

1828-009

Chancery Causes: Champion Stallings + up + al vs Rebecca Hoodson's admr ✓

Isle of Wight County

Priscilla Hoodson's admr

Other surnames: Ripley,
Stringfield, Purdie

To the worshipful the justices of the court
of the High court in Chancery sitting.

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your
worships your orators and oratrix Cham-
pion Stallings and Patsy his wife late Patsy
Goodson, ^{John P. Goodson, app. infant, son of John Goodson, decd.} ~~for the said~~ ^{John P. Goodson, app. infant, son of John Goodson, decd.}
~~res. now of John Goodson, decd.~~ Thomas
Ripley administrator with the will annexed
of Samuel Goodson decd., and Richard
B. Stringfield: that Rebecca Goodson di-
ed ^{intestate} unmarried and without child or children
sometime about the day of
entitled, by the will of her deceased father
Abner Goodson, to an estate in remain-
der in a moiety of certain slaves after
the death of her ~~deceased~~ mother Priscilla
Goodson, that the said Rebecca Goodson
had living at the time of her death a mo-
ther Priscilla Goodson, ~~three brothers, the~~
~~intestate of your orator~~ ^{your infant orator} ~~John Goodson, the~~
testator of your orator Thomas Ripley, Wil-
liam Goodson deceased, and one sister your
oratrix the wife of Champion Stallings,
who your orators and ^{oratrix} ~~adverses~~, were entitled
to equal distributions of the said estate of
the said Rebecca Goodson deceased, that the
said William Goodson deceased in his life
time conveyed and assigned his interest in
the said slaves of the said Rebecca Goodson
to your orator Richard B. Stringfield,
as will more fully appear by a convey-
ance of record in the office of this court a

a copy of which is herewith presented and pray-
ed to be taken as a part of this bill, that the es-
tate of the said Rebecca Goodson has been com-
mitted to John H. Purdie Sheriff of this county
for administration, and the said Priscilla
Goodson having departed this life about the
day of 1827, whose estate has
also been committed to the said John H.
Purdie Sheriff for administration the said
John H. Purdie Sheriff and adm^r. of the
said Rebecca Goodson dec'd has come into pos-
session of her moiety of the said slaves, to
wit, of Cherry, George, Frank, Lovinia, Dawson
Whitby ^{and Mary} and Mary. Your Orators and Or-
atrix believe that the said Rebecca Goodson de-
c'd was at the time of her death very little
indebted, and that her said adm^r. by the
sale of one of the said slaves to wit, ^{Cherry}
will have apts more than sufficient to
pay all the creditors, and your Orators and
Oratrix being desirous of obtaining their
proportions of the said Rebecca Goodson's es-
tate, have in the most friendly manner
made application to the said John H. Pur-
die Sheriff and adm^r. of the said Rebecca
Goodson for that purpose. But now your
is may it please your worships that the said
John H. Purdie Sheriff and adm^r. of the es-
tate of Rebecca Goodson dec'd, as also of
the estate of Priscilla Goodson, and being
after called Defendant has under various
pretexts refused; alldging that while he is
willing to accommodate your Orators and Oratrix

in relation to their interest, he fears that his
acting in a representative capacity may interpose
an objection at this time: All which acting
and doing of the said Defendant are contrary to
equity and good conscience and tend greatly to the
injury of your Orators and Oratrix in the prem-
ises: he begs consideration whereof and for
asmuch as your Orators and Oratrix are without
remedy at law and can only be relieved in this
worshipful court whose matters of this sort
are only cognizable and justice duly admi-
nistered: To the end therefore that the said De-
fendant may on his oath distinctly answer
the foregoing allegations as fully and completely
as if the same were here again repeated and he
thereunto more particularly interrogated: and that
by a decree of this Worshipful court commis-
sioners may be appointed to divide the said
slaves Cherry, George, Frank, Lovinia, Dawson
Whitby, and Mary amongst your complain-
ants and the Defendant as adm^r. of Priscilla
Goodson dec'd; and may it please your wor-
ships to grant all such others and further relief
in the premises as may be agreeable to equity
and to award all such process as may as may
be necessary and proper in the premises &c.

As witness the etc for
Plaintiff

The answer of John P. Purdie Sheriff and ad-
ministrators of Rebecca Goodson, ^{deceased} and also with
the will annexed of Pichilla Goodson deceased
to a bill exhibited against them in the County
Court of the County of Wright by Champions
Stallings and Patsy his wife and other plain-
tiffs

This respondent now and of all times
hereafter saving and reserving to himself all
benefit of exceptions to the allegations of the
Plaintiffs bill for answers thereto saith,
that he admits, so far as he is at present
advised, that the allegations of the bill are
true and that he hath no objection to any
issue which this worshipful court may
think proper to make in the premises, and
having thus answered prayer to be dispensed
with his reasonable costs this bill is
expended.

