

1846-010

Chancery Causes: Isaac Moody vs William Gray, Monroe Gray & Edwin Gray,

Isle of Wight County

Plat

by J C

other surnames Bracy

Moorey of High
of High Gray
in 3 Bids.
Gray &

Dec. 1845

December 1st 1845.
Gov. as to the app. Bill
& ad. filed & decreed &c.

April 6th 1846 Report
filed for exception

June Term 1846
final decree

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a. A. H. P. S.

being first mentioned, so that the said
complainant as assignee of the said Polly
Gray is now entitled to have one fourth
part of the said slave, and one fourth
part of the land of which the ancestor
Romain Gray died seized or of an estate
descendant (various and excepted
that portion now held or down land
by the said over dy, which in no
way or manner is to form a part
of the subject of this bill; and the said
James Moore, is anxious to have his
portion of the said land and of the
said slave set apart to him so that
he may enjoy the rights and benefits
to which as assignee of Polly Gray he is
entitled; but he can't effect his object
without the aid of this Court, because
the said William, Monroe and
Romain Gray are infants under the
age of 21 years. He therefore asks the aid
of this Court. In tender consideration
whereof, he prays, that the said Wm,
Monroe and Romain Gray who
are infants, may be made defendants
to this bill, and be compelled to answer
the same fully and sincerely -
that you will appoint some fit persons
guardian ad litem to the said
infants, and that you will decree that
the slave aforesaid, or also the land
now belonging to the said descendants
of Romain Gray (inclusion of the
land held in down), shall be divided
into four equal shares according to
the rights of the parties respectively - and
that you will appoint suitable persons to
carry such order into effect, and make
any other or further order in the premises

that may comport with equity; and as
in our house he will pray to
Attention p. 2 (signed, Moore)

In the County Court of the State of Virginia in
Chancery. The joint and separate
of William Gray, Monroe Gray and
Romain Gray, infants, by Nathl. P. Young
Clerk of the County Court of the State of Virginia
the guardian ad litem appointed to
them in this suit. The said defendants
in answer to a bill filed by the complainant
3 of the children, heirs and distributees
of Romain Gray who died intestate, being
them and Polly Gray his children;
that they are under age and know
nothing of the sale of Polly's interest
charged in the bill to have been by her
conveyed to the complainant - nor have
they any interest in that branch of
the subject - they claim to be entitled to
1/4 each of the said slave, in the bill
mentioned or with or the land sought to
be sold, and they submit their rights
to the Court and pray leave to be dismis-
sed.

(signed
N. P. Young
for ad litem -

To the County Court of Isle of Wight sitting
in chancery, humbly complaining, shows
to the Court your complainant Isaac
Moody of the said County - That one
Reubin Gray, late of the County aforesaid
expatriated his life about the year 1841
intestate seized of a tract of land in
the County of Isle of Wight and several
valuable slaves - That administra-
-tion according to law was taken
upon his estate and subsequently
under a decree of the Court of said
County the portion of the widows of the
said Reubin when - name was
Cordy was set apart in the land
and her portion of the slaves, was
allotted to her for her life - That the
balance of the land and three slaves
whose names are Jacob, Lewis and
Aaron were allotted to the children of
him, and distributees of the said
Reubin Gray - the names of the said
him and distributees are Polly,
William, Monroe and Reubin Gray
who hold the said land as coparceners,
no division having been made, &
the 3 slaves, belonged to them jointly,
each entitled to one fourth - That
all the said children are infants except
the said Polly, who has recently come
of age, and has sold and conveyed
by deed of bargain and sale recorded
in the County of Isle of Wight, of which
a copy is filed herewith, to the said
Isaac Moody, all her right, title &
claim in and to the said three slaves
as also her interest in the land set
apart to the four children, under the same

In Pursuance of a decree of the County Court of
Belmont bearing date Decr 1st-1845-

