

1825-012

Chancery Causes: Thomas Warren & James Warren by & c vs Charles Warren, admr
Isle of Wight County of John Warren

To the worshipping Court of Essex Wight County in
Chancery sitting, humbly complaining, shew unto
Mr. Messrs, Mr. Orators Tho: & James Wrenn,
infants of tender years, coming by
their next friend: That Mary Wrenn, the Grand Ma-
-ther of Mr. Orator departed this life some time
on or about the day of 1824, after
having first made and published her last will
& testament, an office copy of which is hereto
annexed & prayed to be taken as a part of
Mr: Compt's Bill in That among other bequests
made in said Will by the Testatrix Mary, she
bequeathed all the negro slaves of whom she
said possessed (except those specifically named)
to your Orator, and to her son Charles Wrenn, to be
equally divided between them, that is, one full
& equal half to her said son Charles, and the
other half to yr. Trust Orator, to be equally di-
-vided between them. Your Orator by their s^c
next friend, ~~they~~ they leave to state, that ~~they are~~
the s^c negroes in their present undivided situation
can be of ^{little} little value, either to them, or the s^c
Charles Wrenn, to whom they are devised, and that
therefore they are desirous that a division
should be made between them agreeably to
law and the will of the Testatrix, but that
the said negroes are in the possession of the
said Charles Wrenn, who refuses to come
to any sort of division, unless by the decree
of this worshipping Court, where matters of
this sort are properly cognizable -

Your Orator again ^{sa} leave to state to
Your worships, that the negroes devised to them
& the s^c Charles, by the said Mary Wrenn their
Grand mother are fourteen in number, to wit: Sam,
Tomper, Rebecca, Susan, Martha, Eloy, Jaim,
Cherry, Lucy, Judy, Louisa, Joe, Dick and

Your Orator also they leave to state to yr.

Worship, that their father John Wrenn, also deceased - had this life some time on or about the day of 181, intestate, possessed of the following negroes, (exclusive of those apportioned to his widow as & for her dower,) to wit: Pomp, John, Peter, Comfort, Mariah, Adeline, and Eliza - That yr. orators are the only heirs of the said ~~and the~~ John Wrenn their father and are therefore equally entitled to the aforesaid negroes, & that therefore they are desirous ^{that a division} should be made agreeably to law between them, but that the said negroes are also in the possession of the aforesaid Charles Wrenn, who objects to a ~~division~~ division, unless so decreed by a Court of Chancery -

In further consideration whereof and for as much as yr. orators are named up in the premises, except by the intervention of a Court of Chancery - To this end therefore that the said Charles Wrenn be made a party kept: here to, & that he be compelled to answer all & singular the allegations herein contained as fully as if the same were here again repeated & be thereby more particularly interrogated: and that yr. worship will decree & order a division of the said claims devised to them & their heirs: Charles, by the Testatrix Mary agreeably to her will, and the laws of the land, as also a division of those of whom their father died possessed, equally between them by com. whom yr. worship may appoint for that purpose your orators, and make any other or further order and decree in the premises, as may be legal, necessary & proper - & may it please the -

Thos. G. Hall

The answer of Charles Wrenn in his own right and as the admr. of John Wrenn decd. to a Bill of complaint against him exhibited in the County Court of Suffolk on the part of Tho. & Lo. Wrenn infants of J. Wrenn decd. suing by their next friends -

This respondent admits that the allegations & statements contained in said bill are true & correct, and that he objects not to a decree in conformity to the prayer therein contained or to any other order & decree as your worship may think proper to make & pray to be hence dismissed &c.

Chas. Wrenn

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Bill & Aust
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December 1821 Bill and
answer filed. Interl. decree

May 2^d 1825 report returned
debts & made final & M

May Judgments
1825

W. Jordan att.

Isle of Wight County December Court 1824.

