1893-18 Southampton County Chancery- Camp, Junius W. et als vs Bryant, Walter L. et als

division of real estate, if not
then a Sale

Camp, Elizabeth
Davis, John B.
" , Antoinette
Lewis, Salathial
" , Mary A.

Bryant, Arthur C.
" , Sally F.
" , Lillie I.
" , Eliz. I
" , John, N
" , Elliott
Minors
by:
McLemore, B. F.
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To The Hon C. M. Hill judge of The circuit Court of Southampton County in chancery sitting

Humbly complaining your Orator Imins M Camp, Elizabeth Camp, John B Davis and Antonette Davis his wife and Salathiel Lewis and Mary A Lewis his wife shew unto your Honor that sometime in The year 1885 John Camp departed This life intestate and leaving The following persons his distributees and heirs at law to wit Martha A Lewis a daughter wife of Salathiel Lewis, Imins M Camp a son, Elizabeth Camp a daughter, Antonette Davis a daughter wife of John B. Davis and seven infant children sons and daughters of Eliza J Bryant a daughter to wit Wallie L Bryant, Arthur C Bryant Sally. F Bryant, Lillie J Bryant, Eliza J Bryant, John N Bryant and Elliott Bryant

Your Orator shew further unto your Honor that he left a tract of land lying in Southampton containing 18.3 acres more or less by The seven named heirs at law in co-parcenary Your Orator shew further that They are all of age

except the seven infant grandchildren who own one fifth thereof to gether and they now desire a division of the said tract of land according to the right of the parties or if that be not practicable then a sale of the same and distribution of the money

In tender consideration whereof and inasmuch as your orators are without relief at law and only entitled to relief in a court of equity where such matters are peculiarly cognizable they therefore pray that the seven infants Wallis L Bryant, Arthur C Bryant, Sally F Bryant Lillie F Bryant, Eliza F Bryant, Robert N Bryant and Elliott L Bryant by some fit and proper person their guardian ad litem appointed for that purpose may be made parties defendant to this bill and that the court would compel them as true and perfect answer make to the allegations therein contained as if they had been thereunto more fully and specially interrogated and that the court would decree a division of the said tract of land among the heirs at law according to their right therein and if it should appear upon report

of the commissioner that a division of the said land is impracticable then a sale and distribution of the money among the heirs and that the court would grant such other and general relief the premises considered as equity may dictate and the nature of this case may require and as in duty bound your Orators will ever pray &c

Chandler Thompson p.q.

Camp
To ~~Camp~~ D. Gift
Camp

-Acctg-

This Deed made this 15th day of December one thousand, eight hundred and seventy six, between John Camp of the one part and Jimmie H. Camp of the other part - all of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia, Witnesseth: That in consideration of the natural love and affection I have for my son Jimmie H. Camp, party of the second part, to this deed, I do hereby give to him and his heirs forever, all of the tract of land known as the "Worrell" tract, containing by estimation one hundred and thirty four acres, more or less, also fifteen acres additional, it being a portion of the old tract on which I now reside, and adjoining the said Worrell tract - the boundaries embracing both parcels are as follows: On the North by Black Creek Swamp. On the South by Gravel Run Swamp. On the East by Black Creek Swamp. On the west by John Camp. Commencing at Gravel Run swamp, near a Spring. thence to a red oak. thence acrof Apple Orchard. a North west direction, to a large Cypress in Black Creek Swamp. The party of the first part does hereby indemnify the right and title to the aforesaid parcels of land. Given under my hand and

seal this day above written.

John Camp (Seal)

Southampton County. to wit:
This day personally appeared before me M. D. Butler, a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid, John Camp, whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date December 15th 1876. and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed.
Given under my hand this 15th day of December 1876.

M. D. Butler J.P.

Southampton County: In the Clerk's Office Dec'r 18" 1876.
This Deed of Gift from John Camp to Dennis H. Camp. was this day received and, with the certificate thereto annexed admitted to record.

Teste: L. R. Edwards C.C.

A Copy.

Teste: J. B. Irving C.C.

