1841-003 Chancery Causes: William R. Jordan, Exr & c vs James M. Jordan's admr & Elmira Jordan

Isle of Wight County

other surnames: Young, Chapman

To the county court of Isle of Wight in Chancery sitting humbly complaining shew to the court your complainant ~~Elmira Jordan~~ Mrs. E. Jordan infant of the age and distributee of James M. Jordan dec'd by Nathaniel Young her next friend. That her Father the said James M. Jordan died intestate on or about the ~~4~~ day of leaving your complainant who is a minor, and her ~~brother~~ Sister ~~Elmira Jordan~~ Emmett who is of age, his heir at law. That at the time of the death of her Father he owned and possessed of a very considerable ~~estate~~ personal estate, consisting of slaves and other property that the slaves are now valuable, and now amount to the number of 33 to wit Harriet Louisa Merit Deana Mary Ann, Edy, Aggy George Mills, Peter Bob Holland Wilson, Caty, Milly, John Pleasant, Mary, Dor, Merit, Lorena, Everil, Cilda, Charlotte, Angelina, Michel, Roana, Hannah Wheeler, Robert, Hepsi, Jimmy, Celia, Eliza, and child Margaret

That one Nina M. Chapman became the Admr. of the said James M. Jordan and took possession of the said estate and he supposing that he has paid the debts or the chief part thereof, and there is no necessity that he shall longer keep the slaves, and your complainant is advised that the estate ought to be divided according to the statute of distributions which would be one half of the said slaves in value

to your complainant the other half to his
~~Sister~~ ~~Elmira Jordan~~ And so it is until the
court shall interfere She cannot get her just rights
and procure a division of said slaves - In tender
consideration whereof She prays that Nina K Chapman
and ~~Wm K~~ Elmira Jordan may be made defendants to this
bill and be compelled to answer the same fully and
unreservedly, and that You will decree an allotment
of the said slaves to wit one half of them in value
to your complainant, the other half to his ~~Brother~~ Sister
~~Wm K~~ Elmira Jordan - And that You may make any other
order in the premises as may comport with equity &c.

May pq

The Answer of Nina K Chapman admr
of James K Jordan decd to a bill of complaint
in the county court of Isle of Wight against him and
~~Elmira~~ Wm K Jordan exhibited by ~~Elmira~~ Wm K Jordan an
infant suing by Nathaniel Young his next friend

This defendant for answer says that She is admr of James
K Jordan decd and that in that character possessed herself
of the slaves of the estate, that She has paid all or most
of the debts, and now consents to a division of the
slaves provided sufficient bonds be given by the distributees
to refund according to Law in the event of debts coming
against the estate of his intestate - Having answered
She prays to be dismissed &c.

Sword [illegible] Chapman
Admx of Jas W. Jordan

The answer of ~~Wm K~~ Elmira Jordan to a bill of complaint
in the county court of Isle of Wight against her and
Nina K Chapman exhibited ~~Elmira~~ Wm K Jordan an
infant suing by Nathl Young his next friend

This defendant for answer says that so far as She
knows the allegations of the plaintiff's bill are true
and that She has no objections to any decree which
the court may make consistent with equity &c
Having answered She prays to be dismissed &c

Wm R.
~~Thomas~~ Jordan
pr Nathaniel Young-
her next friend
by Bill and
Chapman and amdt.
Jordan

Decr: 7th 1840. Bill &c
filed & entry decree
page 372.

Jany: 4th 1841. Report returned
& confirmed & final Decree
W dismissed with Costs

With the above bill & answer & having due regard to the same we the under signed Commissioners have valued devided & allotted in two allotments the negro slaves belonging to James M Jordan dec'd and allotments cast & Elminca Jordan drew No 1 The names of the negroes as follows Hannah valued to $50- Sally $450- Peter $500 Bob $500 Wilson 300 Miles 250 $ mary & child $400 Hannah & 3 children $650 Robert $300 Cato $275- Ciller $150 Emily 250 $ Agga & child $500 amounting to $4575. & No 2. to William R Jordan namely Chartol $250 Jimmy $400 wheeler $400 Joe $425- Merrit Yellow 300 Holland $275 Edy & child (John) $400 Angaline & michel $675- Merrit Black $300 Serena $150 Roany $200- Lipsey 275- Eliza & 2 children $500 amounting to $4550 therefore Elminca Jordan has to pay William R Jordan the sum of $12.50 Cts to make their allotments to Equal (Therefore we the under signed Commissioners submit our proceedings to Court for their Consideration &c As given under our hands this 1st day of January 1841

