

1824-017 Chancery Causes : Micajah Bidgood + Benjamin Bidgood, by & c vs Henry Casey,
Isle of Wight County extor of Mary Bidgood

other SURNAMES Jordan, Stott

To the most honorable Court of Iseofloight County
in Chancery sitting, humbly complaining shew
unto Your Honorships Your Orators Micajah and
Baysa Bidgood infants of tender Years, suing
by Dr. W. Jordan and Saml. Stote their Guardians
next friends - That Mary Bidgood late of the
afore. County, but now deceased, & sister to yr.
Orators, departed this life on or about the day
of ~~the~~ in the Yr. 1823, after having duly made
& published her last will & testament in writ-
ting, & therein appointed her friend Henry
Casey her executor of the afore. County, Executor
thereof: That he hath duly proved the Will of
his testatrix in the Court of the County afore. &
qualified as the executor thereof, as will more
fully appear by an office Copy of the said
Will hereto annexed & prayed to be taken as
a part of this Bill - ~~that~~ the said testatrix
was seized at the time of her death of two
likely Negro Slaves, & of considerable other
Personal estate, as will likewise appear by
an authentic Copy of the inventory and
appraisement thereof, duly made and returned
to the Court of the afore. County in the present ~~month~~
that it seems to be agreed, that the S^r. of exe-
-tor has sufficient assets in his hands excla-
-sive of the said Negroes, to pay all the fu-
-neral expences of his testatrix as well as
all debts owing by or on account of her,
or any legacy given by her to any other per-
-son or person, except ~~you~~ to yr. Orators;
that they are the residuary legates of this
said sister Mary and are intitled under
her said will to an equal proportion & di-
-vision of her S^r. estate after the payment
of debts, funeral expences, & one or two

small specific legacies - that this being the
case, & their being enough of assets in the
hands of her S^d executor for the said legacies
afore^d your orators by their said Guar-
dians ^{big paper to state to your worship that they} are desirous that the said
two negroes, & the balance of cash, Bonds
stocks or other personal ^{property} which may remain
in the hands of the S^d executor after pay-
ment of other legacies, debts, funeral ex-
penses &c should be equally divided
between them, agreeably to the will of
the said testatrix. But now as it is
may it please your worships, that the S^d
Henry Casey, heritor after call a deft.
while he has no objection to come to a settle-
ment of his ~~administration~~ administration
aid to make such a division of his testa-
trix's estate as the will directs; yet he
refuses on account of the infancy of
your orators: all of which conduct on
the part of the S^d deft. is contrary to
equity & good conscience - In such con-
sideration whereof, & for as much as your
orators are without remedy at law, and
can only be relieved in this honourable Court
where matters of this sort are properly cog-
nizable & justice duly administered -

To the end therefore, that the S^d deft.
may be compelled to answer the premi-
ses as fully, & as distinctly as if the same
were again repeated & he thereto specially
interrogated, and that by a decree of
this honourable Court the S^d deft. may be
compelled to settle his adm^t account, to

make such a division of the personal est.
of his by Commissioners to be appointed for
that purpose as his testatrix directed by
her will: and that the same Commissioners
may also be directed to divide the two
negro slaves, and all ^{of the S^d testatrix} money, Bonds, stocks
or other personal ^{property} equally between
your orators, ~~and that the~~ agreeably to the
will of the
S^d testatrix, & allot the same to their
Guardians - And may it please your
worships to grant all such other, &
further relief in the premises as may
be consistent with the rules & practice
of this Court, & to award all
such process as may be necessary &
proper in the premises. In

John W. Goreau
Samuel Stott

The ans^r of Henry Casey ex^{or} of Mary Bidgood
dec^d to a Bill, of habita^{us} ag^t him in the County
Court of Dorsetshire ~~by~~ on the part of
Micaiah & Benjamin Bidgood infants of her
-er year, being by John W. Goreau & Samuel Stott
their Guardians & next friends - This respondent
now and at all times hereafter saving & reserving
to himself all benefit of exception to the allegations
of the Plffs: bill, for ans^r thereto, saith, that he ad-
mits so far as he is at present advised to admit
that the allegations of the Bill are true, & that he
hath no objection to any decree which this hono-
-able Court may think proper to make in the
premises, & having thus answered Prays to be
hence dismissed, with his reasonable cost in
this behalf expended -

Henry Casey

Bidgood's per
net & friend

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Bidgood's Exp.

January 5th 1824 Bill and

Ans: paid and Intertly done

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Bidgood per next friends Compts.

ag't } In Chancery

Bidgood Executor Deft.

By consent of parties and with the
assent of the Court, this cause this day was
docketed, & came on to be heard upon &
upon the Bill and exhibits filed and
was argued by Counsel; whereupon the
Court after mature deliberation doth
adjudge order and decree thus Pleasant
H. Bagg, James C. Jordan & Meritt Jordan
either two of whom to act be appointing
Commissioners, to divide equally between
Micajah Bidgood & Burya Bidgood
the two negro slaves of which Mary
Bidgood died seized, to wit Jacob and
Mary, ~~as well as any money, bonds,~~
~~notes, and other personal property which~~
~~may remain in the hands of her executors,~~
~~after the payment of debts, funeral~~
~~expenses, and specific legacies made~~
~~by the said Mary Bidgood in her will,~~
which will be agreeable to that of the said Mary Bidgood dec'd.
Last will & testament, I allot the same
to the legal Guardians of the said
Micajah & Burya Bidgood, and
that they make report of this pro-
ceeding to this Court in order to a final
decree