Camp &c

m 3 Swimmers

Bryants &c

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County—Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON Walter L. Bryant, Arthur C. Bryant, Sally F. Bryant, Lillie J. Bryant, Eliza J. Bryant, John N. Bryant & Elliott Bryant— all seven infants

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Court of Southampton county, at the Rules to be holden for the said Court on the first Monday in March next, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited against them in our said Court by Jennie W. Camp, Elizabeth Camp, Jno. B. Davis and Antoinette Davis, his wife, Malachi Lewis & Martha A. Lewis, his wife

And this You shall in no wise omit; and have then there this writ.

WITNESS, J. B. PRINCE, Clerk of our said Court, this 13 day of Feby, 1886, in the 110 year of the Commonwealth. Teste. J. B. Prince C. C.

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Special Comr R. A. Bristow

Camp &c
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Report

To the Hon C. H. Hill Judge of the Circuit Court of Southampton County Va

Your undersigned Special Commissioner begs leave to report that in pursuance of a decree entered in the above styled Chancery cause at the Nov Term 1886 of the Circuit Court of this County. he proceeded on after having first given the required notice of the place. time and terms of sale to sell at public auction on Feby 21st 1887 in the Town of Jerusalem to the highest bidder a certain tract of land whereof John Camp died seized and possessed containing one hundred & eighty-three acres a little more or less and J. H. Camp being the highest bidder became the purchaser thereof for the sum of thirteen hundred dollars & paid the same took and took a deed for the same. That the sale was a very good one i.e. $1300.00 was a very good price for the land. From out of the proceeds your Commissioner paid the following costs of suit & sale

By amt rec'd from sale of land	$1300.00
To Com's on $1300. @ 5 & 2 p/c	$35.00
" paid auctioneers fee	" 8.00
" " for advertisements	" 2.00

(over)

amts brought over	$45.00	$1300.00
To paid Clerks fees	" 6.50	
" " Sheriffs "	" 6.50	
" " H.B. Shands & Son attys fee	" 25.00	
" " Louis McClemores fees	" 5.00	
" Witness Bristow Camp & Edwards	" 4.60	
" " Taxes for 1886	" 7.40	
Balance		$1200.00

Your Com'rs as directed by the said decree then divided the balance of $1200.00 into four equal shares of $300.00 each and

Paid Martha A. Lewis Trustee one of $300.00
" Antoinette Davis one of $300.00
" Elizabeth Camp one of $300.00
" The Lawful Guardian of
H.L; A.L; L.J; E.J; J.H, Elliott and
Sally F. Bryant one of $300.00
(i.e 42 83/100 for each of said words) $1200.00

Receipts for all of the above payments are filed with this report & prayed to be read as a part thereof That there remains no funds in the hands of your Commissioner and nothing further to be done by him. All of which is respectfully submitted by

R. A. Bristow
Special Com'r

April 28th 1887

Southampton Circuit Court. Nov: Term 1886.

Camp &c.
v. } Decree
Bryant &c.

This day this cause came on again to be heard, on the papers formerly read and the report of Commissioner M. Lemon, made pursuant to a decree of this Court, made at the May term 1886. and to which report no exceptions have been filed. - The Answer of S. Lewis and wife M. A. Lewis - filed since the last order in this cause, and the replication of Jennie T. Camp thereto. On motion the names of S. Lewis and wife M. A. Lewis are stricken off as plaintiffs and made parties defendants to the bill - And was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the report of Commissioner M. Lemon be confirmed, and it appearing, from the said Report, that the land in the bill mentioned cannot be divided among the heirs at law of John Camp dec'd. The Court doth adjudge, order and decree that Richard A. Bristow who is hereby appointed a Special Commissioner for that purpose, shall, after having given at least twenty days notice of the time and place of sale, by advertisements, in at least

