

1868-012

Chancery Causes: Meredith H. Watkins & ux VS Edwin L. Ballard & al, by & c

Sale of Wright County

The female Complainant Ann W. Watkins
late Bulard having died, ^{this cause} ~~vs~~ 4, on the
motion of M. H. Watkins, by his attorney
ordered to be dismissed at his costs.

Watkin, Jr

vs
Bullock Jr

order

To be entered

11/14/61

entered

Meredith H Watkins & land W. his wife

Against

Eason L Ballard, Alphonso Ballard, John M Ballard,
& — Ballard an unnamed Girl Child, all being
Infants.

This cause came on this day to be heard
on the bill of the Complainants and the
answer of the infant defendants, by N P Young,
their Guardian ad litem, with general replication to
said answer, and was argued by Council:

On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge,
Order and decree That Richard Copeland, Rufus
H. Roberts, Thomas J Marshall & David B Roberts
who are appointed Commissioners for that
purpose any three of whom may act, pro-
ceed to set apart and assign unto the
female Complainant for life an full and
equal third in Value of the lands whereof
her late husband E L Ballard died seized.
as and for her dower thereon, And which
land is described as a tract of land in the
County of Ishoflight, and containing by
Estimation 200 Acres more or less Said
adjoining the lands of Thomas J. Marshall,
Richard M. Butler, & Others and make report
to Court,

Teste

N. P. Young Clk.

A. Copy Teste,

N. P. Young Clk.

Watkins &

m. {ely, Rept.
of driver.

Bollard &

Day. 6. 1868 filed

Meredith H. Walker, & Ann W. his wife

vs

Edwin L. Ballard, Cephus Ballard, Bro.
M. Ballard, & — Ballard an unnamed
girl child, all being Infants.

This cause came on this Day to be
heard on the Pleadings of the Complainants &
the answer of the Infant Defendants by
N. P. Young their guardian ad litem,
with general replication to said answer &
was argued by Counsel. On consideration
whereof the Court doth adjudge, order &
decree that Richard Capland, Benj. F.
Roberts, Thomas J. Marshall & David B.
Roberts, who are appointed Commissioners
for that purpose (any three of whom may act)
proceed to set apart and apportion into the
several Complainant for life, one free
and equal third in value of the Land,
whereof her late husband Edwin L. Ballard
did seized, or and for her dower therein —
and which Land is described as a tract of
Land in the County of Isle of Wight &
containing by estimation 280.

acres, more or less, & adjoining
the Land of Thomas J. Marshall, Rich^d. Y.
Butler & others
(and make report to Court.

Watkins, wife

of Dean
Ballard

Enter sum
not on hand

In obedience to the Annexed decree
we have this day examined the
land mentioned in said decree and
have marked a line of trees across
land, which the east side of S. line
being an equal 3rd part of the whole
tract, ^{in value} the 3rd part contains all the houses
on the premises all of which is submitted
to your under our hand the 6th of
Dec^r 1867

Richard Caplan
Ben^d H. Roberts
David, B. Roberts

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

To the Sheriff of Isle of Wight County---Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *Edwin S. Ballard, Alfieus*
Ballard, John M. V Ballard and Ballard, an unnamed
girl child (all being under 21 years old.)

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our *County* Court of Isle of Wight County, at rules to
be holden for the said Court, on the first Monday in *December* next, to answer *a Bill*
in chancery filed against them by Meredith S. Watkins
and Ann W. his wife.

~~or appear at~~

~~Damages~~

and have then and there this writ. WITNESS, NATH'L P. YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court
House, this *22nd* day of *November* in the year 186*7*, in the *92nd* *U.S.*
year of the Commonwealth.

N. P. Young Clerk

M. N. Watkins wife

v.

E. L. Ballard & others
infants.

To Decr. sales 1867.
Co. Ct.

Kelley p^g.

In the Worshipful Court of See of Wight County-
in Chancery sitting — Complaining shew
unto the Court, Your Complainants
Meredith H. Watkins and Ann W.
his wife —

Your Complainants respectfully
represent to the Court and say, That
one Edwin L. Ballard of said County
died on the day of July 1866, Intestate,
leaving a tract of Land in said County
containing by estimation

acres, more or less, and
bounded by the Lands of Thomas J. Marshall,
Rich^d. J. Butler, & others

That the said Edwin L. Ballard left
a widow, the said Ann W. who has
since intermarried with the said Mer-
edith H. Watkins; and also left four
infant children, to wit: Edwin L. Ballard,
Aephemo, John W., & a girl child who
is unnamed —

Your Complainants desire to have
the Dower of your female Complainant,
in the Lands of her late husband, the
said Edwin L. Ballard, to which she is
entitled, set apart and assigned to her
in said Lands, and now pray that
proper persons may be appointed to

make such assignment -

In consideration whereof and as
this Court has power to grant all proper
relief - In the End Your Complainant
prays, that Edwin L. Ballard, Alphonso
Ballard, Bro. Wm. Ballard & — Ballard,
an unnamed girl child, said being in-
fants under twenty one year of age, may
be made defendants hereto; that some
proper person may be appointed to defend them,
and that Your Complainant's prayer
may be granted - And so

John R. Kilby, &

The Joint and separate answer of Edwin
L. Ballard, Alphonso Ballard, John W.
Ballard & — Ballard, an unnamed girl
Child Sale Infants, by A. P. Young their
guardian ad litem, to a Bill in Chancery
exhibited in the County Court of Isle of Wight
County against them by Meredith H. Watkins,
others.

These Respondents say, that the
facts set forth in said Bill are true
as they believe, but that being Infants
and ignorant of their just rights, they
submit the same to the Court and pray
that no order or decree may be made in
the premises, inconsistent with their just
interests.

Signed,

A. P. Young Guardian ad litem

Killy p. v.

M. N. Watkins wife

M } Bess &
ans.

Edwin L. Ballard
Jal.

1867.

Dec. Rules Bill filed - Gen.
ad litem appointed to the inst.
defendants. Their ans. filed
& gen. resp. and cause
set for hearing.

Jan. Rules Court

Dec. Court - Inty. decreed
for doover.

Jan. 6. 1868 Rept. of doover
filed.

J. of Wt. Co. Ct.