

one cent. of the law be for the defendant we find for the defendant." And the motion law arising upon the said Special verdict being argued it seems to the Court that the law is for the plaintiff. Therefore it is considered by the Court that the plaintiff recover their freedom, and also that they recover against the Defendant their damages assessed as aforesaid and their costs by them about their suit in this behalf expended, including the sum of Two hundred and seven dollars and sixty cents allowed the attorney for the plaintiff and clothing of the plaintiff during the pendency of this suit. And the said defendant may be taken off. Memo. On the trial of this cause the Defendant by his Counsel asked to an opinion of the Court given against him and tendered his bill of exceptions which was received, signed and sealed by the Court and ordered to be made a part of the record in the cause.

Arminius Amundin, Maria Louisa, Eliza Ann, Hannah Ann and
John Tom infants suing by their next friend James P French
against
Nicholas Edmunds

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This day came the parties by their attorneys and thereupon came a jury consisting of W. Washburn, Charles Washburn, John S. Drake, John A. Turner, James P. French, William W. Williams, Selby Cobb, Thomas A. Story, Joseph S. Council, Elizabeth Davis, Frederick Jordan, and Joseph Drury who being elected tried and sworn the said speaks upon the facts found upon their oath returned a special verdict in their own words.

We the jury find that Barber Edmunds in his lifetime and at the time of his death was and prospective of a negro woman Hannah the mother of the plaintiffs, and also found that and that by his will dated 27th of October 1828 and admitted to record in the Court of Probate in the County of Northampton, a last will and testament of said Edmunds at that time living and also in the County Court of Northampton W. afterwards, he bequeathed Edmunds money, land and three children as appears by the will. Now the name of God, Amen. I, Nicholas Edmunds, being weak in body but in my sound and disposing mind and knowing what I do, do hereby make and ordain this my last will and Testament. First I recommend my soul into the hands of All merciful Creator and my body to be decently interred, as to my worldly I do will and bequeath it in the manner following To wit. Item I give and bequeath to my wife which my woman Hannah had rendered me it is my will and desire that she have three children be set free. Item I do will and bequeath to the said woman Hannah, one acre of land the line commencing at the lower corner of my yard and to the well and directly to a branch, thence up the branch a sufficient distance that the said line be parallel to the first line run. It is my desire a good framed house, sixteen feet by sixteen feet built upon said land having two good floors a brick chimney and a good garden, windows or such site as Hannah shall designate. I also desire that she have a cow, a pig and a flock of sheep and a good well sunk in the yard at the expense of my estate. Item I do will and bequeath to the above mentioned Hannah a sum of money another acre of land to her and her heirs forever also her one share of the profits of Corn and pork in addition to the above bequeathed I give and bequeath to said Hannah fifty dollars annually to be paid out of my estate. Lastly I bequeath to Hannah and her three children Richard, Mary Jane, and Margaret, two