ten places in the immediate vicinity of the land, and at Jensalem, proceed to sell at Jensalem, on some County Court day, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the tract of land containing one hundred and eighty three (183) acres, whereof John Camp died seized and possessed, on the following ~~terms, that is: One third Cash, and the balance~~ of the purchase money on a credit of one and two years, equal installments, taking from the purchaser bonds with approved securities carrying interest from day of sale, with the option to the purchaser to pay all the purchase money in Cash, and take from the Commissioner a deed with special warranty. And whereas it appears from the paper filed by Jemima H. Camp, in this cause, that he refuses to bring in to Kolchpolch, the Estate in land received from his father, and sets up no claim for distribution in the money arising from the sale of the land. The Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that the said Richard A. Bristow, after paying the costs of this suit and sale, divide the purchase money received into four shares. and allot one share to Martha A. Lewis. or her Trustee or assignee. one share to Elizabeth Camp. one share to Antionette Davis. and allot 1/4 of 1/4 to the lawful Guardian of Waller L.

Bryant - 1/7 of 1/4 to the lawful Guardian of Arthur C. Bryant - 1/7 of 1/4 to the lawful Guardian of Lillie J. Bryant - 1/7 of 1/4 to the lawful Guardian of Eliza J. Bryant - 1/7 of 1/4 to the lawful Guardian of John R. Bryant and 1/7 of 1/4 to the lawful Guardian of Elliott Bryant and 1/7 of 1/4 to the lawful Guardian of Sally F. Bryant - And if the said purchaser shall not pay the whole of the purchase money down the said Richard A. Bristow will return his bonds for the deferred payments along his receipt and report, and retain the title until the further order of the Court. But the said Richard A. Bristow shall not proceed to act under this decree until he shall execute in the Clerks Office of this Court - a bond in the penalty of fifteen hundred dollars ($1500.00) with good security, conditioned for a faithful performance of this and any other decree entered in this cause, and a copy of the certificate of the Clerk of this Court that said bond has been executed, shall be appended to the Notice of the sale, and the original certificate returned along with his report to Court.

A Copy.

Teste

J. B. Lewis C.C.

Camp
on 33 Conn Road
Bryants

1886. Nov 25

Know all men by these Presents, That we Richard A. Bristow and A. N. Raiford

are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full sum of Fifteen hundred. Dollars, 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. And we, the obligors herein, hereby waive the benefit of our homestead exemption as to this obligation, and also waive any claim, right or privilege to discharge any liability arising under said bond in any currency, funds, counter-claims or offsets other than legal tender currency of the United States.

Sealed with our seals and dated this 25 day of Nov A. D. 18 86.

THE CONDITION of the above obligation is such that if the above bound

Richard A. Bristow, who was appointed a Special Commissioner by a decree of the Circuit Court of Southampton entered at the November Term 1886 in a chancery suit therein depending styled Camp vs Bryants- for the purpose of selling the real Estate of which John Camp died seized, shall faithfully discharge his duties under the said decree and any other decree that may be entered in said suit

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

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of the Court.

R. A. Bristow. SEAL

Witness as to A. N. Raiford- B. F. McLemore

A. N. Raiford for Mark SEAL

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Camp vs 138
vs } Decree
Bryants vc

To be entered
May Term 1886

Geo. Bloss.

Camp &c
vs } Decree
Bryants &c } This day this cause came on to be heard on the plaintiff's bill & exhibits filed therewith answer of the infant defendants Walter L; Arthur L; Sally F; Lillie J; Eliza J; John N; and Elliott Bryant, by B. F. McLemore their guardian ad litem and general replication thereto and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge order and decree that one of the Commissioners of this court proceed to enquire whether it is practicable not to divide among the heirs of John Camp decd in any of the modes prescribed by law the tract of one hundred and eighty three acres belonging to the estate of said John Camp decd and in his report to court state the facts upon which his report is based, together with any other matter deemed pertinent by himself or which he may be required so to state by any party interested

