1871-062 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY CHANCERY PAPERS

BASS and Wife VS. HARRIS et al

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other surnames: GRIZZARD

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Henry B. Bass & wife
vs
Corinne T. Harris & others
Bill and
Answer

1864 Sept. Decree as filed

1871. Mar. Removed from the Docket.

Exhibit not filed

To the Worshipful Justices of the County Court of Southampton County — In Chancery — September term 1864.

Your Complainants Henry B. Bass and Eliza his wife, humbly complaining shew unto your worships that Lewis Harris departed this life in the [illegible] County, having previously executed his last will and testament, which was duly admitted to probat in the County Court of said County at the [illegible] term thereof 1862 or 1863, and a copy of the same is herewith filed as part of this Bill (marked A). By the said will the said Lewis Harris directed and provided that the said Eliza, one of your Complainants, the widow of the said Harris should have and hold during her life or widowhood certain of his, the said testator's real estate, but in the event of her marriage she should take her dower in his said real estate, under the laws of Virginia, as if he the said Lewis had died intestate — The said Eliza widow of the said Lewis Harris and now your Complainant as above stated, has lately intermarried with your Complainant Henry B. Bass and they now desire and respectfully ask that your worships would appoint proper persons as Commissioners to allott or assign to her, your Complainant the said Eliza Bass, one just third in value of the real estate of which her said late husband Lewis Harris died seized and possessed, as her dower.

That Corrine Harris (now of full and lawful age) George W. Harris and Lewis E Harris (minors) Adelaide Grizzard and Eugene Grizzard, (minors) are the only heirs at Law of Martha A. Grizzard (who was Harris) deceased, parties defendant to this bill, — the minors by some proper person as Guardian ad litem — and compel them to answer &c —

And grant unto them such other and general relief as Equity may dictate or the nature of their case may require —

As in duty bound they will ever pray &c —

Thos J Kindred
P.Q.

The Joint and Several Answer of
Corrine S. Harris – George W. Harris – Lewis C. Harris –
Adelaide Spizzard and Eugene Spizzard – the four latter
by L R Edwards their guardian ad litem, to a Bill filed
against them in the County Court of Southampton County, by
Henry B. Bass and Eliza Bass.

These defendants for answer to so much of
the said Bill as they are advised it is material for them to answer
say, that they are ignorant of the facts stated in the said Bill
but willingly submit their interests to the protection of the Court –

Jno. L. Kindred
A.D.

Henry D. Bassett
vs
Corrine T. Harris & others

Decree

Henry B. Bass & wife
vs
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Decree

This cause, this day was heard on the Bill, the Answer thereto and replication, together with Exhibits filed and was argued by Counsel — And the Court having appointed L.K. Edwards Guardian ad litem to the Infant Defendants — do order adjudge and decree that Lewis E. Mason Thomas H. Applewhite and Joseph W. Cland, be and they are hereby appointed Special Commissioners for the purpose — that they allott or assign to Eliza Bass, wife of Henry B. Bass one fourth in value of the real estate of which Lewis Harris, former husband of the said Eliza died seized and possessed — to be held by the said Eliza for and during her natural life, as her dower out of the estate of her said former husband.

And the said Commissioners are directed to report to this Court in order to a final decree.