Attest
John P. Purdie
Sheriff
of the County of Wright
20th of Goodson

Isle of Wight County January 12th 1828

By Virtue of an order of the County Court of Isle of Wight (hereunto annexed) to us directed we the undersigned Commissioners have proceeded to divide the Negroes therein named and to allot them to the Parties as follows Viz^t

Lot N^o 1. Lovinas, \$200. is assigned to Thomas D. Ripley, Administrator of Samuel Goodson dec^d and to pay 4 dollars Expenses

Lot N^o 2. Willey \$185. is assigned to Richard B Stringfield and to receive from Lot, N^o 5, 15 dollars and to pay 4 dollars Expenses

Lot N^o 3. Dawson & Frank \$155. is assigned (as drawn) to Champions Stallings in right of his Wife Patsy and to receive from Lot N^o 5, \$45. and to pay 4 dollars Expenses

Lot N^o 4. Cheary & George, \$185. is assigned to John J Goodson, and to receive 15 dollars from Lot N^o 5. and to pay 4 dollars Expenses

Lot N^o 5. Mary & Child, \$275. is assigned to John H Purdie, Sheriff & Administrator of the will annexed of Priscilla Goodson dec^d and to pay Lot N^o 2, \$15 - Lot N^o 3, \$45. Lot N^o 4 \$15. and to pay \$4 Expenses

Given under our hands the day and year above written

Henry Crocker
James Crocker
Jno P. Thomas

Stallings & wife & others }
vs. } In Chancery.
Goodson's adm^r. & others }

This cause came on this day to be heard by consent of parties on the bill, answers and exhibits and was argued by counsel: An order was made whereof it is decreed and ordered that Henry & Charles Dandrus Knolly John Thomas & James ~~Knolly~~ ^{or any three of them, commissioners} appointed for that purpose do divide the said slaves ~~in the bill mentioned~~ Cherry, George, Frank, Savinia, Dawson, Wilkey and Mary into five equal parts, making sale of one or more of them, on a credit of six months, except as to so much cash as may be necessary to defray the expenses of this ~~sale~~ ^{and the sale} ~~of~~ ^{if necessary} to equalize the division and assign one portion to Chapman Stallings in right of his wife Patsey one portion to each of the other complainants, and one portion to the Defendant as adm^r. with the wife and child of Priscilla Goodson deceased, ^{taking, regarding bonds of debt} and make the report of this proceeding herein to this court in order to a final decree.

To the Worshipful court of

Hallings and wife vs
vs. Bill & Ans.
Godsons Admor.

January 7th 1878 Bill &
Ans. filed & Inter. decree

March 3rd 1878 report ret.
and continued

June 7th 1878
Report conf. & final decree

In Isle of Wight County Court, January 7th 1820

Champion Stallings and Patsy his wife, late
Patsy Goodson; John A. Goodson an infant son
of John Goodson decd. by Josiah Bidgood his next,
Thomas Ripley Administrator with the Will
annexed of Samuel Goodson decd. and Richard B
Stringfield

Complainants

against

In Chancery

John W. Purdie Sheriff and Administrator of Rebecca
Goodson decd. and the said John W. Purdie Sheriff
& Administrator with the Will annexed of Priscilla
Goodson decd.

Defendants

This cause came on this day to be heard by consent
of parties, on the bill, answer and exhibits, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof it is decreed and ordered that Henry Crocker
D. Andrew B. Woodley, John Thomas and James Crocker or any three of them,
Commissioners appointed for that purpose do divide the slaves
George, Frank, Lovina, Dawson, Willey, and Mary, into five equal parts,
making sale of one or more of them on a credit of six months, except as
to so much cash as may be necessary to defray the expenses of this suit &
the sale, if necessary to equalize the division, and assign one portion to
Champion Stallings in right of his wife Patsy - one portion to each of the
other complainants - and one portion to the Defendants, as Administrator
with the Will annexed of Priscilla Goodson decd. taking refunding bonds
if required and make report of their proceedings herein to this court in
order to a final decree

Attest

Burth Lightfoot Clerk

Attorneys fee 10. 00
Clerks " 4. 00
\$ 14. 00

Stallings and wife &c

Ans.

to
3 Decr

Goosons Admors