Camp &c
vs 3 Decree
Bryants

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read and the report of Commissioner McLemore made pursuant to a decree of this court made at the May Term 1881 and to which report no exceptions have been filed The answer of J. Lewis and wife M. A. Lewis filed since the last order in this cause and the replication of Dennis W Camp thereto on motion the name of J. Lewis & wife M. A. Lewis are stricken off as plaintiffs and made parties defendant to the bill and was argued by counsel On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order, and decree that the report of Commissioner McLemore be confirmed and it appearing from the said report that the lands in the bill mentioned cannot be divided among the heirs at law of John Camp dec'd The court doth adjudge order and decree that Richard A Baxter who is hereby appointed a special commissioner

for that purpose shall after having given at least twenty days notice of the time and place of sale by advertisement at least ten places in the immediate vicinity of the land and at Jonesboro proceed to sell at Jonesboro on some county court day at public auction to the highest bidder the tract of land containing one hundred and eighty three (183) acres which John Camp died seized and possessed on the following terms to wit one third cash and the balance of the purchase money on a credit of one and two years equal instalments taking from the purchaser bonds with approved security carrying interest from the day of sale with the option to the purchaser to pay all the purchase money in cash and take from the commissioner a deed with special warranty and whereas it appears from the papers filed by Francis M Camp in this cause that he refuses to bring into hotchpot the estate in land received from his father and sets up no claim for distribution in the money arising

from the sale of this land the
court doth further adjudge, order,
and decree that the said Richard
A Bristow after paying the costs
of this suit and sale divide the
purchase money, into four shares and
allot one share to Martha A Davis
or her Trustee or assignee one share
to Elizabeth Camp one share to
Antonette Davis and allot 1/7 of 1/4
to the Lawful guardian of Walter L
Bryant 1/7 of 1/4 to the Lawful guardian
of Arthur C Bryant 1/7 of 1/4 to the the
Lawful guardian of Lillie J Bryant
1/7 of 1/4 to the Lawful guardian of
Eliza J Bryant 1/7 of 1/4 to the Lawful
guardian of John N Bryant and 1/7 of
1/4 to the Lawful guardian of Elliott
Bryant and 1/7 of 1/4 to the Lawful
guardian of Sally F Bryant and if
the said purchase shall not pay
the whole of the purchase money
down the said Richard A Bristow will
return his bond for the deferred
payments along his receipt and report
and obtain the title until the further
order of the court But the said
Richard A Bristow shall not procure

to act under this decree until he shall execute in the clerks office of this court a bond in the penalty of fifteen hundred dollars ($1500) with good security conditioned for a faithful performance of this and any other decree relating to this cause and a certificate of the clerk of this court that the said bond has been executed shall be appended to the notice of the sale and the original certificate returned along with his report to court

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vs
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Nov Term 1876
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vs 3 Decrees
Bryants

May Term 1687
To be entered
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vs } Decree
Bryants

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read and upon the report of Special Commissioner R. A. Bristow of the sale of the land whereof John Camp died seized and possessed & the payment of all the purchase money by the purchaser & and payment of costs of sale & suit and distribution of the balance among the parties entitled thereto. all of which was done pursuant to a decree entered in this cause at the Nov Term 1886 of this court and to which report no exceptions have been filed. and was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge order and decree that the said report be confirmed. ~~and it further appearing to the court that there is nothing further to be done in this cause the same is dismissed further ordered and decreed that the cause be removed from the docket~~

Except as to the excess over the legal fee allowed the plaintiffs' attorney. The consideration of which is reserved for a further decree in this cause

Courts:
Nansemond, Isle of Wight and
Southampton Counties,
And United States District
Court at Norfolk.

Office of

C. A. Causey,

Attorney at Law.

Suffolk, Va. Oct. 20 1886

Genl W B Shands
Jamesville Va

My dear Sir

Your favor of yesterday rec'd. as was also one on same subject some days ago. I had hoped to get out to your Court but was taken suddenly and seriously sick Sunday evening. I am very weak and suffering from the effects of medicine still. Enclosed please find a short paper which will I trust meet your views at any rate it raises the question. You will find in the Clerk's office among the papers I sent last Spring a copy of the deed referred to please file it.

