

1844-045 Chancery Causes, Eliza Goodson, widow of Nicholas Goodson vs Thomas Goodson
Isle of Wight County

et al, by & c

other surnames; Jordan,

Eliza Goodson
in
Goodson's heirs } in Chancery

Dec. 4th 1843 Rice and answers
filed and Int^l done —

Feb. 5th 1844 report returned and
final done —

To the honorable Justice of the county court of Ill. of
court: in chancery sitting: Humbly complaining sheweth
unto your honor, & our oratrix Eliza Goodson widow of the
late Nicholas Goodson, decd who departed this life sometime in
July of the year of our Lord 1843. Deceased, seized and
possessed of a considerable real & personal estate: and leaving
two infant children, being his heirs at law, to wit: Thomas &
Richard Goodson: That the said deceased, duly executed his last will
& Testament, in which Jas P. Jordan of the County aforesaid was ap-
pointed executor, and as such has qualified and received
possession of the personal estate the said deceased was possessed
and your oratrix further charges, that in accordance with the
authority in said last will & Testament given, the said Jordan
has sold, at Public Auction, a tract of land called near Prisoners Hill
belonging to the said deceased at ~~which~~ ^{the} same to the one John
Mc Shivers: That besides the parcel or tract of land so sold, the
said Nicholas Goodson husband as aforesaid of your oratrix, was
seized in fee simple, of several other parcels or tracts of land, to wit:
the parcel, or tract called the Home tract where at the said deceased
lived, and a parcel of about 82 acres, adjacent to the ~~the~~ Home tract, ~~near~~
~~Prisoners (now Shivers) Hill.~~ Two Newmans. about 102 acres
adjacent to the Home tract

in all of which said tracts, indeed in all of the real estate of inheritance
or fee simple whereby the said Nicholas Goodson was seized during
coverture, to which your oratrix did not relinquish her right, and
all of which he died seized of, your oratrix charges that she is
entitled to Dower: as she has, and ^{relinquished} does hereby renounce all
the provisions in the said last will & Testament of her said

husband, that may be incompatible with the claim to dower which she now prefers: and your orator further charges, that she has repeatedly demanded, the selling apart & allotment, to her of her dower in the real estate of the s^d Goodson dec^d; of the s^d Richard & Thomas Goodson his heirs at law aforesaid and of the s^d Jas P Jordan exor aforesaid, through by virtue of the said last will & testament of the deceased, in respect to the s^d Real estate, for certain objects, is a trustee thereof, & holding the legal title thereto, but they have each of them has constantly refused, all of which is contrary to Equity & good conscience and for as much as your orator is distinct and genuine remedy here in a court of Equity, she prays, that the said infants Thomas & Richard Goodson ~~may~~ and the said Jas P Jordan may be made further defendant-herein, and (the two former by their guardian ad litem for such purpose by the Court appointed) be compelled several answers, on their Corporal Oaths make to the allegations of this Bill. &c. your orator further states, that being unwilling to throw obstacles in the execution of the purposes of said last will & testament & not wishing to impeach or disturb the sale of the tract of land made as aforesaid by the s^d Jordan to the s^d Shiers she is willing that her dower may be assigned to her, out of the balance thereof, or a tract thereof, though, in quality & quantity regarding the value of the whole estate including the tract sold as aforesaid and she therefore prays that the honorable Court will, according to the law in such cases made & provided, decree the assignment of dower as aforesaid, and all other relief grant, as in the premises may seem fit & proper. and she prays, that the Court upon &c

Eliza Goodson
By N. B. Whitfield her atty.

The Joint & separate answer of Richard and Thomas Goodson infants &c. By N. B. Young their guardian ad litem by the Court of Guilford appointed, To a Bill filed in the Court aforesaid at December term 1843, by Eliza Goodson, against them & others: These respondents (by their s^d guardian ad litem) saving & reserving &c, for answer to the such parts of s^d Bill, as they are advised it is material for them to answer: Answer & say that it is true they are the heirs at law & children of the said Richard Goodson: that they admit nothing in the s^d Bill alleged beside, but as they are of tender age, beg leave to submit themselves & their joint & several interests, to the protection of this honorable Court and having answered pray leave to be dismissed with their costs &c
N. B. Young Respond

