes				4.00
		6 turn ^s plows				12.00
		2 plow collars				2.00
		6 pr traces				11.00
		6 w. hoes & 4 gr. hoes				4.00
		5 axes				7.00
		~~2 stils~~				~~200.00~~

over

~~30 cider casks valued at 50~~

~~75.00~~

1 mule

150.00

1 yellow mule

125.00

1 gray mare

125.00

1 mule

100.00

1 ..

50.00

1 colt & 1 horse

75.00

1 gray horse

50.00

+

1/3 of a piano (.. 400⁰⁰)

133.33 1/3

The Legatee Takes the remaining 2/3 of Piano
valued @ \$266 2/3 in Lien of 3 oxen, 2 sties &
15 Cider Casks @ \$2.70-00 } Wm. Inguhart }
Robt Rowland } Comr.
Elijah Nelson }

Robert Ridleys

1810

Ridley's

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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 & 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 arrive 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 N. Blunt.

Item 2nd, I give to my son Robert in fee simple, my gold watch and my gun, known as the "old Iron 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 August B. Ridley. I also give to my son August my patent brush 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 income 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 part of my whole estate during her life, to be held as above; and the remaining three fourths to my children to be divided equally among them. At the death of my wife, the portion herein given to her for life is also to be equally divided among my children.

Item 3rd, 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 may 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 any 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 may or arrive at the age of twenty one years.

Item 4th, 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 principle 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 of my children shall have been properly educated, I give the above named fund, or whatever thereof remains, to be equally divided among them.

Item 5th, Should any of my children die before marriage or arrive at the age of twenty one years I desire the portion of such dying to be equally divided among the survivors or survivor.

Item 6th, If all my children die before marriage or arrive at the age of twenty one years, and my wife should be ^{then} still living, I desire my whole estate to be divided into two equal parts - and I give one part

to her and the other 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 7th, 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
Eas. Johnson

Thos. Ridley 

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 therein named, who made oath and entered into and acknowledged a bond as the law directs, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of the said will in due form.

Teste

L. R. Edwards Clk

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Teste

L. R. Edwards Clk

Nov 25th 1886

Recd of Wm Urquhart Comr \$100 for
Termie renders as Audr in per mien
Property belonging to Est of Ridley decd

Eli W Davis

Received of Wm Urquhart Comr (\$23⁰⁰)
Twenty Three dollars & fifty cents in full of
my portion of proceeds of sale of grist mill, sold
under decree of Southampton County Court Oct. term
Nov. 19th 1866.

R. Ridley

Recd Nov 19 1866 of Wm Urquhart Comr on behalf of Ridley & Ridley
five dollar clerk's fees in said suit

JR Eden 11/19/66

Received, Jerusalem, Nov. 19th 1866, of William
Urquhart Commr seventy & $\frac{50}{100}$ dollars (\$70⁵⁰) in full of the
portion of the proceeds of the sale of the grist-mill, be-
longing to Mary E. Ridley, Norfleet B. Ridley & Saline
A. Ridley - being $\frac{3}{4}$ of the same after paying the costs
of decree & sale -
Thos Ridley Guar.

Ridley & wife
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Ridley & others

Ridley & wife

vs

Ridley & others

In Chancery

This day came the plaintiff & filed his Bill & on his motion L. R. Edwards is assigned guardian ad litem to the infant defendants A. B. Ridley & Sallie A. Ridley, to defend their interests in this suit - & thereupon said guardian ad litem filed the answer of the said infants, & the cause coming on to be heard upon the bill & answer & exhibits, was argued by counsel - On consideration whereof the court doth order & decree that Elijah Kelms, Robt Roland, Wm Elzenghart, Jas B. Peters & Jas Drewry, who are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose, any three of whom may act, having been first duly sworn, do proceed to lay off & divide the real estate, stock & farming implements & crop belonging to the estate of Robt Ridley, into three equal parts, having regard to quality & quantity, & assign one of said three parts to Wm J. Ridley & Mary J. Ridley his wife - one third to the proper guardian of A. B. Ridley & one third to the proper guardian of Sallie A. Ridley - But if said commissioners should find it impracticable to divide said ^{land} property among said parties, or that it would promote the interests of said parties to sell the same, let them report the facts upon which their opinion is based, to the court & also what in their opinion, is the fair ^{value} of the whole real estate yet to be divided between the three remaining children - & in either case report their proceedings under this order, to the Court -

Answer of Joseph B. Ridley & Lillie
A. Ridley, infants under the age of 21 years, by
their guardian ad litem, to a bill of complaint
exhibited against them, in the County Court of
Southampton County by J. G. Ridley & M. J.
Ridley his wife. - And said Respondents for
answer therunto, answer & say That they are
infants under the age of 21 years & by reason
of their tender years cannot be presumed to
know their rights in the premises, they there-
fore submit them to the Court

Joseph B. Ridley
Lillie A. Ridley
by

J. W. Edwards
Guardian ad litem

Field notes of a plot of land, taken from the Pettway tract + added to the Goodwyn tract, for a division amongst the heirs of Robt Ridley (dec'd). Commencing at a Pine where Capt Blount land. Corner at the Road, leading from Jerusalem to Sumatra Depot +

Running as follows,		from the Goodwyn	
	2nd	4th	
1 N —	56.07	28.07	To the line, dividing the Creek land
2 N —	54.40	27.40	To an old Corner Pine
3 N 28 1/2 W	7.00	3.50	To the road
4 N 28 1/2 W	26.00	13.00	
5 N 23 W	5.15	2.65	To a corner Hickory
6 N 4 E	10.00	5.00	" a large Red oak
7 N 1 W	12.00	6.13	" " "
8 N 2 W	8.00	4.00	" " "
9 N 4 1/2 W	6.22	3.22	" " "
10 N 8 E	4.00	2.00	" Fore + aft Hickory
11 N 4 W	17.00	8.50	" Corner in Hornet Swamp
12 S 58 E	5.00	2.50	" down the Swamp
13 S 65 1/2 E	6.00	3.00	" " "
14 S 57 E	3.00	1.50	" " "
15 N 57 E	5.00	2.50	" " "
16 N 58 E	5.00	2.50	" " "
17 N 70 E	18.00	9.00	" " "

Plot of Land cut from
the Petway Tract & added
to the Gordon Tract for
a division —
July 1888

Mont. Darden B.

Acres. 185.00

Sticks

Corner Pine

Line dividing the Creek land from
the Gordon Tract

Road to Gordon

Dividing line N 13 W

Starting point

Pine tree
Blows corner

1866
Original
in original field;
Ridley, N.T.
vs
Ridley, A.B.
etal