

1825-008

Chancery Causes: Nancy Chapman, widow of Joseph Chapman v al vs Joseph Chapman's adms

Isle of Wight County

other surnames: Lightfoot

Prince
Charles
Harry
Nancy
Ann
Lucinda
Levina
Lewis
Merina
Randol
Mary

Nancy Chapman widow of Jos. Chapman

Harriet Chapman.

Amanda Chapman

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Isle of Wight County January Court 1825—

Nancy Chapman, Amanda Chapman and
Hamel Chapman Complainants

against

Bartholomew Lightfoot Administrator of
Joseph Chapman decd.

Defendant

In Chancery

By consent of parties and with the assent of the court
this cause again came on to be heard upon the report of the commissioners
in this case appointed in a former decree: whereupon it is further decreed and
ordered that the said commissioners or any two of them make sale of the Slaves
Charles, Nancy and Prince at public auction on a credit of nine months, and
that they make equal division of the proceeds thereof among the complainants
Amanda and Hamel Chapman, after deducting the expenses of this decree and
sale — and make report thereof to the court on a final decree —

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Teste

Wm. Young Esq

Chapman Vard

W. ³amundson

Chapman Adams

Isles of Wight County January Court 1824

Fancy Chapman, Harriet Chapman, and Amanda
Chapman infants suing by Nancy Chapman their
next friend

Complainants

against

Bartholomew Lightfoot administrator of Joseph
Chapman deceased

Defendant

In Chancery

"This cause having been docketed by consent of parties and the assent of the
court, came on to be heard this day upon the bill and answer filed and was argued
by counsel, whereupon the court doth adjudge, order and decree that William Perkins
Nathaniel Gibbs and Joseph Holladay or any two of them do allot and set apart to the
complainant, Nancy Chapman widow of Joseph Chapman dec'd. one third part of
the slaves in the bill mentioned docket, V. as her dower in the slaves of the said
Chapman's estate to be holden by her for and during her life and that they do divide
the balance equally between the infant complainants Harriet and Amanda
Chapman, having regard to quality and quantity, upon condition that the aforesaid
Nancy as next friend of the infant complainants, and for herself, do if requested
execute and deliver to the defendant a bond or bonds with good security, payable to
the said defendant, conditioned to refund due proportions of any debts or demands
which may afterwards appear against the intestate, and the costs attending the
recovery of such debts, and that the said commissioners or those who shall act,
do make a report thereof to the court in order to a final decree —

Attest Teste Nathl. B. Smith
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Chapman's friend

as copy Dear

Chapman's admr.

3^d Jan'y. 1825 rept. ret.
and decree amended

Pursuant to the annexed amended decree in the undersigned have
after giving legal notice, have proceeded to sell the slaves therein men-
tioned as follows —

Negro man Charles to Willis Green for	\$95.00
Negro woman Nancy to Mary Williams for	60.00
Negro man Prince to Matthew Mills for	28.00
	<u>\$183.00</u>

And after deducting commissions and costs, have taken
bonds payable as directed in said decree, which bonds we
have paid over to the Guardians of the said heirs. Given
under our hands this 13th day of January 1825 —

each child pro. after deducting
costs & charges. \$16.05 3/8

Joseph Halliday
Ralph Gibbs

Sh of Wight County, to wit. Pursuant to the annexed decree of the Court,
of the said county, we the undersigned have proceeded to divide the ne-
groes belonging to the Estate of Joseph Chapman decd. as directed in the
said decree. To Nancy Chapman Widow and relict of Joseph
Chapman decd. we have allotted and set a part Negroes, Harry and
Annis as her dower for life - and to pay Hamel Chapman, the sum
of Seven dollars and fifty cents, and to Annanda Chapman the sum of
Seven dollars & fifty cents - To Hamel Chapman we have assigned
Negroes Lovina, Randall and Minerva. & to receive from Nancy Chap-
man seven dollars & fifty cents - and to Annanda Chapman we have
assigned Negroes Lucinda, Lewis and Mary, and to receive from
Nancy Chapman Seven dollars & fifty cents - But there remains
belonging to the said Estate three old negroes, Charles, Nancy & Prince,
which seem to your Commissioners impracticable to divide equally
between the said Hamel & Annanda Chapman: and as they are aged
& of little value, & in a few years will be an expense to the said
Orphans, - they would recommend to the Court of the said county
to decree a sale of said negroes on a reasonable credit, thereby an
equal division can be made: Given under our hand this 27th
day of December 1824