Thomas and James Wrenn per next friends Complainants
against

Charles Wrenn in his own right and as the
administrator of John Wrenn deceased Defendant

In Chancery

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 answer and exhibits
filed and was argued by counsel. Whereupon the court after mature delibera-
tion doth adjudg. order and decree that Abraham Jones, Isaac Jones, and
Isaac Jordan, be appointed commissioners either three of whom to act who
are hereby authorized and directed to divide the following negroes to-wit,
Sam. Tompkins, Rubin, Austin, Maria, Edg, James, Cherry, Lucy, Fido,
Louisa, Joe, Dick, and in the following manner to-wit, one
full and equal moiety to the Defendant Charles, and the other full and
equal moiety to the two Complainants: Thomas and James to be equally
divided between them and assign to the Guardian of the said complain-
ants their proportion of the said negroes, and to the Defendant Charles his
proportion of the said negroes they bring those devised to them by the
said Mary Wrenn deceased. Also that they divide the following negroes
of whom John Wrenn died possessed to-wit, Pomp, John, Peter, Comfort,
Mariah Adeline and Eliza equally between the two complainants
Thomas and James and assign them to their legal Guardian, and that
they make report of their proceedings to this court in order to a final
decree.

Attest Teste Nathl. Henry &

We the Subscribers have pursuant to a decree of the
Court of Isclopnight County bearing date, Decemba
lun. 1824 (herewith annexed) have complied with
The requisitions thereof. In the following manner
to Wets — we assign to Charles Wynn de^t in
his own right — Slaves — James worth \$275 — For
\$200 — Louisa \$250 — Tom Peter \$350 — Dick \$100 —
Lucy & Child — Jenny — \$275 — Maria \$50 —

And To Tho^s Wynn Comp^t Slaves — Austin worth \$350 —
Edy \$150 — Cherry \$275 — Also to James Wynn
Slave Reuben \$350 — Sam \$150 — Cherry \$275 —
which were devised by Mary Wynn de^d

We also assign to ~~James~~ Thomas Wynn, Slaves
Peter worth \$275 — Pomp \$275 — additional \$250 —
And To James Wynn, Slaves John worth \$350 —
Moriah & Child Eliza \$300 — Comfort \$50 —
which John Wynn died Sep^r —

We furthermore direct that Tho^s Wynn pay over
to Charles Wynn \$16.25 — & that James Wynn pay
to S^r Charles \$1.25 — And that Thomas Wynn
pay to James Wynn Ninety two dollars &
fifty cents —

For com^d — \$15 —

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Abraham Jones
Isaac Jones

Trustee
Commiss^r

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Tho: & James Wrenn, for next friend - Compts.

Sept 30 In Chancery

Charles Wrenn in his own right and as
the admr. of John Wrenn decd. - 3 left.

By consent of parties, and with the assent of
the Court, this cause was this day backsettled &
came on to be heard upon the Bill
and ~~affidavit~~ exhibits filed & was argued
by Counsel, whereupon the Court after ma-
-ture deliberation, doth as judge order &
decree that Abraham Long, Isaac Long,
Peter Long, and Isaham Loran, be appointed
Comrs. ^{rather 3 of whom to act} who are hereby authorized and directed
to divide the following negroes who were
deposited by Mary Wrenn, in the following
manner to wit: One full and equal moi-
-ety to the left: Charles Wrenn and the other
moiety equally between the two Compts:
Tho: & Isaham - to wit: Sam, Tom, Peter, Rantim,
Austin, ~~Maria~~, Maria, Edy, John, Cherry,
Lucy, Luby, Louisa, Joe, Beck & ^{being}
~~those who were devised by Mary Wrenn to~~
~~the Compts. & left:~~; in the following manner
to wit: one full & equal moiety to the left:
Charles, and the other full & equal moiety
to the two Compts: Tho: & James, to ^{be} equally
divided between them, and assign to the
Execs: of the said Compts: their proportion
of the s^d negroes, and to the left: Charles,
his proportion of the s^d negroes, they being
those devised to them by ^{this} ~~the~~ Mary Wrenn decd.

Also that they divide the following negroes
of whom John Wrenn decd. proposed, to wit:
Pompey, John Peter, Comfort, Mariab, Addline
and Celiza, equally between the two Compts.

Thos. & Larner, and assign them to their legal
Heir, and that they make report of their
Proceedings to this Court in order to a
final decree

Done