

also open a transcript of the record of a said non-filed suit and exhibit marked W^o on the law side of this court in which the defendant J. S. Williamson well advised of Elias Ruttle another Defendant in this cause was plaintiff and Edwards brought in the suggestion of the Judge made in this cause to try the bill of the plaintiff in default to the slaves mentioned in the said record, being a part of the complainants now living in this cause and also on the petition of the said J. S. W. Williamson advised of Elias Williamson non-filed and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court is of opinion and doth declare that the complainants Simon, William, Lewis, Dick, Addison, Joe, Anthony, Peter, Knight, Martha, Judith, Charlotte & Child, Mariah and children Sabriet and three children, Sophia, Ann, Nancy, Eliza, Desdemona & two children Caroline, Alabama, Dinah, Margaret, Obidiah, Jim, Elliott & Mary are entitled to their freedom under the will of John Williamson deceased filed as an exhibit in this cause and that issue of the females above mentioned born since the date of the said will in this suit are also free under the will of the said Williamson, it is therefore adjudged, ordered and decreed that the aforesaid slaves and their issue recover their freedom and that the Defendant Edwards Ruttle Executor of John Williamson cause to be delivered to the several persons designated by name and herein declared to be a copy of the register of their freedom to be procured from the County Court of Southampton the expenses thereof to be paid out of the heirs of the said parties. an account of which heirs that have accrued since the death of John W. Williamson, one of the Commissioners of this Court is hereby required to audit and state, also an account of the transactions of Edwards Ruttle Executor of John Williamson dead, and report said accounts to Court with any matters especially stated deemed pertinent by himself or which may be required to be so stated by either of the parties. And it appearing to the Court that Charlotte, Mariah, Sabriet and Desdemona herein declared to be free have children who in the opinion of this Court are also entitled to their freedom and would now be declared free if their names were ascertained it is further ordered that a Commissioner of this Court ascertain and report to this Court the names of said children and also the names of the issue of the females born since the date of the said will in this suit.

James W. Dicks
against

Gregory W. Dicks, Mark F. Dicks, W^o W. Wood, John M. Gulley, A. S. D. Minnett, W^o H. C. Minnett, David S. McAllen & James Johnson Dicks.

The bill of the complainants having been taken for confessed at the rules as to the defendants, Geo. W. Dicks, Geo. W. Gulley, A. S. D. Minnett, W. H. C. Minnett and James Johnson and it appearing that the cause per-
sented by law had been presented towards the absent defendant W. S. Dicks.
David S. McAllen and all the defendants still living
W^o W. Wood and David S. McAllen and all the defendants still living
to appear and answer the bill, the cause came on to be heard on the bill of the complainants and exhibits therewith filed and was argued by Counsel.
On consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree.

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