

1817-025

Chancery Causes: Richard Bedgood v ~~W~~ al vs Ralph West's admr

Isle of Wight County

other surnames: Young,
King, Bidgood

To the worshipful court of Isle of Wight county sitting
in chancery humbly complaining, shew unto the court
your orators and oratrices Rich^d. Redgood and Hannah
his wife, Hathaniel Young and Sally his wife, Robert
West and Margaret West ^{by the 2^d Hathaniel Young their next friends} infants of Ralph West dec^d
That Ralph West their ancestor departed this life on
the 10th day of June A.D. 1899 seized and possessed of
a considerable estate both real and personal, lying
in this county and within the jurisdiction of this court,
leaving the aforesaid Robert West and your ~~or~~ female
compt^{ts} his children and heirs. That a distribution
of the said estate according to law would be mutually
beneficial to all the parties concerned as aforesaid
but that the same can not be effected without the
interference of this court on account of the infancy
of two of yr. compt^{ts}

In tender consideration whereof, and
for as much as your compt^{ts} are remediless at
law, they solicit the aid of yr. worship^{ts} -

To the end therefore, they pray that
Thomas King the administrator of the aforesaid Ralph West may
be made Defendant to this bill of complaint, and that
he may well and truly set forth if Ralph West did
not die leaving such an estate as is before described,
~~and~~ if the Compt^{ts} are not the only persons entitled to the
said estate, and if he is not the administrator of the
said Ralph West - They lastly pray that your
worship^{ts} will decree that an equal distribution be made
of the said estate among them, or that you will
make such other order or decree in the premises as
shall or may be consistent with equity and justice
Where it pleases the court
R. W. Young

The answer of Thomas King to the bill of complaint exhibited against him in the wonderful court of Jule of Wight by Nathaniel Young and Sally his wife, Richard Redgood and Hannah his wife, and Robert West and Margaret West infants of Ralph West dec'd by Nathaniel Young their next friend -

He admits that Ralph West did depart this life intestate about the period mentioned in the bill of the complaint seized and possessed of such an estate as is therein set forth and described. He likewise admits that the complaint are the only persons entitled to the said estate, and that a decision thereof (although necessary) cannot be legally effected without the intervention of this court, on account of the infancy of the complaint Robert R. West and Margaret West - Being willing that a legal decision of the said estate should take place, he prays that your worshipps will not only decree that the estate be equally divided among the complaint but also that fit and proper persons may be appointed for carrying the same into effect - He lastly prays to be hence dismissed with his reasonable costs in this behalf expended -

West's heirs
vs {Bile &
his admors Annas.

Statement of the Valuation and division of the slaves belonging to the Estate of Ralph West
 decd: as follows to wit,

Lott N^o 1.

Isaac a Negroe Man value to	£	100	0	0
Richard, (China's son) s ^o		45	0	0
Sarah (Mourning's child) s ^o		25	0	0
Joseph (Isaac's child) s ^o		50	0	0
Eddy & three youngest Children s ^o		140	0	0
and to receive from Lott N ^o 3		5	0	0
	£	375	0	0

Lott N^o 2.

Harculus value to	£	90	0	0
Peter s ^o s ^o		90	0	0
China & young child s ^o s ^o		90	0	0
Jacob (Mourning's child) s ^o s ^o		60	0	0
Jenny s ^o s ^o s ^o s ^o		35	0	0
to receive from Lott N ^o 4		10	0	0
	£	375	0	0

Lott N^o 3.

Jim value to	£	100	0	0
Edmore (Eddy's child) s ^o		40	0	0
Tony (Mourning's s ^o) s ^o		30	0	0
Old Dinah & young Dinah s ^o s ^o		50	0	0
Christian & her two Children s ^o		130	0	0
	£	380	0	0
to pay Lott N ^o 1		55	0	0
	£	375	0	0

Lott N^o 4.

