

1815-025 Chancery Causes: Edward Ward Webb & al vs Nancy Ward Webb; by & L William Ward,
Isle of Wight County adms of Ann Webb

Hebb d.

no.

Ward d.



Bill Law.

6th Feb. 1815 bill Law.
filed & sent to court

Method of
Bill Law

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Feb. Court 1815.

The answer of Mr. Ward adrs. of Ann Webb and Nancy
Ward Webb of tender years by Mr. Ward her next friend
to the Bill of complaint exhibited against them in
the County Court of the City of Wight by Edward Ward
Lucy Ward Webb & Polly and Lucy Ward Webb -

These respondents acknowledge the allegations set forth in
the Bill to be correct and willingly submit to any order
or decree the Court may pronounce in the premises,
They pray

Webb & adrs.
" " " " " "
Webb & 3 - Chy

By consent of parties & the order of the Court
this cause came on to be heard upon the Bill & answers were filed
whereupon it is decreed, ordered & adjudged that Thos. Wilson
Robt. T. Talpham, John B. Backhouse & Bingham B. Bowers in
any 3 or having adventures the same at some Publick place
at the County of the City of Wight for ten days, proceed to sell to the highest
bidder for Cash or on such credit as they may deem advantageous to the parties
the said negro David & Lucy & the children. and the proceeds arising therefrom divide equally between the plaintiff & the
defendant Nancy W. Webb - and if sold for credit they are directed to take
bonds with approved security payable to the plaintiff - in their proper proportion
to make up the thing to the Court in order to a final decree

To the Worshipful Court of Chancery of the County of Middlesex
in Chancery sitting; humbly complaining; sheweth to the
Court your orator Edward Ward Will, and your orator ^{Virginia}
Lucy Polly Ward Will of full age and Polly and ~~my~~
said Will infants suing by William Ward their
next friend, that their mother a certain Anne Will
did on or about the day of - A.D. 18 - ~~her~~
last made and published her last will testament
a copy of which is hereto annexed and prayed to be
taken as a part of this Bill & to which reference is also
prayed to be had, by which she bequeathed to your orator
and orators the following negro slaves to wit Lucy and
Daisy - That in the said will
was omitted to be mentioned a certain Nancy Ward Will
who is also the daughter of the said Anne Will
full sister to your orator & orators, and under these
considerations your complainants are advised that to an
equal part of the said slaves mentioned in the said
last will testament and of which the said Anne Will
did possess the said Nancy Ward Will is entitled
together with an equal proportion of the increase thereof
but they are advised that such distribution cannot properly
be made without the interference of this Worshipful Court
in as much as your orator and orators are advised
in consequence of the minority of some of the parties, except
by the intervention of this Court of Chancery is which matters
of this nature are properly cognizable. They beg also to state
that they are possessed of no other property and that the said
slaves cannot be divided between them without a sale
thereof - ~~They~~ ^{they} ~~with~~ ^{of} them not being able to ^{pay to}

another the difference is the value of different lots if a
division in kind was attempted to be made. To the end
therefore they pray that your honour will decree that
the said slaves together with their increase be exposed to
sale at the highest bidder for Cash or on such ~~terms~~ ^{terms} as the
Commissioners may deem ^{most} advantageous to the
said ~~lot~~ and that the proceeds thereof be divided equally
between your complainants and the said Henry
Ward Webb who by her next friend friend is prayed
to be made a defendant to this Bill. also that
William Ward the administrator of the said Anne
Webb be also made a defendant to this Bill of
Complaint, and that they be compelled full, true
perfect answer to make to all and singularly
allegations of aforesaid as fully as they could do if
of record present & they desire particularly interrogatory
to the end therefore they pray that your honour will
appoint fit persons to carry into effect the said decree
excepted for or make any other order for their relief which
may seem equitable and consistent with justice -
they are duty bound they pray &c.

his
Wm Ward
mark
Edward Ward

None for
Grand

Let a Decree of the Court for the sale of the following negroes
Lucy, Mary, Randall - between Edward, Lucy & Abby
Lucy and Mary who were not in the will - Randall with -