We the undersigned in pursuance of sd. decree and
with the assistance of the County Surveyor
have proceeded and laid off and divided the lands
belonging to the estate of Edwin Gray decd. in
the following manner, excepting the widows
dower, with a plot accompanying this Report
Plot No 1. Containing one hundred and fifty acres
Beginning at a maple in the branch line and running
along a line of Market trees Course N. 14 East to
a black gum on Henry Th. Chapmans line to a
post oak corner of S. line. thence along S. Henry Th.
Chapmans line to R. R. Pops line, and along S.
Robert. R. Pops & Mills Braeys line ^{widows dower} to the beginning
and Valued at three hundred dollars and drawn

By Edwin Gray orphan of Edwin Gray decd.

Plot No 2. Containing one hundred and eighty
two acres. Beginning and running as follows beginning
at a maple in the branch line at the beginning
of plot No 1. and running down the branch to the
Swamps thence along the run of the Swamp to
a black Gum thence taking a line of Market
trees N. 13. W. to a dog wood a corner on 4th
division and dividing 2nd & 3rd divisions along a line
of Market trees N. 80. E to a red oak on the line of
the 1st division or plot thence along the line of 1st Plot
to the beginning and Valued at three hundred dollars and
Drawn by Monroe Gray

Plot No 3 Containing one hundred and ninety three
acres, begining at a dog wood in the line of 4th division
and running along a line of Market trees N. 13. W. to a
red oak near the ~~at Back~~ water road thence down
said road to a pine a corner on Henry Th. Chapmans
line thence to a nother pine a corner & thence to a
white oak a corner on Elbow thence to a black Gum

a corner between No 2 & No 3 and thence along a line
of Mark trees to a red Oak a corner between No 2 & 3
on the line of 1st Division thence along a line of
Mark trees of the 2nd & 3rd division to the dogwood
the beginning Valued at Three Hundred dollars and
drawn by Mrs Gray
Plot 4th containing one hundred and eighty
one acres beginning at a gum on the Swamp line
and running down S. Swamp to a corner on
Mary Jenkins line and a branch up S. branch to a
Ash an ~~elbow~~ corner on S. Mary Jenkins line thence
to a pine a corner thence along a line of Mark
trees to a black gum a corner on Nathan Montford
and Hardy Chapman thence along Hardy Chapman
line to black gum in branch a corner on Miers
Fulghams line thence along S. Fulghams line to Black
water road and down S. road to a red Oak a corner
on the 3rd Division thence along a line of Mark trees
adjoining 3rd & 2nd divisions to the beginning and
Valued at three hundred dollars and drawn by
Isaac Moody Agent of Polly Gray &c.