I believe Mrs. Lewis name is Martha A. if so please correct it

Hoping to see you at Court

Yours very truly

C. A. Causey

My kind regards to Willie

Bryants by &c

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Campbells

Answer of infant
defendants Bryants
by guard ad litem

The answer of Walter L Bryant Arthur C Bryant, Sally F Bryant, Lillie I Bryant Eliza J Bryant, John N Bryant and Elliott Bryant sworn infants by B. F McLemore Their guardian ad litem to a bill in chancery by Simms & Camp and others vs Them

This defendant in Court for answer to the said bill or as much thereof as he is advised it is material for him to answer answering says that he knows nothing of the allegations contained in the plaintiffs bill but submits the interests of his wards to the care of this court whose guardian duty it is to protect the rights of infants and having fully answered prays hence to be dismissed with his costs &c

Signed. B. F. McLemore
Gr ad litem

Sworn to & Sub. &c

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Queen of S. Lewis
& wife

In the Circuit Court of Southampton County

In Chancery

Camp
&c
Camp & al
} Answer of S. Lewis & Mary A. his wife

To the Hon'l: George Blow Judge of said Court.

Your respondents S. Lewis and Mary A. his wife respectfully represent unto the Court and say that the said Mary A. is a daughter of the late John Camp and is now the wife of Salathiel Lewis

That she has no objection to the sale and partition of the proceeds of said land in the bill and proceedings mentioned provided the distribution be fairly and equitably made

That in order to have such fair and equitable distribution among the heirs of said John Camp, Jessie W. Camp a son and heir of deceased must elect to throw into Hotch-pot the advancements made to him by an [illegible] shortly previous to his death, as by deed duly recorded in the Clerks office of Southampton County Court it appears that for a purely voluntary consideration the said Jessie W. Camp received a large and valuable tract

of real estate a copy of said deed being herewith filed and is asked to be made a part of this answer. The said Jonnius W. Camp also received advancements of personalty.

Your respondent therefore prays that the said Jonnius W Camp may be called upon to show before receiving any further portion of the estate of the said John Camp, that he is entitled to share further in the same according to law and if it then appear that the said Jonnius W. Camp has not received an equal portion, let it be made so out of the proceeds of the residue of the estate now sought to be divided; otherwise let him surrender what has already been received and the entire property equally divided

And your respondent will ever pray &c

S+M.A. Lewis by
C.H. Cairns Atty

Camp &c

Replication &c
Issues &c Camp

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Jennie W Camp in reply to the answer of S. Lewis and wife M.A. Lewis says it is true his father John Camp did give him a tract of land in his lifetime by deed duly recorded and that he now offers to bring the same into Hotchpotch for distribution and waives his right to distribution in the residue of the estate of John Camp both real and personal having determined to hold the land given him by his father and the court can go on and distribute ~~subdivide~~ the tract of land in the bill mentioned or the proceeds of sale among the other distributees and him at law of John Camp

Jennie W Camp
by Shands & Son his
attorneys

Camp &c
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Bryants &c

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Aug 23/86

Southampton Circuit Court, May Term 1886.

Camp &c Plffs:
vs. In Chancery
Bryant &c Defts:

This day this Cause on to be heard on the Plaintiffs bill & exhibit filed therewith, answer of the Infant Defendants Walter L. Arthur E. Sally F. Lelia J. Eliza J. John N. and Elliott Bryant, by B. F. McLemore, their Guardian ad litem, and general replication thereto, & was argued by Counsel; On Consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, Order and decree, that One of the Commissioners of this Court, proceed to enquire, whether it is practicable or not to divide among the heirs of John Camp dec'd. in any of the modes prescribed by law, the tract of One hundred and Eighty three acres belonging to the Estate of John Camps dec'd. & in his report to Court State the facts upon which his Report is based, together with any other matter deemed pertinent by himself, or which he may be required by law to be stated by any party interested.

A Copy.

Test,

J. B. Prince, Clk

Camp & others
vs
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Bryants
1886. Augt. 27."

Executed Aug=
ust 16th 1886.

R. A. Burnett Dep.
for L. L. Barkuloo Sh'ff

Commissioner's Office,

Jerusalem, Va., Augt 2 1886

To J. W. Camp - Elizabeth Camp - Jno. B. Davis, & Antoinette Davis, his wife - S. Lewis & Martha A Lewis, his wife -, Walter L, Arthur C, Sallie F., Lellie J., Eliza J., John N. & Elliott Bryant - last seven, infants, by B. F. McLemore, Gdn. ad litem.

