

1775-001

Sole of Wight County

Chancery Causes: Prissilla Whitfield, by & c vs Samuel Whitfield, by & c & al

other SURNAMES: DRIVER,
LAWRENCE

To the Worshippfull his Majesties Justices
of the Peace for the County of Isle of Wight sitting in
Court at Havering & Humbly Complaining shew unto
your Worships your Oratrix Driscilla Whitfield by
Joseph Lawrence her Guardian & next Friend
that one George Whitfield your Oratrix's Father departed
this Life aised and possessed of a considerable Real
& Personal Estate more than sufficient for the
Payment of his Just Debts & Legacies having first
made his last Will & Testament wherein among
other devices is the following to wit. "I lend the
Use of all my other Negroes unmentioned or unwilled
away to my loving Wife as a support in raising
and bringing up my young Children during
her natural Life, after her Death to be equally
Divided" Your Oratrix further sheweth that the
said Will hath been duly proved & Recorded in
the County Court of Portsmouth & that the Widow
and Relict of the said George Whitfield is also
Dead and that there remains the following Negroes
to wit, John, Jude, Mary, Roger, Sam, Sam, Mason, Judy, Gay, &
Leop. & the said Will is to be divided under the Will
aforesaid between your Oratrix and the other
Children of the aforesaid George Whitfield to wit
Samuel Whitfield, Polly Whitfield & Jermina Whitfield
Your Oratrix further sheweth unto your Worships
that she hath often applied herself to the said
Samuel Whitfield, Polly Whitfield & Jermina Whitfield
in whom your Oratrix's Debts may be made Defts to this
her Will of Complaining and requested them in a
friendly manner to make partition in the Slaves
aforesaid as in all Justice they ought to do
But now as it is May be I leave your Worships that
the said Samuel Whitfield, Polly Whitfield and
Jermina Whitfield altogether refuse to comply
with such your Oratrix's reasonable Request
pretending that they being Infants can do
nothing in the Premises without the Leave of
his Worshippfull Court In tender Consideration
thereof & to the end therefore that the said Defts
may by their Guardian to be by this Court appointed
full true & perfect answer make to all and
singular the allegations of this Bill as fully &
particularly as if herein again repeated & Interrogat-
ed More especially that they may set forth and
discover Whether the aforesaid George Whitfield

not depart this Life having first made such
Will as before set forth, Whether the Widow of
the said decedent is not since Dead & Whether
the aforeaid Slaves are not now remaining to
be divided under the Will aforeaid, Whether
your Oratrix & the said Defs are not ^{equally} intitled
to such division ~~and this is the case~~ And that
the said Samuel Whitfield, Dolly Whitfield and
Jemima Whitfield may be compelled by a Decree
of this Worshipfull Court to make Partition and
Division of the said Slaves by some fit and
proper Persons to be by this Court in that
behalf appointed and that such Division
be made perpetual & binding between your
Oratrix & the said Defs & that your Oratrix
may have such other & further Relief as to
your Worship shall seem agreeable to Equity
and a good Conscience. May it Please Yr

John Day for Compt

The Answer of Samuel Whitfield, Dolly
Whitfield & Jemima Whitfield Infants under
the Age of twenty one years by John Driver
their Guardian to the Bill of Complaint of
Brissilla Whitfield Compt

These Defs having & claiming to them-
selves all manner of Advantage & benefit of
exemption to the Compt's said Bill of Complaint for
Answer thereto they Answering by their said Guardian
saith that true it is that George Whitfield departed
this Life having first made such Will & Devise as by
the Compt's in her Bill set forth, that the Widow
of the said Whitfield is dead leaving the Slaves
mentioned in the said Bill which ought to be
divided between the Compt & these Defs according
to the intent of the aforeaid Testator, but these
Def's being Infants can do nothing in the Premises
without the Decree of this Court. These Defs further
say they are willing such Decree should be made
as shall be agreeable to equity saving to themselves
all right because of their Infancy & pray to be hence
dismissed &c.

John Driver

George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and
Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. To the Sheriff of ~~the~~ of Wight County
Greeting We command you that you Summon Samuel Whitfield,
Polly Whitfield & Semina Whitfield Infants & Legators of George
Whitfield dec'd to appear before our Justices of our said County Court
in Chancery at the Court House of the said County on the first Thursday
in April next then & there to Answer a Bill in Chancery exhibited
against them by Priscilla Whitfield an Infant under the Age of
twenty one years by Joseph Lawrence her Guardian and have then
there this Writ Witness Nathaniel Burwell Clerk of our said County
Court at the Court House the ~~second~~ day of ~~April~~ 1775. in the
fifteen year of our Reign

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In Obedience to a Court held for Isle of Wight County
 By Virtue of a Decree Baring date 2. of march 1775
 We the subscribers appointed have meet at the mansion house
 of George Whitfield D.^c. and Divided the negro Slaves
 amongst the Orphan children in manner as followeth

Samuell Whitfield's part in Negroes	Rose & Child at —	£ 55.. 0:0
	Old Joe a ———	37:10:0
	Rather c ———	25:0:0
	Samuell to pay to Jemima —	117..10:0
		10:12:6
		<u>106..17..6</u>

Jemima Whitfield's part in Negroes	Great Nann & Child —	70.. 0.. 0
	Peter ———	25.. 0.. 0
	To Rec ^d . from Samuell —	95.. 0.. 0
		10:12:6
	To Rec ^d . from Priscilla —	1:5:0
		<u>106..17..6</u>

Polly Whitfield's part in Negroes	Little Nan & Child	65:0:0
	Old Judia ———	15:0:0
	Little Judia ———	25:0:0
		<u>105..0..0</u>
	To Receive from Priscilla —	1:17:6
		<u>106..17..6</u>

Priscilla Whitfield's part in Negroes	Mason & Child —	60.. 0:0
	Granney Nan —	30.. 0:0
	Boy Harry —	20:0:0
		<u>110:0..0</u>
	To pay to Jemima ———	1.. 5.. 0
	To pay to Polly ———	108..15..0
		1.. 17.. 6
		<u>106..17..6</u>

In Witness we have hereunto set our hands
 this 6th Day of July 1775

Brewer Godwin
 Tristram Norworthy
 Henry Pitt