Robin value to	£	100	0	0
Willis s ^o s ^o		185	0	0
Tom s ^o s ^o		75	0	0
Aggy s ^o s ^o		70	0	0
Mourning & youngest child s ^o s ^o		55	0	0
	£	385	0	0
to pay Lott N ^o 2		10	0	0
	£	375	0	0

Pursuant to the annual decree of Isle of Wight County Court to us directed, we the Subscribers have proceeded to value and lay off in Lotts as above stated, all the Negroes belonging to the Estate of Ralph West deceased and have assigned to Robert West Lott number one containing Eight Negroes as above amounting to Three hundred & seventy five pounds, and to receive from Lott number three five pounds, both amounting to three hundred & seventy five pounds being his proportion of the Negroes agreeable to the valuation. And to Margaret H. West we have assigned Lott Number two containing six Negroes value to Three hundred and sixty five pounds, and to receive from Lott number four Ten pounds both amounting to Three hundred and seventy five pounds, as above stated, and to Nathaniel Young and Sally his wife we have assigned Lott number three containing Eight Negroes amounting to Three hundred and eighty pounds, but to pay to Robert West owner of Lott number one five pounds which leaves the said Young Three hundred & seventy five pounds, his proportion as before mentioned, and to Richard Bidgood & Hannah his wife we have assigned Lott number four containing six Negroes value to Three hundred and eighty five pounds, but to pay to Margaret H. West owner of Lott number two, Ten pounds which leaves the said Bidgood Three hundred and seventy five pounds being his proportion agreeable to the valuation as above — given under our hands this 28th day of December 1807.

Joseph Gray
 James Southall
 Thos Pardie

West's Ruins
no. 3 Rept.
Bridgport N.Y.
January 7th 1805
at the office of the
at the office of the

Statement of the valuation of the lands and mill belonging to the estate
Ralph West and heirs

dott No 1		dott No 2	
The mill	\$3000. --	The land known by the name of Gibbs 155 acres	\$697. 50
But to pay to dott No 2 - 304	1619. 87	to receive from dott No 1	684. 37
	<u>\$1381. 87</u>		<u>\$1381. 87</u>

dott No 3		dott No 4	
The old plantation 102 acres	\$910. --	The old Town plantation 92 3/4 acres	\$920. --
to receive from No 1	471. 87	to receive from No 1	401. 07
	<u>\$1381. 87</u>		<u>\$1381. 87</u>

Pursuant to a decree of the Court of St. Louis, which is hereto annexed we the undersigned have proceed to value and divide the lands and mill of which Ralph West died, seized and possessed, as above stated, and agreeable to the surveyor's plats of the said lands, which is also hereto annexed and have allotted the mill to Robert West of the value of three thousand dollars but to pay to dott No 2 - 304 sixteen hundred & nineteen dollars & eighty seven cents which taken from the said three thousand dollars leaves a balance of thirteen hundred & eighty one dollar & eighty seven cents which is his proportion of this said lands & mill - We have assigned dott No 2 to the land called Gibbs containing one hundred & fifty five acres valued at six hundred & ninety seven dollars & fifty cents and to receive from dott No 1 six hundred & eighty four dollars & thirty seven cents which added together makes thirteen hundred & eighty one dollar & eighty seven cents to Margaret King West which is her proportion of said lands & mill - We have assigned to Nathaniel Young & Sally his wife dott No 3 to wit the old manner plantation containing one hundred & eighty two acres valued to nine hundred & ten dollars and to receive from No one four hundred & seventy one dollar & eighty seven cents which added together makes thirteen hundred & eighty one dollar & eighty seven cents which is his proportion of said lands & mill - and we have assigned to Richard Biddess in right of his wife Hannah dott No 4 to wit the old Town plantation containing ninety two & three fourths acres valued at nine hundred & twenty dollars & to receive from dott No 1 four hundred & sixty one dollar & eighty seven cents which added together makes thirteen hundred & eighty one dollar & eighty seven cents which is his proportion of said lands & mill - Given under our hands this 1st day of Feb. 1805 -

J. P. Southall
Thomas Burdick

Nathl. Wills -

Isle of Wight County, to wit,

November Court 1882

Richard Bidgood and Hannah his wife

Nathaniel Young and Sally his wife

Robert West & Margaret West Infants

by Nathaniel Young their next friend

against

Thomas King Administrator of Ralph West Deft.

Complts

In Chancery

By consent of the parties by their Attorney, This day the bill and Answer was filed and heard thereon, whereupon It is ordered that Nathaniel Wills, Josiah Lippay, Edmond Godwin ^{Ex. Capric} and James B. South all or any three of them ^{make equal} division of the real & personal Estate of which Ralph West died seized and possessed, and assign one fourth to Nathaniel Young and Sally his wife, - one fourth to Richard Bidgood and Hannah his wife, - one fourth to Robert West, and the residue to Margaret West, to the two last of whom the said Nathaniel Young is appointed Guardian for the purpose, - and make report thereof to the Court in order to a final Decree —

Attest

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