

1805-030

Chancery Cause'. Fanny Chapman & al, by & c. vs William Chapman's exor
Isle of Wight County

other SURNAMES. HARRISS
whitley

To the Worshipful the Court of Affopwight Court
in Chancery sitting,

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your worship your
and oratrix's Harry Chapman, Samuel Chapman
Robert Chapman & Peggy Chapman. Orphin Children
of William Chapman Deceased by Benwell Horriess
next friend, that William Chapman the father of
your Complainants by his deed of gift bearing date
the day of and duly recorded in the Court
did give unto your complainants and their sister Polly Chap-
man the following slaves, to wit, Tarmancy, Fabe, Amey
Silvey Humphrey Cherry, Rachel, Edmond Elley Miller &
all their future increase. That the said Polly Chap-
man one of the donees died intestate without issue
a minor in the lifetime of her father ~~the donor~~
by reason whereof the interest which she had or might
have had in the said slaves reverted in the said Wm.

Chapman the donor. That the said William
Chapman the donor by his last will and testament
bearing date on the 21st day of Decem^r 1804;
bequeathed unto his son ~~and~~ ^{an} Robert Chapman
one of your Complainants a negro female slave
^{which said slave is referred to as a part of the said}
~~which said negro female slave~~
~~one of the negroes~~ ~~and~~ ~~unto your Complain-~~
~~ants and the said Polly Chapman the~~
~~by the said deed of gift. that in consequence~~
~~of the said William Chapman's bequest~~
~~descended of the said negroes and their future~~
~~increase to your complainants and their said~~
~~Polly Chapman. As of course could not~~
~~have it in his power to devise to the~~
~~said Robert Chapman, more than one~~
~~fifth part of said slave Lewis which part~~
~~vested in him by reason of the death of Polly Chapman~~

That the said William Chapman appointed Daniel
Whitley Executor to his said last will and
Testament who is in possession of the said slaves
and holds them from your complainants;
wherefore they pray that the said Executor
Daniel Whitley be made defendant and
respondent to this bill and true and answers
make to all and singular the allegations there
in contained and state, if all the said allegations
contained therein are not true; that Commissioners
may be appointed to divide the said slaves into
^{five} equal parts; ~~summing ^{fifteenth} part of the said slaves to Robert Chap-~~
~~man, as the interest which the said Testator in~~
~~in the said slaves Lewis; that one ^{fifteenth} part~~
be allotted to your complainant Fanny Chapman
one ^{fifteenth} part to your complainant Samuel
Chapman, one ^{fifteenth} part to your complainant
^{and} Robert Chapman and one ^{fifteenth} part
to your complainant Peggy Chapman
~~and that the remaining ^{fifteenth} be equally divided among your four~~
~~complainants except the said ^{fifteenth} be divided to your complainant~~
~~Robert Chapman, that the said ^{fifteenth} be divided to your complainant~~
~~having regard to the specific legacy devised to Robert~~
~~Chapman, that the said ^{fifteenth} be divided to your complainant~~
~~the said Commissioners to divide the said slaves among~~
~~your complainants according to their said intent, they may have~~
~~reasons, that the said slaves ^{fifteenth} be divided to your complainant~~
~~those ^{fifteenth} be divided to your complainant~~
~~and take ^{fifteenth} be divided to your complainant~~
~~the money arising from such ^{fifteenth} be divided to your complainant~~
accordingly. And that your worship may grant
unto your complainants such other and further
relief which may towards ~~the~~ worship become

proper and equitable
may it please the Court

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~~The answer of Daniel Whitley~~

The answer of Daniel Whitley Executor of
the last will and testament of William
Chapman deceased to a bill exhibited against
him by Fanny Chapman Samuel Chapman
Robert Chapman and Peggy Chapman
by Barwell Harpiss their next friends
This defendant admits the truth of all the
allegations in the said Bill exhibited,
consents that a division may take place accord-
ing to the prayer of the Complainant
and prays to be dismissed &c

Daniel Whitley

Chapman Feb. 1805
Bill & ans.
Whitely exor. Chapman
Jan 4 1805
Antislavery decree
June 1805
Rep. int. & decreed accordingly

Chapman
Whitely { bill
in
Chas

Major (orphan) Joseph Moody & James Lilly James Carey

Agreeable to a decree of the worshipfull court of Chofewright
Barrow late Jan^y court 1705 which is hereunto annexed like
the subscription has conformity to Said Decree has made
an Equal Division of the Slaves mentioned in Said Decree
in manner and form as following, to Wit, Samuel
Blackall to Fanny Chapman, Amey or Wiley, to Robert
Chapman Selvey or Murphy to Samuel Chapman —
Tobey or Edmond to Pege Chapman, Samuel Chapman
~~Chapman~~ paying to Fanny Chapman the sum of
sixteen pounds five shillings to Pege Chapman
one pound five shillings to Robert Chapman twenty
one pounds five shillings given under our hands
this 10th day of July one thousand eight hundred
& five

James Wells
Joseph Moody
James T. Co. J.
mark

Isle of Wight County to wit,

January Court 1805

Fanny Chapman, Samuel Chapman, Robert
Chapman, and Peggy Chapman, Defendants
vs
Estate of William Chapman Senr decd.

against

Daniel Whitley executor of William Chapman decd. Deft.

By consent of the parties by their Attorney, this day the
Bill and Answer was filed, and heard thereon; whereupon it is decreed
and ordered, that Francis Boykin Senr, Joseph Moody, James Mills and
James Lacey, or any three of them, make division of the following slaves
to wit, Harman, Tobe, Anney, Selby, Humphrey, Cherry, Rachel, Edmond,
Elley, and Willey, - in the following manner (to wit) - First to lay them
off in five equal parts - and allot one fifth part to Fanny Chapman,
one fifth part to Samuel Chapman, - one fifth part to Robert Chapman,
and one fifth part to Peggy Chapman, - and that they make equal
division of the remaining one fifth to each of the Complainants - having
regard to the Specific Legacy devised to Robert Chapman - and make
report thereof to the Court in order to a final Decree.

A Copy Teste B. Lightfoot. D. C.

Chapman S. R.

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St. George's, N. Y.

3-10-62

Whitney

June 1865

U. S. & derived accordingly