

1822-007

Chancery Causes: Peggy Wright vs Rebecca Wright, widow of Henry Wright &

Isle of Wight County

Henry Wright 'admr

other SURNAMES: Powel,
Powell, Eley

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Wright. P. D. J. Freund
Bill & ans.
Wright's Adm'r.

December 1021. Bill and ans.
filed and Int. by decr.

January 1022 Decr. amended

February 1022 report returned
and decr. accordingly

To the worshipful Court of Isle of Wight County in Chancery sitting
humbly complaining sheweth unto your worship, your sister
and co-heiress - Peggy Wright - & William, Michael & Martin Wright
infant children of Henry Wright dec'd, surviving by Mary Key -
their next friends, that sometime in the year of
then taken Henry Wright departed this life intestate leaving
your sister - his widow Rebecca Stone tract of land
about 150 acres - the following negro slaves to wit

Old Tom. Young Tom, Sarah - Nancy - Charlotte,
Simon, Chas. & Abraham. (8)

which said property of Compts are advised, after ascertaining
to the said Widow her dower & heirs therein belong
equally between them - but as the said land when
divided into four portions will not be equal in value
to the sum of three hundred dollars & share - they are also
advised that it is better to make sale thereof & to divide
the proceeds - Your Petitioners further represent that
a certain Benjamin Madhew duly qualified as Compt. on the
estate of the said Henry Wright, & thinks that there will be
property enough to discharge the debts due from the estate,
independently of the said negroes & land: but is unwilling
to make such division except by a decree of the Court.

In tender consideration whereof being reminded in the premises
except by the intervention of a Court of Equity, to the end that
the said property may be speedily divided & apportioned according to laws
your said Petitioners pray that the said Rebecca widow & heirs, &
the said Benjamin Madhew Compt. of the said Henry Wright
fully answer the premises - that if your worship will make such
other & further decree in the premises as is consistent with Equity
& the nature of the case -

~~And it is further prayed
that it please the Court to grant the Compt. full power to
that Benjamin Madhew David Roberts & John Key
officers of the Court to the purpose of
effectuating the same - & to make due report.~~

Yours for Comy

Mary Key next friend to Compts

J. A. Bailey

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The answers of Benjamin Powell & Rebecca Wright to the
Bill of complaint against them exhibited in this Court on the
part of, Peggy Wright & William, Micilla & Nathan Wright
infant children of Henry Wright deceased by 'Leary Eley,
their next friends, - These defendants admit, that the allegations as set
forth by the Compls. in their said bill are correct & true,
Solely not to a decree conformable to the prayer thereof.
or to such as this Court may deem correct to be made in the premises.
' They may to be hence dismissed. — Benjamin Powell
Adm.

for the widow all

and after having deducted six dollars for three
Commissioners dividing the slaves within mentioned and fifteen
dollars for the attorney and clerks fees concerning the said Decree
and five for Bent Commissioners on the amount of the sale of the
land have taken bonds with Security for the balance and have
paid one sixth of the same to the Widow aforesaid absolutely
instead of her Dower in the land aforesaid and the remaining
five sixths we have divided into four equal sums and have
assigned one fourth to Peggy one fourth to William one fourth
to Priscilla and one fourth to Nathaniel Wright they
being children and heirs of said Decedent given under our
hands this 29th day of January 1822

Eum Eley
David Roberts
Lemuel Eley

A Report of the Division
of the Slaves and Sale of the
Land which Henry Wright
Decd. Wishes to be

In Obedience to the annexed Decree of the Honourable Court of the
of Wright County to us directed bearing date December Court 1821 and
the amendment to said Decree by the said Court at January Court
1822 We the undersigned Commissioners have Divided, allotted and
set apart all the Slaves which Henry Wright died Possessor in the
following Manner to wit. We have allotted and set apart to Rebecca
Wright widow and relict of Henry Wright Decd. one third part of
the said Slaves (to wit) Young Tom Valued at two hundred and
twenty five Dollars and Nancy Valued at two hundred and fifty
Dollars for and During her Natural life and to pay Peggy, William,
Priscilla and Nathaniel Wright each the sum of Eight Dollars and
a half cents