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 27 *day of* Augt *next, if fair, if not, the next fair day thereafter (Sunday excepted), to take and settle, at my office, the following accounts, to wit:*

Whether or not the tract of land of which John Camp died seized and possessed, containing 183 acres, can be divided by any of the modes prescribed by law, among the heirs of said John Camp dec'd.-

With any other matter specially stated deemed pertinent &c. &c.

required to be taken by a decree of Southampton Circuit Court, rendered at the May *term, 188*6*, in a suit in chancery depending in said Court, in which you are parties, plaintiffs and defendants; at which time and place you are required to attend.*

Given under my hand, as Commissioner in Chancery of said Court, the day and year first aforesaid.

B. F. McLemore

Commissioner.

To the Sheriff of Southampton County to execute.

Commissioner's Office,

Jerusalem, Va., Augt 2" 1886

To S. Lewis & wife & others Pltffs

"

Walter C. Bryant, & als Defts

You are hereby notified that I have fixed upon the 27 day of August next, if fair, if not, the next fair day thereafter (Sunday excepted), to take and settle, at my office, the following accounts, to wit:

Whether or not it is practicable to divide among the heirs of John Camp dec'd, by any of the modes prescribed by law, the tract of land of 183 acres, belonging to the Estate of said Camp dec'd.-

With any other matter specially stated deemed pertinent &c.-

required to be taken by a decree of Southampton Circuit Court, rendered at the May term, 1886, in a suit in chancery depending in said Court, in which you are parties, plaintiffs and defendants; at which time and place you are required to attend.

Given under my hand, as Commissioner in Chancery of said Court, the day and year first aforesaid.

D. F. McLemore

Commissioner.

To the Sheriff of Southampton County to execute.

Accept service of the notice for S. Louis
and Martha A. his wife
1866 Aug 23rd

C. H. Leeming Atty

S. Louis &
Martha A. Louis.

Camp &c.

Fr 3 Spies

Bryants

1886. Augt 27.

Executed

August 16th

1886

R. H. Barnes Dpty

For J. S. Barbance Sh'ff

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Southampton County—Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON R. A. Bristow and Collin Kitchen

to appear before B. F. McLEMORE, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Southampton county, at his office, in Jerusalem, Va., on the 27 day of Augt 1886, to testify and the truth to speak on behalf of

J. W. Camp et: als:

in a certain chancery suit in our said court depending and undetermined between

J. W. Camp et: als: Plaintiffs

and

Walter C. Bryant et: als: — — — — — Defendants

and this they shall in no wise omit under penalty of law. And have then there this writ.

Witness, B. F. McLEMORE, Commissioner of our said Court, at his said office, this 6 day of Augt 1886, in the 111th year of the Commonwealth.

Teste: B. F. McLemore

Comr

The evidence of J.W. Camp & others, taken by B.F. McLemm. & Com'r in Chancery of the Circuit Court of Southampton County, on the 27th day of Augt 1886. pursuant to a Decree of said Court entered at the May term 1886. in the Chancery cause of Camp &c. vs Bryant &c.

The witness J.W. Camp being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q: What is your age, where do you reside & do you know the parties to this suit & the tract of land in the proceedings mentioned?

A: My age is 39 years - reside in Southampton County and know the parties to the suit & the land mentioned.

Q: Can the tract of land be divided in kind among the heirs of John Camp - & if not - Why?

A: It cannot be divided to any advantage - There are four parties entitled - three of whom are adults - the other share would go to the infants - 7 in number - of Jno. N. Bryant & wife - the share of said infants would have to be subdivided in to seven equal parts - which would destroy the value thereof.

Q: Do you, or do you not, think the interest of those concerned would be promoted by

a sale of the entire tract?

A: I think it would be better to sell it - and the sooner the better - as the property is depreciating rapidly.

And further this deponent sayeth not.

Junius W. Camp

The Witness R. M. Edwards, being duly sworn deposes as follows;

Q: What is your age, where do you reside, do you know the land in the bill mentioned. And if so, state whether or not it can be divided among the parties entitled - and your reasons?