The separate answer of Jas P Jordan to the Bill filed &c. him & others by Eliza Goodson, at the December term for the County of Guilford. This respondent, saving &c, answers and says that it is true that he is authorized by the s^d last will & testament ^{of that Richard & Goodson dec^d} to sell, the lands in the said Bill mentioned, and by virtue of such authority the title to the same is vested in him. that he further believes, that the material facts, as in the said Bill alleged are true to the best of his knowledge & belief; and has no objection to the decree prayed for by said Complainant & having answered pray leave &c -
Jas P Jordan

Guilford County to wit: - Jas P Jordan personally -
appeared before me a Justice of the Peace, for the County aforesaid, and made affirmation ^{oath}, that the facts as above stated in his answer, are true to the best of his knowledge & belief - given on my hand this 1 day of December 1843

J. A. C. Jordan

Eliza Goodson.

H.

Jordan & others

Decree in Chancery

This day this cause again came on to be heard on the bill & answer &c, and was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof, the Court with order, adjudge & decree that—Mr. North, Nathaniel Williams, Humphreys & Geo. W. Lyggett or any three of them, who are hereby appointed Commissioners for such purpose, do proceed to ^{all} divide the lands of herof the said Elizabeth Goodson died seized in fee, or during coverture with the complainant to which she has not been quitted her rights do, and apportion & allot one third part thereof, unto the said Eliza Goodson, by proper metes & bounds, as her Dower in the same. and if it be the best for the interest, of all concerned apportion & allot apart, an entire & independent tract or tracts, as her said Dower in lieu of a third of each tract or parcel, upon such terms as will make such apportionment of a tract, or tracts, as the case may be one third part of all of the lands of the whereof the said deceased was seized in fee simple as aforesaid; and in all respects having regard to the quantity & quality thereof, and report to this Court the proceeding therein, in order to a final decree in the premises—

To the Court of Henrich County
We the commissioners in accordance with the decree
of the Court of Sale of rights &c. assessing met
and proceeded to value the lands belonging
to the Estate of Nicholas Gordon decd and have
allotted the home plantation to the widow
as her dower in the Real Estate of said Decd
May 11th 1844. J. B. B. B.

of Henrich County
Walter W. Williams
Commissioner

At a court held for Seaford County Dec: 4.th 1843

Eliza Goodson

Against

Thomas and Rich:^d Goodson Infants

In Chancery

On Motion of the Plff: N. P. Courcy is appointed Esq:^r additum to the infant defendants, and this cause came on to be heard on the Bill & answer &c and was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof the court doth order, adjudge and decree that Joel Brock, Nathaniel Williams, Henry Pitt, and John Urquhart or any three of them, who are hereby appointed commissioners for such purpose, do proceed to examine all the land whereof Nicholas Goodson died seized in fee, or during coverture with the complainant, to which she has not relinquished her right, &c and assign & allot one third part thereof, unto the said Eliza Goodson, by proper meters & bounds, as her Dower in the same, and if it be the test for the interest of all concerned assign and allot and set apart an entire and independent tract or tracts, as her said Dower in lieu of a third of each tract or parcel, upon such terms as will make such assignment of a tract or tracts, as the case may be one third part of all of the land whereof the said deceased was seized in fee simple as aforesaid; and in all respects having regard to the quality and quantity thereof, and report to this court the proceedings therein, in order to a final decree in the premises —

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Teste

J. P. Mills D.C. W.M.

Carson
vs {copy, Pierce
Carson's claim

Ely's second

against

Thomson & Peter's goodman's

Secrecy in sharing

This same cause, on again, to be heard the papers
firmly read, and the report of Commissioner Joel Drake
Henry Pitt and Nathaniel W. Williams, who were
appointed as such to set apart & lay off the share of Ely's
goodman in the real estate of her said husband, and was
argued by counsel, on consideration thereof, the Court
forthwith adjourned and decreed, that the said Report
be confirmed, and leave is hereby given to the infants in
said suit, to then come, if any come, against said Secrecy
after they shall have attained the age of twenty one years,

Final Letter

My dear friend,
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines
will find you the same. I have been thinking much of late
of the future and of the many changes that are coming
upon the world. I feel that we must be prepared for them
and that we must have a firm faith in God and in His
promises. I am sure that if we do, we shall be able to
overcome all our difficulties and to live in peace and
happiness. I am, my friend, ever your sincere friend,
John Doe