We have further allotted and set apart to Peggy Wright lot No. 1
one Negro Girl Charlotte Valued at two hundred Dollars and to
receive of the Widow eight Dollars & twelve & a half cents and to receive
of lot No. 4 thirteen Dollars & twelve & a half cents

We have allotted and set apart to William Wright lot No. 2 Abram
and Joe Tom Valued ~~at~~ at two hundred Dollars and to receive
of the Widow eight Dollars & twelve & a half cents and from lot
No. 4 thirteen Dollars & twelve & a half cents

We have further allotted and set apart to Priscilla Wright lot No. 3
Chasey and Sarah Valued at two hundred and two Dollars and
fifty cents and to receive of the Widow eight Dollars & twelve & a
half cents and from lot No. 4 ten Dollars and sixty two
& a half cents

And we have further allotted and set apart to Nathaniel Wright
lot No. 4 one Negro Simon Valued at two hundred and fifty
Dollars and to pay lots No. 1. 2. and 3 each the sum of thirteen
Dollars and twelve & a half cents

And we the Commissioners agreeable to said Decree as amended
at January Court 1822 have advertised as directed and sold
on a credit of twelve months all the land which Henry
Wright died possessor supposed to contain one hundred and
fifty acres on the 27th day of January 1822 and Rebecca Wright
being the highest bidder became the Purchaser at two hundred

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Virginia. High Wythe County Court. Decem^r. 3^d 1824.

This day my cause came on to be heard, on the bill of the Complainant, the answer of the defend^ts, exhibits, filed, & arguments of counsel heard; in consideration whereof and by consent of the parties, the court doth, advise - order and decree that ^{one third} the tract of land, by one third of the negroes, in the bill mentioned to wit, Wm. Young Tom, Sarah, Nan, Charlotte, Simon Chase, & Abram

be assigned to the defend^ts. Rebecca widow, & relict of said Henry Wright, for her natural life - & that the residue of the said negroes be equally divided, agreeably to quality & quantity, & apportioned between the said four children of the said Henry Wright to wit Peggy, William, Pucella & Nathaniel Wright absolutely: and the court being of opinion that the land in the bill mentioned will not equal in value three hundred dollars & shares when equally divided between the said children & heirs, wherefore it ~~is~~ further ordered & decreed that the residue of the land in the bill mentioned, after the assignment, to the widow her dower therein be sold to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve ^{months} ~~months~~ except so much in cash as will be sufficient to defray the necessary expences of this decree, and taking bond with good security for the payment of the same - & after giving twenty days previous & public notice of the time & place of such sale - the proceeds divide & apportion equally between the said heirs & distributees, to wit, Peggy, William, Pucella, & Nathaniel Wright - or to the legal guardians of such as are infants. - And it is further ordered that Ezzam Eley, David Roberts, & Lemuel Eley, be appointed commissioners to effectuate the foregoing decree - & who make due report of their proceedings, in order to a final decree.

in order to a final decree

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State of West County C. J. Jan. 6th 1822

Benjamin Wright & others, Comrs

Deem

Benjamin

Howell & Rebecca Wright, Jiffs

"on motion of the jiffs & by consent of the parties
it is decreed and ordered that the decree rendered
in this case at West County Court 1821. be amended as
follows, to wit that the whole of the land on the
bill named be sold and divided as ^{above} ~~before~~
decree except the ~~one eighth part~~
of the proceeds of such sale, I submit, when the
Court doth further order be paid over to the said
Widow, absolutely & paid heirs of her estate
in the said land only - all other parts
of said decree remaining stable
Heretofore: —

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Isle of Wight County, to wit,

Decr 10 Court 1821

Peggy Wright, William, Priscilla & Nathaniel Wright infants children of
Henry Wright and living by Mary Eley their mat friend No complainants
against