A: My age is 38 years - reside in Southampton Co. near the land mentioned - and know the land well. I do not think it can be divided so as to do justice to all parties - one party would get the buildings, another would get open land, ~~and the~~ the others would get Wood & Swamp land. only one party would get land on the public road - the other shares would be remote from the road - with no means of egress or ingress - besides it would be impossible to divide the shares allotted to the seven infants.

And further this deponent sayeth not.

Robt M. Edwards.

The Witness R. A. Bristow, being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q: What is your age, where do you live, do you know the tract of land in the proceedings mentioned, and if so, please state whether or not the land can be divided in kind among the heirs of John Camp dec'd; & if not, state your reasons?

A: I am ~~forty~~ five years of age, reside in Southampton Co. near the land - and know it very well. I do not think the land can be divided without seriously impairing the value. ~~Which ever party~~ The party who should be so fortunate as to draw the building and lot adjoining, would get all of the tract that is of any value. One share would be drawn by the infants of Jno R. Bryant dec'd. which would have to be subdivided into seven shares - which fact would render the shares of the infants worthless - I should think it would be to the interest of all parties to sell the land and divide the proceeds. The tract of land is worth about $1200.00.

R. A. Bristow.

Witness' fees.

J. W. Camp $1.46
R. M. Edwards 1.46
R. A. Bristow 1.70

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Commissioner's Office
Jerusalem Va.
Augt 27th 1886

To the Circuit Court of Southampton Co:

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Southampton County, rendered at the May Term 1886, in the Chancery suit now pending in said Court under Style of "Camp &c. v. Bryant &c.", the undersigned, one of the Commissioners of said Court, to whom was referred for settlement, by said decree, the following enquiry, to wit: Whether or not the tract of land of which John Camp died seized and possessed, containing 183 Acres, can be divided, by any of the modes prescribed by law, among the heirs at law of said Camp. Reports to Court, that on the 2nd day of Augt 1886, he issued Notices against the several parties hereto, requiring them to appear before the Commissioner, at his Office, on this 27th day of August 1886. That said Notice has been returned to your Commissioner duly Executed. That some of said parties appeared in obedience to said summons & others were represented by Counsel. That having taken the depositions of R. A. Briston & others, to be used as evidence

by the Commissioner, in making up this report. That having examined said Witnesses, the Commissioner is of opinion that it is not practicable to divide the tract of land of which John Camp died seized among the heirs of said Camp, and for the following reasons, to wit: The land would have to be divided into four shares, which would give to each share 45 3/4 Acres, one of said shares would have to be allotted to the infants of Jno. N. Bryant wife. which would have to be sub-divided into seven shares, (there being seven children) this would give each child a fraction over six Acres. These shares, being small, would be nearly worthless, That all of the adult parties desire that the land may be sold. The Commissioner therefore respectfully recommends a sale of the entire subject, believing that the interest of all parties interested, and particularly the infants, will be promoted thereby. The depositions of the Witnesses, upon which this report is based, are filed ~~along~~ herewith, and prayed to be read as a part hereof.

Respectfully Submitted.
B. F. McLemore
Comr in Chy

Comr's fee $5.00
to Plaintiff
Chy
Witness fees
R. A. Bristow $1.70
R. M. Edwards 1.46
J. W. Camp 1.46

The tract of land in the bill and proceedings mentioned, is worth about $1200.00 — No party to the suit has expressed any wish to take the entire subject matter, or any part thereof.

Respectfully Submitted
B. F. McLemore
Comr in Chancery

Camp ff. "
vs Pl. Stat: Rule,
Bryant ff. "

In Southampton Circuit Court.

J.M. Camp, Elizabeth Camp Jno B. Davis and Antoinette Davis his wife S. Lewis & Martha A. his wife. Pltffs. against Walter L. Arthur C. Sally F. Letts J. Eliza J. Jno N & Elliott Bryant Defts } In Chancery.

1886. Feby 13. Process to Mct Rules.

Mct Rules. Bill filed. B. F. McLemore assigned Gdn ad litem to infant defts. Answer of infants filed by Gdn ad litem. Gen Replication.