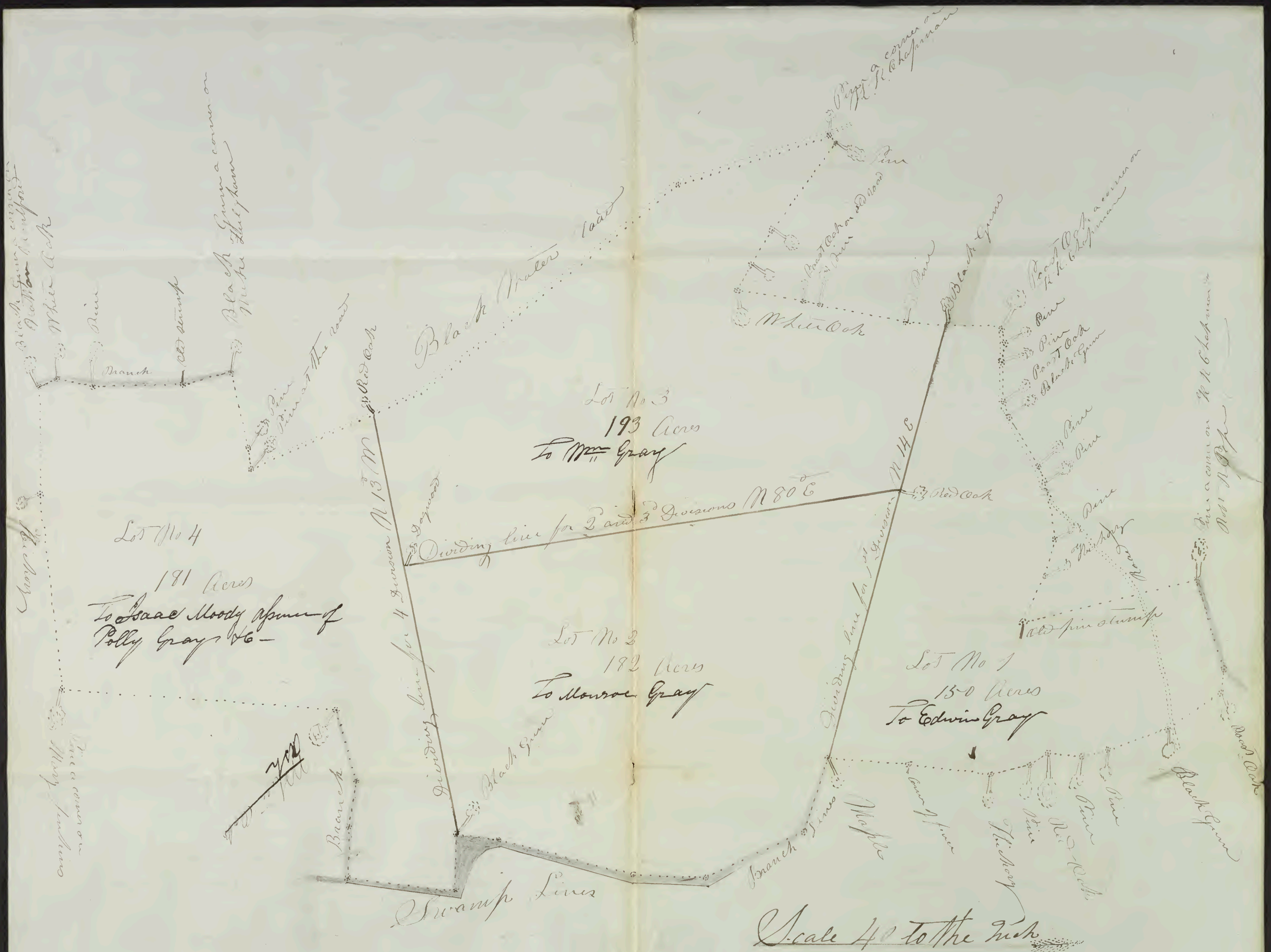
The undersigned have also divided the
Negroes namely Jacob, Lewis, and Aaron in
the following ~~manner~~ viz. Jacob Valued at
Six hundred dollars to Isaac Moody and to pay
to Monroe Gray one hundred and eighty seven dollars
and fifty cents, Lewis Valued at five hundred and
fifty dollars. Alotted to Mrs Gray and Mr Gray to
pay to Monroe Gray, one hundred and thirty seven
dollars and fifty cents, Aaron Valued to five hundred
dollars and alloted to Edwin Gray, to pay Monroe
Gray eighty seven dollars & fifty cents & Monroe
Gray to receive from Isaac Moody one hundred
and eighty seven dollars & fifty cents and from
Mrs Gray one hundred and thirty seven dollars & fifty
cents & to receive from Edwin Gray eighty seven

dollars and fifty cents which amount is four
hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents
each ones proportion of the negroes belonging
to the estate of Edwin Gray decd, And all
of which is respectfully Submitted to the
Court Given under our hands the
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James Gray
R. R. Gray
Hardy Chapman

For with plot of land is a correct re-noun-
tation of 706 Acres of land marked and
bounded according to the within bounded
this 31st day of Decr 1845—

J. W. Duck Surveyor



And.