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Each Share

Jno Edwards
Allen Edwards
Ro R Pope

Wm R
~~Elmina~~ Jordan an infant suing by
his next friend Nathaniel Young
vs
Jesse L Chapman admr of
Langston Jordan dec'd and
~~Elmina~~ Jordan

In Chancery

This cause came on this day to be heard on the bill answer and exhibits filed and was argued by counsel on consideration whereof the court doth adjudge order and decree that Robert R Pope Thomas Clements Darcy Edwards and Allen Edwards or any three of them do divide and set apart into equal parts having regard to the number and value of the same the negro slaves belonging to the estate of Langston Jordan dec'd to wit Amounting to 33 to wit Harriet Louisa, Melissa, Mary Ann, Cely, Jeffy, George Miles, Peter, Bob, Holland Wilson, Caty, Miles, John Pickett, Mary Ann, Mitchell Serena, Pink Celia, Charlotte, Angelina, Michael, Roana, Hannah Wheeler, Robert, Susie, Jinny, Celia, Eliza and child Margaret

Jessie one half to Elmina Jordan the other half to Jesse L Jordan and that they make a report of their doings to this court in order to a final decree and the court doth not at the costs of either party but the court doth further order and decree that the plaintiff and defendant are not to have the benefit of any decree or take the slaves out of the possession of the [illegible]

administrator until they shall enter into bond with security by themselves or Guardian payable to the said Nina K Chapman & Wm. H. Jordan in a penalty equal to at least the value of the slaves received, conditioned to refund due proportion of any debts or demands that may come against the said estate together with the costs already in the cause &c

Wm K
~~Chapman~~ Jordan
pr Nathaniel Young
his next friend

Chapman } Defendants
Jordan }

to divide slaves

In the County Court of Isle of Wight Decr: 7th: 1840.

William R. Jordan an infant who sues by N. Young his guardian ad litem . . . . . } Plaintiff

Against

Rena K. Chapman admr: of James M. Jordan decd: & Elmira Jordan } In Chy.

. . . . . } Defts:

This Cause came on this day to be heard on the bill and answer filed by consent of parties and was argued by Counsel: on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that Robert R. Pope, Monroe Clements, Davis Edwards and Allen Edwards, or any three of them do divide and set off and part into equal parts, having regard to the number and value of the same, the negro slaves belonging to the estate of James M. Jordan decd: amounting to thirty three, viz: Harriet, Louisa, Merit, Diana, Mary Ann, Easy, Aggy, Gincy, Milly, Peter, Bob, Holland, Wilson, Patsy, Miles, John Pleasant, Mary Ann, Merit, Serena, Comfort, Celia, Charlotte, Angelina, Michel, Roana, Hannah, Wheeler, Robert, Lipe, Linny, Celia, Eliza and Child Margaret giving one half to Elmira Jordan and the other half to William R. Jordan - that they make a report of their proceedings herein to this Court in order to a final decree - And the Court doth order that the costs be mutually born by the parties - But the Court doth further order and decree that the Plaintiff and defendant are not to have the benefit of this decree, or take the slaves out of the possession of the admr: until they shall enter into bond with security by themselves or Guardian payable to the said Rena K. Chapman admr: of James M. Jordan decd: in a penalty to at least the value of the slaves aforesaid, conditioned to refund due proportion of any debts or demands that may come against the said estate together with the costs attending the same.

Copy Teste N. P. Young D.C.

Jordans
vs
Jordans admor &c.

Jordan
vs
Jordans admor.

3 Int. decree
3 Report

Jan. 4th 1841 supt. ret.
and final decreet.