

1857-006

Chancery Causes. Elizabeth Strongfield, widow of James J. Strongfield vs James J. Strongfield,

Isle of Wight County

Edwin W. Strongfield + Richard H. Strongfield, by v c

To the Worshipful County Court of Isle of Wight
County in Chancery sitting, humbly complain-
ing sheweth to the Court, your complainant, Elizabeth
Stringfield widow of James I Stringfield dec'd,
that about the day of 185, James I String-
field late husband of your complainant depart-
ed this life in the county aforesaid intestate, seized
& possessed in said county of a tract of land
containing by estimation 233 acres, lying adja-
cent to the lands of Thomas Goodson, & George
H Canoll & George Holliman - that the said
James I Stringfield left as his heirs at law
three infant children, to wit; James I, Edwin
W, & Richard H Stringfield - that your
said complainant as widow aforesaid of
the said James I Stringfield is entitled to
dower in said tract of land - that her said
dower has never been assigned her - in tender
consideration whereof & for as much as your
complainant is without remedy at law & can
only be relieved by the aid of this worshipful
court of Chancery where matters of this sort
are cognizable, to this end your complainant
prays that the said James I Stringfield,
Edwin W Stringfield, & Richard H String-
field, infants as aforesaid ~~by some one~~
~~appointed~~ their guardian ad litem to
defend them in this suit may be made
parties defendant to this bill & be required
to answer the same - that by a decree of this
worshipful court Commissioners may be
appointed to allot her dower in the land afo-
said & that such other & further relief may
be granted as consents with the equity of the
case & to the court may seem proper &

your complainants will ever pray &c
Hayden - ps -

To the Worshipful County Court of Isle of
Wight in Chancery sitting - The joint &
Several Answers of James I Stringfield,
Edwin W Stringfield & Richard. H. Stringfield
infant children of James I Stringfield, decd
by ~~Mr~~ Edw Stringfield their guardian ad litem
to the Bill of Complaint in said court
exhibited by Elizabeth Stringfield against
them. These defendants severally an-
swering say that they are infants under
twenty one years of age & submit their
interests in the premises to the protection
of this worshipful court of Chancery
& having answered pray hence to be
dismissed with their costs in this behalf
unreasonably expended &c &c

Signed -

Signed - A. D. Young gov. ad.
At

Stringfield as Chancey
of at

Bill & Thinner -

Decr. 1. 1835. Price for
filled & with decms.

Oct 6. 1837 Farewell
Leaves.

(Dana)

Pursuant to the annexed decree in the cause of Elizabeth Stringfield against Edwin W. James J and Richard H Stringfield made on the 1st day of December 1856 in the County Court of Ash of Wight County, the undersigned Commissioners appointed by said decree report to the Court—that on the 23rd day of February 1857, they allotted to Elizabeth Stringfield, widow of James J Stringfield out of the lands of her said husband, mentioned in said decree as her dower therein one full and equal third part—thus bounded as follows, on the east by the public road passing through the lands of the said James J. Stringfield dec'd leading from Wrenn's mill to the Smithfield road, on the north by the lands of Geo. W. Holliman Geo. W. Carrell and Albert C. Jones, on the south by the land of Lydia Ash and on the west by the land of Thomas V. Adams, now occupied by Robert J. Cofer with the privilege to the heirs at law of the said James J. Stringfield to take fence timber from the said dower land to repair their fence on the public road aforesaid bounding aforesaid dower land. All of which is respectfully submitted.

William H. Casey,
Robert J. Cofer
Henry J. Brock

Stringfield

vs

Stringfield

et al —

This day came the plaintiff & filed her bill, & on her motion N. P. Young is assigned guardian ad litem to the infant defendants Edwin W. Stringfield, James I. Stringfield & Richard H. Stringfield, & thereupon the said guardian ad litem filed the answers of said infant defendants, to which answers the plaintiff replied generally, & she came coming on to be heard upon the bill, the said answers, & general replications thereto, was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order & decree that W^m H. Carey, Thos Goodson, Robert T. Coker & Henry Brock, who are hereby appointed commissioners for that purpose any three of whom may act do proceed to allot set off & assign to the Plaintiff Elizabeth Stringfield, widow of James I. Stringfield, one equal full third part, having regard to quality & quantity of the land in these proceedings mentioned where: of the said James I. Stringfield died seized & possessed in the county of Isle of Wight, containing by estimation 233 - acres, lying adjacent to the lands of Thomas Goodson, Lease W. Canoll & Lease Holleman, as & for the dower of the said Elizabeth in the estate of her said husband, laying off said dower by metes & bounds & delivering possession of the same to said widow & make report of their proceedings under this decree to court.

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To be entered:
Geo. W. Warren

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Stringfield & als.

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At a Court held for Isle of Wight County on the 1st day
of December 1856.

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This day came the plaintiff & filed her Bill, and on her motion
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replied generally, and the cause coming on to be heard on the bill,
the said answers & general replications thereto, was argued by
counsel; on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge—order
and decree; That Wm. H. Cury, Thomas Goodson, Robert T. Cofer,
and Henry Brock, who are hereby appointed Commissioners for that
purpose, any three of whom may act, do proceed to allot, set
off and assign to the plaintiff Elizabeth Stringfield, widow of James J.
Stringfield, One equal full third part, having regard to quantity &
quality of the land in the proceedings mentioned—whereof the said
James J. Stringfield died seized & possessed in the County of Isle
of Wight—Containing by estimation two hundred and thirty three
acres, lying adjacent to the lands of Thomas Goodson, George
H. Carroll & Geo. W. Holliman—As & for the dower of the said
Elizabeth in the estate of her said husband—laying off the said
dower by meets & bounds & delivering possession of the same to
the said widow. & make report of their proceedings under
this Decree to Court.

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Teste. H. C. Latimer A.D.C.

Elizabeth Stringfield

^{vs}
James J. Stringfield & al.

This cause this day came on to be again heard on the papers, formerly read & on the report of Commissioners Gust Casey Henry J. Brock Robert S. Cooper - made pursuant to a decree herein of December term 1856 & was argued by Counsel, on consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge order & decree that the said report which no exceptions were filed be confirmed & that the said Elizabeth Stringfield widow of James J. Stringfield deceased be endowed of the lands of her said husband according to the allotment of said report & hold the same as her dower for the term of her life & that the defendants pay the costs of this suit

Elizabeth Stringfield

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James J. Stringfield
et al.

Rough Decree

April -

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to be entered

Jos. W. Carney