

1818-008

Chancery Causes - Lucy Chapman, widow of John Chapman vs Elisha Chapman &

Sale of Wright County

Emanuel Chapman, by & c

To the Most Honorable Court of Isles of Wight County in
Chancery, sitting, humbly complaining, I hereto unto
your Honours your oratrix Lucy Chapman
widow and relict of John Chapman
deceased, that her husband John
departed this life on or about the day of
anno Domini 1818 - having first duly executed his
last will and testament a copy of which is hereto
annexed and prayed to be taken and considered as a
part of the Bill - That by the said will bequeathed has
been duly admitted to record in the County Court of
Isles of Wight, he bequeaths the real estate of which
he died seized to his son Aaron Chapman, Emanuel
Chapman
without allotting any share thereof to your complainant
as her dower estate therein - This advised that according
to the laws of the State the widow of any person dying intestate
or otherwise, shall be endowed by one full and equal
third part of all the lands, and tenements to the real
estate, whereof her husband, or any other to his use, was
seized of an estate of inheritance, at any time during the
coverture, to which she shall not have relinquished her
right of dower, by deed, executed, acknowledged, and recorded,
in the manner prescribed by law for that purpose. -
Your oratrix further represents that notwithstanding her
solicitation to have her dower right in the lands of her
decd. husband set apart, she has not been able to
effect the same in consequence of the infancy & minority
- ship of the said Aaron Chapman & Emanuel Chapman
She therefore prays the aid of your Honours - She prays that
your Honours will appoint fit and proper persons whose
duty it shall be to allot and set apart as her dower,
one full and equal third part of all the lands, tenements
- and to the real estate whereof her husband John Chapman
or any other to his use was seized of an estate of inheritance
&c. - or that you will make any other decree in the premises
for her relief which may seem just and equitable - She
further prays that the said Aaron & Emanuel Chapman

he made defendants with this Bill of complaint and
that they be compelled full, true and perfect answer
to make to all and singular the allegations fully &
unavoidably &c. - That they shew what objection, if any,
they have to the decree prayed for in allay it please
your worship to grant the Court's writ of subpoena
con. &c. &c. -

Attorneys for complt

The answer of Eben Chapman & of Emanuel Chapman as infants by George Chapman, his father, appointed to defend him,
to a bill of complaint exhibited against them in the
County Court of Suffolk by Lucy Chapman
These respondents saving &c. for answer to the said bill,
say they cannot gainsay the complainant's
allegations - They say all granted, confirmation &c. &
Leaving answer to pray, humbly to be dismissed &c. -

Geo. Chapman
Ed. of Emanuel Chapman

By consent of parties and the appointment of the Court this
cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill,
answer exhibits and arguments of Counsel whereupon
the Court both advised, order and decreed that
Jordan Parr, Humphrey Crocker and Lewis Chapman being 2 of the
with the County Surveyor of the County of Suffolk
called and set apart to divide Chapman the complainant in
the bill one full and equal third part of all the lands,
tenements & other real estate, whereof her husband and John
or any other to his use, was seised of an estate of inherit-
ance, as her dower estate there being regard to quality
quantity what they make report thereof to the Court in order
to a final decree -

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Chapman Ltd

February 2nd 1818 Intertly
Deared
May 1810 report ret^d and
deemed accordingly

Attest

in and to a survey of the land in the County of
Middlesex County, bearing date the 1st day of 1810
we the undersigned, have allotted and set apart to
Lucy Chapman the complainant in said Deceit
her Dower right in the lands which John Chapman
her late husband dec'd. Died, viz, & does possess, &c.
to wit, in the land which was given to said
Chapman, in the last will and testament of
said John Chapman dec'd. as follows to wit Begin
ing at a Red Oak standing in John Clarks line then
running an East course along a line of mark & trees
to a pine near the fence, thence running a S. East
course to a stake standing in the field near the
Orchard thence running an East course, between
two ^{rows} apple trees ~~sub~~ to a Gum near a small Bran-
ch in Benj. Chapmans line, thence running along
S. Chapmans line to Sampson Crockers line, thence
running along S. Crockers line to John Clarks line,
thence running along said Clarks line to the first
station. Also in the land which was given to
Emanuel Chapman, in the last will & testament
of said John Chapman dec'd. as follows to wit
Beginning at the road leading from Broadwater
Bridge to Barewells Bay, thence running an East
course, between two ^{rows} apple trees ~~sub~~ to a pine
standing in the edge of the Woods, thence running
S. East course along a line of mark & trees to a
pine, standing in the line of the land which Philip
Thomas dec'd. dec'd & poss'd, &c. thence running a long S.
Thomas line, to James F. line, thence running along

Said line to the line of the land which
the said John Chapman dec^d. lived on; then
running a long said line to the first station
all of land, orchards &c, contained in the two
boundaries which we have bounded; we have
a lotted and set apart to the said Lucy Cha-
pman as her Dower right in the land which
said John Chapman dec^d. did possess? -
Given under our hands this 10th Day of Feby
Eighteen Hundred and Eighteen

Jordan Parr
Henry Crocker

of Wright County February Court 1818

Ruby Chapman

Complainant

against

Benjamin Chapman and of Emanuel Chapman
man an infant by Benj. Chapman his
next friends

Defendants

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By consent of parties and the assent of the court,
this cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill
answer and exhibits and arguments of counsel. Where
upon the court doth adjudge order and decree that Jordan
Parr, Henry Crocker and Davis Chapman or any two
of them with the county Surveyor if necessary, - allot and
set apart to Ruby Chapman the complainant, one full
and equal third part of all the lands, tenements & other
real estate whereof her husband John Chapman died
seized or any other estate of inheritance to his use in
which she has not relinquished her dower. and assign
the same to her as her dower estate having regard to
quality and quantity and make report thereof
to the court in order to a final decree

Attest Teste

Nathl. Young

I do certify that I am willing the County Board of Orleans
might shall appoint persons to allot to me my
sower estate in the land of which John Chapman
is a possessor. —

Witness

Lucy ^{Wm} Chapman
mark
Jan 25, 1898 —

Isaac B Thomas
Jas Holliman