Benjamin Powell and Rebecca Wright Defendants - In Chancery

This day this cause came on to be heard on the Bill, Answer
and exhibits, and arguments of counsel - On consideration whereof and
by consent of the parties, the court doth adjudge order and decree that
one third of the tract of land and one third of the negroes in the bill
mentioned to wit, old Tom, young Tom, Sarah, Nan, Charlotte, Simon,
Lease and Abram, be assigned to the Defendant Rebecca, widow and executrix
of Henry Wright for her natural life - and that the residue of the said
negroes be equally divided agreeably to quality and quantity and assigned
between the said four children of the said Henry Wright to wit, Peggy,
William, Priscilla and Nathaniel Wright absolutely - and the court
being of opinion that the land in the bill mentioned will not equal
in value three hundred dollars per share when equally divided between
the said children and heirs - wherefore it is further ordered and decreed
that the residue of the land in the bill mentioned after the assignment
to the widow, her dower therein, be sold to the highest bidder on a credit
of twelve months, except so much for cash as will be sufficient to defray
the necessary expences of this decree - taking bonds with good security for
the payment of the same, after giving twenty days previous and public
notice of the time and place of such sale - and the proceeds divide and
assign equally between the aforesaid heirs and distributees to wit, Peggy,
William, Priscilla and Nathaniel Wright, or to the legal Guardians
of such as are infants - and it is further ordered that Eam Eley, David
Roberts and Lemuel Eley be appointed commissioners to effectuate the
going decree and that they make report of their proceedings

parties it is decreed and ordered that the decree rendered in this case at December
court 1881 be amended as follows, to wit, that the whole of the land in the bill named,
be sold and divided as above decreed except one sixth part of the proceeds of such sale,
and which sum the court with further order be paid over to the said widow, also dower
and lieu of her dower in the said land &c - all other parts of said decree remaining
stable and unaltered.

Attest Teste John Sample
" " "

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is a copy Decree

Wright and Board

Isle of Wight County, December Court 1821.

Peggy Wright, William, Priscilla and Nathaniel Wright
Junt children of Henry Wright dec'd suing by Cary Ely
their next friend
against
Benjamin Budd & Rebecca Wright
In Chancery
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This day this cause came on to be heard on the Bill, answer and exhibits, and arguments of counsel, on consideration whereof and by consent of the parties, the court doth adjudge order and decree that one third of the tract of land, and one third of the negroes in the bill mentioned, to wit, old Tom, young Tom, Sarah, Ann, Charlotte, Simon, Chase, and Abram, be assigned to the Defendant Rebecca, widow and executrix of Henry Wright for her natural life, and that the residue of the said negroes be equally divided agreeable to quality and quantity and assigned between the said four children of the said Henry Wright, to wit, Peggy, William, Priscilla, and Nathaniel Wright absolutely; and the court being of opinion that that the land in the bill mentioned will not equal in value three hundred dollars per share when equally divided between the said children and heirs, therefore it is further ordered and decreed that the residue of the land in the bill mentioned, after the assignment to the widow, her heirs and assigns, be sold to the highest bidder on a credit of twelve months, except so much for cash as will be sufficient to defray the necessary expenses of this decree, taking bonds with good security for the payment of the same, after giving twenty days previous and public notice of the time and place of such sale, and the proceeds arising and assign equally between the aforesaid heirs and distributees, to wit, Peggy, William, Priscilla and Nathaniel Wright, or to the legal Guardians of such as are infants, and it is furthermore ordered that Cary Ely, David Roberts and Samuel Ely, be appointed commissioners to execute the foregoing decree, and that they make report of their proceedings in order to a final decree. And at another Court held for the said county the 7th day January 1822 the said decree was amended in the following words, to wit, on the motion of the plaintiffs and by consent of the

The Court of Chelmsworth County will please amend the
"Deed for Selling two thirds of the land which Henry
Wright and Poppe" so as to give the Purchaser a right
to all the land including my third at my Dec. or to
sell the whole & allow me such a proportion of the money
as they may think proper & right Given under my hand
this 1st day of January 1822

Witness
Eugene Day
John Roberts

her
Rebecca Wright
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One notion of the Court,
The subject of the parties
Why will? I desire, that
~~some~~ of the within said,
make answer as follows
to wit, that the whole by
the land in the title named,
be sold & divided as after follows,
except the claim of ^{in each} ~~each~~
~~which is to be paid~~
a part of the proceeds of each
of which the Court ^{direct now done}
sate, he have to the said
therefore, he may have of
his former interest in
the said land, the
conveyance to him the
same in land thereby