

Nancy B. Smith widow & relict of Thomas P. Smith decd.

against

William A. Jones administrator of Thomas P. Smith decd. Martha N. Rebecca, Mary, Thomas B. and Richard Smith, children and heirs of said decd. by said William A. Jones their guardian ad litem by the Court here appointed to protect their interest in this behalf.

This case was this day docketed by consent of parties, with the assent of the Court and came on to be heard on the bill, answer and argument of counsel, on consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that John A. Person, Robert E. Musgroves and Peter Edwards do allot to the plaintiff Nancy B. Smith as widow of Thomas P. Smith decd. one third in value of the negro slaves of the decd's estate for her use during her life as her dower thereof and that they allot to the five defendant without division the other two thirds thereof, and that they report their proceedings in the premises to the Court in order as a final decree.

The last Will and Testament of Thomas Barnes decd. was proved by the oath of James D. Bryant and Susan Glover the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of said Barnes the only executor therein named who made oath and together with Britton Bryant, Robert S. Barnes and James D. Bryant his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of six thousand dollars conditioned as the Law directs, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of the said Will in due form.

Ordered that Bennett H. Miffles, William M. Butler, Dardens Bryant & Bennett Parrot or any three of them, being first sworn before a Justice of the Peace for that purpose, do appraise all the personal estate of Thomas Barnes decd. and return the appraisement under their hands to this Court.

The Commissioners heretofore appointed to view the way proposed for a public Road from some point of the Road leading from Jerusalem to Smithfield, to a point on the Colham Road, the day made their report which is ordered to be recorded, & is as follows, "The undersigned appointed by the Honorable Court of Southampton, to examine the state of the Road made by a previous order of the said Court, commencing at a point on the main Road leading from Jerusalem to Smithfield, near Millsfield Academy and terminating at a point on the Colham Road nearly equi-distant between the residences of Lewis A. Branch & John Kitchen Esqrs., which road, by contract was undertaken and opened by Lewis A. Branch, hereby Report That having duly examined the condition of the Road, they are of opinion that the work is satisfactorily executed; and respectfully recommend that the Court receive the same. Saml. M. Pond. Wm. B. Bowges. Southampton December 19th 1836."

Ordered that the Sheriff pay to Lewis A. Branch the sum of three hundred & forty one dollars and twenty five cents, the amount laid at June Court last for opening a new Road from the main Road leading from Jerusalem to Smithfield to some point on the Colham Road.

The last Will and Testament of Richard Mason decd. was proved by the oath of Jesse Drury and James O. Lewis the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of Nathaniel J. Williams one of the Executors therein named, who made oath and together with John O. Mason and Nicholas Edwards, his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of fifty thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of the said Will in due form. Liberty is reserved the other executor to join in the probat at a future day.

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Ordered that James Jackson, or any three of them, being first sworn, do appraise all the personal estate of Thomas Williams in due form.

On motion of George A. B. Parker, his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of six thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of the said Will in due form.

Ordered that Samuel Parker, or any three of them, being first sworn, do appraise all the personal estate of Thomas Williams in due form.

The last Will and Testament of John A. B. Parker decd. was proved by the oath of James D. Bryant and Susan Glover the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the motion of said Parker the only executor therein named who made oath and together with Britton Bryant, Robert S. Barnes and James D. Bryant his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of six thousand dollars conditioned as the Law directs, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of the said Will in due form.

Ordered that Richard A. B. Parker, or any three of them, being first sworn, do appraise all the personal estate of George A. B. Parker decd. and return the appraisement under their hands to this Court.

Gray Parker having obtained a writ of Habere Corpus ad Vincula against his Tenant, for twenty five acres of land, and the Sheriff having taken possession of the same, and the said James A. B. Parker being solemnly called but not appearing, the Court doth order that the said land be sold at public auction the proceeds to be paid to the said Gray Parker, or his assigns, or which may be due to him, and the surplus of any be to the said James A. B. Parker.

Ordered that Matthew J. Parker, or any three of them, being first sworn, do appraise all the personal estate of George A. B. Parker decd. and return the appraisement under their hands to this Court.

On motion of James M. Parker, his securities entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of six thousand dollars conditioned as the law directs, Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probat of the said Will in due form.

Ordered that Matthew J. Parker, or any three of them, being first sworn, do appraise all the personal estate of George A. B. Parker decd. and return the appraisement under their hands to this Court.