the 18th

Edward Gray died intestate, left
widow Dandy, son Dandy
Bracy - 4 children to wit, Polly
Ann, Henry & George - the
dower of the widow in land
Slaves were set apart under
deed, & slaves Jack, Lewis, &
Aaron were set apart to the
4 children without any decision
any them, & the land after
the dower taken went also to
them jointly - Polly & it ap-
pears so to Grace Moody,
all the rest were set apart
set over to decision before
Slaves - to wit, Louis, Jack,
Gray, H. M. R. Pope, John Phillips
and Mary Chapman &
any 3 —

and that they make up to the same
liability is reserved to the infant defendants
to show cause if any they can
against this decree in a year after
they shall respectively arrive to the age
of 21 years &c -

And

Isaac Moody complainant

William Gray, Monroe Gray and
Remin Gray — etc.

On motion of the complainant,
Nathl. P. Young is appointed sur-
-vivor to the infant defendants, and
he has if filed the answer of the
said defendants, this case by
consent of parties, came on this day
to be heard on the Bill, answer of
the defendants, exhibit filed and
was agreed by counsel; On con-
-sideration whereof the Court doth order
-ge, order and decree that John
Phillips, James Gray, Robert R. Pope
and Nancy Chapman, or any 3 of them
with the aid of a surveyor if required,
procure to divide into four shares the
land now in the possession of the defendants
and Isaac Moody assignee of Polly
Gray, or heirs of Remin Gray, being all
the land of the estate of said Remin
Gray except the above land now
held by Dorothy the widow; having
regard to quality and quantity of
that they set apart $\frac{1}{4}$ to Isaac Moody
purchaser from Polly Gray, $\frac{1}{4}$ to Wm.
Gray, $\frac{1}{4}$ to Monroe Gray & the other $\frac{1}{4}$
to Remin Gray - and that the same
Court who may act as also divide
the slaves ~~between~~ Jacob, Lewis and Aaron
in the Bill named between the said Moody
assignee or purchaser from Polly Gray &
the said Wm. Monroe and Remin Gray,
so as to give $\frac{1}{4}$ to the said Isaac Moody,
 $\frac{1}{4}$ to Wm. $\frac{1}{4}$ to Monroe & $\frac{1}{4}$ to Remin
Gray, having regard to quality & quantity -

Moody & Co.

at copy of Chy: dion

Monroe Gray & Co.

At a court held for Isles of Wight County the first day of
December 1843.
Isaac Moody assignee of Polly Gray Plaintiff
against

Monroe Gray and also Defendants

On motion of the complainant, Math^{rs}.
J. Young, is appointed guardian ad litem to the infant
defendants, and he having filed the answer of said defendants,
this cause by consent of parties came on to be heard, on the
file, answer of the defendants ~~exhibits~~ filed, and was argued by
counsel; on consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order
and decree, that John Phillips, James Gray, Robert A. Pope and
Isidore Chapman, or any three of them, with the aid of a
surveyor if necessary, proceed to divide the lands now in the
possession of the defendants; and Isaac Moody assignee of Polly Gray,
as heir of Edwin Gray, bring all the lands of the estate of said
Edwin Gray (except the dower lands, now held by Dorothy the widow)
having regard to quality and quantity, and that they set apart
 $\frac{1}{4}$ to Isaac Moody purchased from Polly Gray, $\frac{1}{4}$ to W^m Gray to
Monroe Gray and the other $\frac{1}{4}$ to Edwin Gray, and that the said
commissioners who may act, divide the slaves in the bill
mentioned, between the said Moody assignee or purchaser from
Polly Gray, and the said W^m, Monroe, and Edwin Gray, so as to give
 $\frac{1}{4}$ to Isaac Moody, $\frac{1}{4}$ to W^m Gray, $\frac{1}{4}$ to Monroe & $\frac{1}{4}$ to Edwin Gray,
having regard to quality and quantity and that they make report
here and liberty is reserved to the infant defendants to show
cause if any they can, against this decree, in a year after
they shall respectively arrive to the age of turning one year,

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Teste

J. M. Young J. D. C.