Apl " Cause set for hearing.

Camp
vs
Bryant

Y Costs.

Clk.	6.50
Sheff.	6.50.
Land.	16.50
Comr. B. & M.	5.00
A A Pinkham	1.70
Wm Edwards	1.46
Jr. Camp	1.46
	39.12

L B P

Camp
or
Bryants

J. M. Chancey.

This is to certify that R. A. Britton Comr in above styled suit has given bond with security approved by me. Given under my hand Nov: 25: 1886.

L. B. Pruitt C. C.

Received March 28th 1887 of R. A.
Bristow, Special Comm[illegible] Chancery
suit styled Camp vs [illegible]
of three hundred doll[illegible] in full
of the amount due me as one [illegible]
of John Camp, deceased.

Bettie Ca[illegible]

Received March 21. 1887 of R. A. Bristow Special Commissioner in the Chancery suit of Bryan &c against Camp &c the sum of three hundred dollars as payment in full of the amount due Mrs Martha A. Lewis and which she & her husband by a deed of trust duly recorded have conveyed to J. J. Dyer Trustee for the benefit of C.H. Causey.

Jno J. Dyer Trustee

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No.....

Mr. John Camp Est.

1886. To JAMES E. SEBRELL, Treasurer of Southampton County, Dr.

Subjects of Taxation.	State Tax, 30c. on $100	County Levy, 40c. on $100	School Taxes. State, 10c. on $100	School Taxes. County, 5c. on $100	School Taxes. District, 7½c. on $100	TOTAL TAX.
To 183 acres Land, value $ 764	2.30	3.05	.76	.38	.57	7.06
" Personal Property, value...$						
" Capitation Taxes						
" Income.....$						
Total						
Fee Bills						
5 per cent. additional						.36
Total						7.42

Received payment 18 *day of* April, 1887 A. J. Cobb Jr. *Treasurer.*

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Received March 21st 1887 of R. A. Bristow. Special Commission for the sale of the John Camp tract of land the sum of $8.00 - eight dollars for crying said property on two occasions.

J. W. Pillman

March 21st 1887 Received from R. A. Pinkerton commissions in the case of [redacted] the sum of Twenty five dollars in full of fee for bringing the suit and attending to the case

Wm B. Thomas & Son

Rec'd Mch 22nd 1887 of R. A. Bristow Spec'l Comr in Chancery Cause of Camp vs Bryants. Five dollars as Comrs fee for making Report in said suit. and Six 50/100 dollars, Clerks fee in said suit.

B. F. McLemore D.C.
& Comr in Chancery
Sir: Ct: Southampton Co.

Rec'd Mch 22nd 1887 of R. A. Bristow Spec'l Comr in above Style Cause. one & 46/100 dollars ~~as witness fee~~. each, as witness fee.

J. W. Camp
R. B. M. Edwards.

Recd Mch 22nd 1887 of R. A. Bristow Special Comr in the above styled cause $1.70 - one & 70/100 as witness fee

R. A. Bristow

Received March 22d. 1887 of R. A. Bristow Special Commissioner in the Chancery Suit styled Camp vs Bryants six and 50/100 dollars Sheriffs fees in said suit.

J. L. Barham
Sheriff

Received March 22d 1887 of R. A. Bristow Special Comm'r. in the Chancery Suit of Camp vs Bryants the sum of three hundred dollars as payment in full of the amount due Antonello Davis, one of the heirs of Jno. Camp, deceased.

Nettie R. Davis
John D. Davis

Received April 23d 1887 of R. A. Bristow Special Comm'r in the Chancery suit styled Camp vs Bryants the sum of three hundred dollars, as payment in full of the amounts due Walter L. Bryant, Arthur E. Bryant, Lillie J. Bryant, Eliza J. Bryant, John N. Bryant, Elliott Bryant, and Sally F. Bryant, infants, who are heirs to one share of the real estate of John Camp deceased, that is to say for each one of the aforesaid infants ($42.85 7/7) forty two dollars & eighty five & 5 one sevenths cents,

Witness —
A. L. Wilkins

John N. + Bryant
his mark
Guardian