

1818-004

Chancery Cause. Reinald K. Chapman, by v c vs Nancy Chapman, by v c

Dale of Wight County

Other SURNAMES: King,
Messer, Pruden

To the worshipful Court of All of Wight County
In Chancery sitting humbly complaining sheweth unto your
Worships, your Orator John King guardian and next friend to
Minah K. Chapman that by the last will and Testament of
Richard Chapman, which is hereto annexed & referred to be
considered a part of this Bill, is devised to his loving wife
Polly Chapman a number of negro slaves, among whom are
old Holland and her increase, named, Anna and Lamb —
Young Holland, & her increase, to wit, Ginny & Dolphin —
old Moses; that the said Polly Chapman departed this life
some short time since, having first intermarried with a
certain Joseph Meper of this County, leaving your orator
and Nancy Chapman ~~her heirs at law~~ ^{to the s. slaves} entitled under the
said last Will & Testament of the said Richard Chapman
share and share alike; that applications have been made
to have the said negro slaves divided, but by reason of
the rigid rules of the common Law, the same, your
Orator is advised, could not be done except by & thro' the
interposition of a court of equity — To the end, therefore, that
that usually to the wishes of the parties interested, your
Orator prays that the said Nancy Chapman may be made
Defendant to this Bill of Complaint; & that she may, fully
& unreservedly answer the same, as if she were now especially
interrogated — that she may set forth & discover & de-
clare, whether the facts here stated, are not substantially
correct: & moreover whether she, the said Nancy Chapman,

will consent that the said slaves shall be divided between
your order ~~to the~~ said Nancy Chapman, by fit and proper
persons appointed as Commissioners under an order or decree
of this court - & your order further prays that such
further or other order or decree may be made in the premises
as may be consistent with equity and the rights of the
respective parties - that your worship will grant the
Commonwealth out of subpoena commanding &c as in duty
bound he with you pray &c -

The answer of Nancy Chapman by Nathaniel
Purdie her guardian next filed to the Bill of Complaint
or petition against her in the county court of Isle of Wight.

This respondent saving & reserving to herself
all benefit & advantage of exception to the many errors
& false allegations in the said Bill contained, for answer
thereof, or unto as much thereof as is proper she should
make answer to, saith that she admits the allegations
in the said Bill contained, to be true & that she
is willing the court should direct the division of the
slaves in the Bill mentioned, between your respondent &
the said Hannah K. Chapman: she denies all fraud &c
& prays to be hence discharged with her costs in this

behalf most wrongfully sustained. &c -

Nathaniel Purdie

Chapman p friend

Chapman p Guardian

In Chancery

This cause this day was docketed, &
came on to be heard upon the Bill & answer, by consent of
parties and agent of the court whereupon the court with
order adjudge & decree that Anthony Pam Jones, Fletcher
& John Valine any two of them, do equally divide
the slaves in the Bill mentioned, & allot one equal part
thereof to the guardian of Hannah K. Chapman, and the
remaining equal share to the guardian of Nancy
Chapman nephews of Richard Chapman & make report
thereof to this court in order to a final decree

Chapman by King Jan^r
 or - 3 Bile &
 Chapman by Person
 Anthony Paine } 3 or 4
 James Fletcher } 2 or 3
 John Valin
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Isle of Wight County Court

We the undersigners in compliance to a Decree of
S^d County December Court 1815 did meet and appraise the
Following Negroes to wit Old Moses \$200 old Holland \$200
Ora \$200 Sam \$50 young Holland \$300 Jinna \$100 Redach \$40
Henry \$150 Making an Aggregate of \$1240 we have also pre-
=ded to allot the S^d negroes as Directed by the Said decree
and have allotted to No 1 Old Moses Old Holland Ora
& Samb — And we do allot to No 2 young Holland
Henry Jinna & Redach — and we have laid off and
Set apart lot No 1 To John King Guar to Kinah R. C
=chapman and lot No 2 to Nathaniel Spruden Guar to
Nancy Chapman Orphans of Richard Chapman
decd. and we do order that lot No 1 pay to lot No 2
\$30 which is the difference in Valuation Given From
under our hands this 27th Day of December 1815

James Fletcher

John Vellines

Isle of Wight County Court

December Court 1815

John King, Guardian and master to
Kinah R. Chapman

Complainant

against

Nancy Chapman

Defendant

Nancy Chapman

Defendant

By consent of parties, and with the assent of the Court
this cause was this day docketed and came on to be heard upon the Bill and
Answer, Whereupon the Court doth order, adjudge, and decree that Anthony
Payne, James Fletcher, and John Vellines, or any two of them, do equally
divide the slaves in the bill mentioned to wit, Old Moses, Old Holland and her
increase to wit, Ora, and Samb, — Young Holland and her increase to wit,
Ginny and Dolphin, — and allot one equal part thereof to the Guardian of
Kinah R. Chapman; and the remaining equal share, to the Guardian
of Nancy Chapman Orphan of Richard Chapman decd. and make
report thereof to this Court, in order to a final decree

Attest Teste Barth. Lightfoot D.C.

Chapman Friend
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Chapman Friend