

1844-017 Chancery Causes: Lucy Johnson, widow of Matthew Johnson & al VS Matthew Johnson's admrs
Isle of Wight County

other SURNAMES: Powell

Scho of Ulricht County January Court 1838

Suey Johnson, widow of Matthew Johnson
and Semima, Nancy, & Rebecca Johnson
the three last infants by Suey Johnson their
next friend Plaintiffs

against

Joseph Powell Admior of Matthew Johnson . . . Defendant

In Chancery

This cause, this day, came on to be heard by

consent of parties, on the Bill and answer filed, and was argued by counsel,
on consideration whereof the court doth as judge, order & decree that Jordan
Parr, Kenah K. Chapman, John Villins, and Nathaniel Young or any three
of them, do allot and set apart to Suey Johnson widow of Matthew Johnson
one third part of the slaves of the estate of said Matthew Johnson ^{decd.}
^{(to wit) Jacob, Esther, Joe, Dick, Caroline & Ben} having regard to quality and quantity, and that the commissioners
then divide the balance of the slaves into three equal shares, and allot
one third part to Semima, one third part, to Nancy and one ~~one~~ third
part to Rebecca Johnson to be put into the possession of their legally
qualified guardians; but should the commissioners deem it for the
interest of the infants that the balance of the slaves after allotting the
dower, should not be divided, but be kept without a division; then &
in that event, they can omit to make a division, ^{between} the children & estate
ties - and merely allot the widow her share - But before the parties can
have the benefit of this order, each one receiving shares, shall by
themselves, if of full age, and if infants, then by their guardians, give
to the administrator refunding bonds according to law, if required by
him, and make report of their proceedings to this court in order to a
final decree.

Attest Nathl. Young Cl.

Johnson P.

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3 decree

Johnson's answer:

May 7th Report note.
I only continued.

Valuation of the Slaves of Matthew Johnson ~~Dead~~ made
by the undersigned Commissioners at the time & for the purpose of
allocating the widows dower therein, and dividing the residue betw
een the children of said Johnson to wit

Jacob a negro man	valued at	\$300. 00
Esther a negro woman	"	300. 00
Joe a negro boy	"	350. 00
Dick "	"	275. 00
Caroline "	girl	175. 00
Ben a boy	Chito	75. 00
		<u>31075. 00</u>

the widow's third part. - $\$558.33\frac{1}{3}$
 each child's proportion. - $\$372.22$

Lot No. 1. Jacob	\$500.00	To the widow and
Ben	75.00	she is to pay Semima
To pay Lot No. 2.	575.00	
	16.50 2/3	\$16.50 2/3
	\$558.33 1/3	

Lot No. 2	Dec	350. 00	to Lemuria Johnson
to receive lot no. 1.		10. 00	she is to receive of
from lot no. 3.		5. 50	Nancy \$5.50. & of the
			widow \$10.00
		<u>\$370. 22</u>	

Lot No. 3. Esther	300: 00	To Nancy Johnson but
Caroline	175: 00	she is to pay to Lemima
	<u>475: 00</u>	Johnson \$5: 58. and to
But to pay lot No. 2. \$5: 56		Rebecca \$97: 22.
& to pay to lot no. 4	97: 22	
	<u>102: 78</u>	
	<u>\$372: 22</u>	

Lot No. 4 Dick	275. 00	To Rebecca Johnson
to receive from lot No. 3	97. 22	but she is to receive of
	<u>\$372.22</u>	Nancy Johnson \$97.22

In obedience to the annexed decree of the court of Isheof Wright County, we the undersigned commissioners, first value the slaves of which Matthew Johnson dies possessed as above stated to sixteen hundred and seventy five dollars, we then to ascertain the widow Lucy Johnson's proportion or one third part, divided the said sum by three, which shews that she the said Lucy is intitled to \$558.33 of the said amount - we then deducted the said widows proportion from the whole amount which leaves to be divided between the three children \$1110.66 - and by dividing that sum by three it to each child \$372.22 - we then laid the negroes off in four lots as above shewn, and assigned to the widow Lucy Johnson as her dower lot No. 1. composed

of Negroes Jacob & Ben. to pay to Semina or lot no. 2 sixteen dollars & sixty six cents - To Semina Johnson we assigned lot no. 2 composed of Negro Joe valued at \$350. and she is to receive of her mother or lot no. 1. \$10:00 also from Nancy Johnson or lot no. 3. \$5:50 - To Nancy Johnson we assigned lot no. 3 - composed of Esther & Caroline, But she is to pay Semina Johnson \$5:50 and also to pay Rebecca Johnson or lot no. 4 \$97:22 - And lastly we assigned to Rebecca Johnson lot no. 4 composed of negro Dick - But she is to receive of Nancy Johnson ninety seven dollars & twenty two cents - each of which payments as above mentioned are to carry interest from this day - all which is respectfully reported to the court

John Wilkes
Att. Geny
H. Chapman
Jordan Parr

Johnson's return

15. 2 report of the
division of
slaves
Johnson's return.

To the County Court of the County of Wright in
Chy - humbly complaining - shews to the d.
your complainants, Lucy Johnson widow
of Matthew Johnson, and Lemima, Nancy,
and Rebecca Johnson the 3 last infants
being by the said Lucy Johnson their next
friend - that one Matthew Johnson late
of said County expended this life intestate
about the year 1837, signed and possessed of
slaves, Jacob, Esther, Joe, Dick, and Ben,
who have come to the hands of one
Joseph Powell who is the admor: of
the said estate - they charge that the
widow is entitled to dower in the slaves
as for said and the balance ought to be
divided between the distributees as for as
that they can't get the consent of the
said Powell to divide them, and as
they are satisfied there are no debts
which require the sale of the slaves, they
ask a decree for an allotment of the
^{life, & take} ~~same~~ in the slaves to the widow and
division of the balance - they pray the
said Powell admor: to be made a
defendant to this Bill, she compelled to
answer the same, and that you will
do according to what is correct &c.

Attest on p. g

20th County, Et of John of Wright sitting in
chambers. The answer of Mr. Pouch
advers: of Matthew Johnson, on to
the bill of complaint exhibited by
Lucy Johnson and others agt him.

The defendant for answer says
he is advers: of Matt: Johnson
and has no objection to an allotment
of the widow's intent, & a division
of the balance of the slaves - he
prays leave to be dismissed &c.

Attorney p. d.

20 Lucy Johnson, widow of Matthew
Johnson, and Lemima, Nancy &
Mickah Johnson, the 3 last, infants,
by the said Lucy Johnson their next &c.

Mr. Pouch advers: of Matt: Johnson

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the Court with a jury, order & decree
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of their legally qualified executors,
but should the Court deem it for the
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without a division; then, and in that
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Johnson

2nd Bill

Johnson adv.

January 1st 1838

Bill and ans^r filed &
Interlocutory decree entered
Copied -

May 7th 1838. Report
returned & continued.

May 6th 1844 final
Decree entered

A. Johnson