Wm Perkins

Jos. H. Acceady
Ralph Gibbs

The answer of Bartholomew Lightfoot answerer
of Joseph Chapman decd. to a bill of complaint
exhibited against him in the County Court
of Essex Wight, by Stanley Chapman and
others - This defendant now and at all
times hereafter to saving to. for answer says:
That so far as he knows or believes the
allegations of the Bill are true - He has
not the least objection to the decree prayed
for, provided the complainants according
to law, do in a proper manner deliver to
him Bonds with good security, conditions
to refund due proportions of any debts
or demands which may hereafter come
against his intestate's estate and the costs
of recovering them - He is now well informed
whether it will be finally necessary to
sell any of the slaves for the purpose
of paying debts &c. He prays hence to be
dismissed &c. -

signed /

Barth: Lightfoot answerer

Lightfoot adv.
J. J. Chapron
adv. 3 aus wa
Chapron to

Wm. H. Chapron

To the Justices of the County Court of Ek-
of Wright sitting in chancery. Henry complain-
ing, then unto your worships some orators
and orator Stacey Chapman widow of
Joseph Chapman, and Hamel Chapman
and Amanda Chapman, the two latter
infants under the age of twenty one years,
being by the said Stacey Chapman
their next friends, that they are the widows
and children of the said Joseph Chapman
who departed this life intestate or or about
the day of A.D. One thousand
eight hundred and six, and possessed
of several valuable slaves among other estate
real and personal. That the said
Hamel and Amanda are the sole
heirs at law of the said Joseph Chapman.
The administration of whose estate was
taken before the County Court of Ek-
of Wright, by a certain Bartholomew Light-
foot who is now in the possession of the
slaves - then left at the death of the intestate
estate have so increased, that the number at
this time is supposed to be eleven to wit, prime,
Charles, Harry, Stacey, Annie, Lucinda,
Lavinia, Lewis, Minerva, Randall and
many. That the said administrator
has to the best of their knowledge and
belief fully or nearly paid off all debts
expenses due from his intestate estate, and

they charge that it is not necessary that he
shall longer retain the slaves to meet
any just demands against him or admin.
and that manifest injury and injustice
will be done to them unless the admor. shall
be compelled by your honors to surrender
the slaves aforesaid to be divided according
to law - They are advised that by law
the widow complainant is entitled for &
during her life to one third part of the
slaves of which the intestate ~~and~~ ~~deceased~~ estate
which down right she is willing & anxious to
receive - and the other complainants
wish a division of the said property between
them; but the said admor. refuses to deliver the
slaves over to them without the order of this
Court alleging that the complainants must
give him bonds to refund if necessary before
he can be compelled to surrender the slaves.
In tender consideration whereof, & for as much
as your orators and orator are remedied
in the premises save in a Court of Equity
where matters of this kind are alone proper
cognizable and deliverable they ask the aid
of this Court - They pray that your worship
make the said admor. ~~and~~ ~~caution~~ ~~him~~ to answer this ~~prayer~~
and decree that the slaves aforesaid shall
be divided by causing one third part to
be allotted to the widow for her life & the
balance equally between your orator &
orator who are the sole heirs at law

of the said Joseph Chapman - And that your
honors will appoint some fit and proper
persons to carry the decree into effect
and that you will make any other or
further decree in the premises for their
relief as may be consistent with Equity
- They pray your honors to grant the Costs
in writ of Sp. A. commanding &c -

Attest for the p/ps 3

Nancy Chapman, and Hannah & Amanda Chapman
infants by Mary Chapman their next friend - B. L. H. Fort
Administrator of Joseph Chapman in chancery
~~the admor. of the said Joseph Chapman~~
~~of Joseph Chapman~~ ~~and~~ ~~by a bill of complaint~~
~~exhibited against him in the County Court~~
~~at New York~~ ~~by~~ ~~Nancy Chapman~~ ~~et al.~~

This cause having been docketed, by
consent of parties and the order of the
Court, came on to be heard this day upon
the bill and answer filed and was argued
by counsel, whereupon the Court doth
make order and decree that
Messrs. Ralph Gibbs and Joseph R. Mott
any two of them as allott. doct. appt.
to the complainant Nancy Chapman widow
of Joseph Chapman decd: one third part of the
slaves in the bill mentioned to wit, &c.
be down in the slaves of the said Chapman
to be holden by her for and during
her life and that they do divide the balance
equally between the infant complainant

Samuel and Amanda Chapman, having
regard to quality and quantity - upon
Condition that the complainant aforesaid
Staney as next friend of the infant
complainant, and for herself, do, if required
execute and deliver to the said Court a bond or
bonds with good security payable to the
said Court, conditioned to refund due
proportions of any debts or demands,
which may afterwards appear against
the intestate, and the costs attending the recovery
of such debts - and that the said Court or those
who shall act, do make a report thereof
to the Court in order to a final decree.

April Judgments

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It is ordered accordingly

April 4th 1825 report return

January 3^d 1825 report
returned and due amount

Samuel & Amanda Chapman

January 5th 1824 Bill

of Sam. Chapman

vs. J. P. Chapman

to 33 City -