1842-005 Chancery Causes. William H. Eley & wf & Mills L. Eley & wf vs Benjamin Dale & Wright County Chapman, admr of George Vellines

Eley Ex'r
vs } papers
Chapman

Dec'r 6th 1841. Decree
for Sale

1842. Jany Co. report filed
for exceptions

Mrs A. Eley & Wife
and Thos
vs
Chapman

Bill
and
answer.

Sent

Decr. 7th 1841. Bill &c
fee & County dues.

1842 March Court. Rept
confirmed & final decree
L. 513.

The Answer of Benjamin Chapman admr of
George Vellenig dec? to a bill of complaint exhibited against
in the county court of Isle of Wight by Milly L Cley and
others -

This respondent now and at all times
saving and reserving to himself all benefit of exception to the
allegations of the plaintiffs bill for answer 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 decree which this honorable court may think proper
to make in the premises: and that having answered,
prays to be dismissed, with his reasonable costs in this
behalf expended -

To the Worshipful the Justices of Isle of Wight County in Chancery sitting humbly complaining shew unto your Worships, that Your Orator and Oratrix Wm H Cley and wife and Milly L Cley and wife shew unto the court that sometime in the year 184 one George Vellins an infant died in the county of Isle of Wight possessed of a valuable personal estate leaving the following persons his heirs at law to wit Wm H Cley in right of his wife and Milly L Cley in right of his wife and Benjamin Chapman in right of his wife the females being the sisters of said Geo. Vellins— That Benjamin administered on the estate of said Geo. Vellins and has proceeds to pay his debts— That Orator & Oratrix are much in want of their portion of the estate of said Geo. Vellins and have applied to the said Benjamin Chapman to grant their request— But the said Benjamin Chapman who may hereafter be called defendant, has declined paying to them their respective shares without a decree of this court— Now so it is May it please your Worships Your Orator pray for a division of the said estate by Commissioners to be appointed for the purpose and that the estate be divided among the heirs at Law— And may it please your Worships to grant all such other and further relief as may be consistent with the rules and the principles of this court; and to award all such process as may be necessary and proper in the premises—

Dear Sir

In obedience to A decree of the County Court of Nottoway at the commissioners therein named have Proceeded to devide the Slaves belonging to the Estate of Jno. W. Vaughan dec'd in the following manner to wit. We have Alotted to Benjamin Chapman Big willis & Peter valued at $700.00 by his paying to William H. Eley $45.00. We have Alotted to Mills L Eley Lucy & Dawson valued to $665.00 by his paying to William H. Eley $10.00. and we have Also Alotted to William H. Eley Little willis valued at $600.00 and receves from Benjamin Chapman & Mills L Eley $55.00 each propotion being $655.00 all of which is respectfully Submitted to the Court

Hardy Chapman Com'rs
Allen Edwards
B Chapman

Milly Clay & others
vs
Chapman —

In Chancery —

This day this cause came on to be heard on the bill answer and exhibits and was argued by Counsel on consideration whereof the court doth adjudge order and decree that Hardy Chapman Cosby Chapman Allen Edwards Wm Dodd or any four of them be commissioners to divide the following slaves belonging to the estate of George Villiny decd to wit. Peter Willis, Willis Dawson and Isley into three equal parts having regard to the value thereof, that they allot one third to Benjamin Chapman & Wife one third to Milly Clay and Wife and the remaining third to Wm H. Clay and Wife & that they make report to this court in order to a final decree —

Eley & Chilton
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Chatham

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In the County Court of Isle of Wight December 6th 1841

Mary Ely & others

vs

In Chancery

Chapman

This day this cause came on to be heard on the bill answer exhibits and was argued by Counsel on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that Hardy Chapman Cosby Chapman, Allen Edwards & Wm. Peck or any three of them, be Commissioners to divide the following Negroes belonging to the Estate of George N. Willis and to wit Allen, Willis, Willis Dawson and Lucy into three equal parts having regard to the value thereof, that they allot one third to Benjamin Chapman & wife, one third to Miss L. Ely and wife, and the remaining third to Wm. Ely and wife & that they make report to this Court with all convenient speed

The costs of this suit to be paid out of the estate of George N. Willis dec'd

Teste

C. J. Cooney C.C.

Fees $1.0 Atk $5