

1772-003

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

EDWARDS

vs.

EDWARDS,

5/1772

See also: Edwards v. Edwards, 1773.
etc.

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Edward J. Bill
vs
Edward J. Con

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To the worshipful justices of Southampton county
sitting in Chancery

Humblly complaining sheweth unto your worships your Orator
Sarah Edwards, widow & Relict of John Edwards dec'd
That your Orator, said late husband was in his life, seized
& possessed of one certain tract or parcel of land lying in
this county containing _____ Acres or thereabouts. & also
possessed of then following slaves to wit: Sep Jacob Abajau
Betty Gilley Pink Aggy Sam Amey Jenny Anarchy
Adam. and being so seized & possessed ~~by~~ or about the
year Month of March — in the year of our lord 1769
departed this life intestate, leaving your Orator his
widow & one John Edwards his eldest son & heir at law
to whom by the laws of this colony the aforesaid lands &
slaves are descended, subject to the dower of your
Orator therein. Your Orator further sheweth that she
hath made application for such dower to be allotted
& set apart. but the said John Edwards being an infant
of tender years the same cannot be done so as to be
binding between the parties ~~without~~ ~~the~~ without the
interposition of this worshipful Court. To the end therefore
that the said John Edwards by his guardian may fully
true & perfect answer make to all & singular the allegations
of this bill as fully as if again repeated & interrogated
and this court will cause that ~~the~~ some fit & able
persons be appointed to allot assign & set apart the
dower of your Orator in the Lands & slaves aforesaid
that such persons make Report thereof so that the same
be made from stable & binding between your Orator
and the said John Edwards. The hein & that your
worships will make such further & other course in
the premises as may be agreeable to equity & good
conscience May it please You.

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Ans

Jan^y. 1772

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May Sep^r. 1772

1^o Decem^r . . .

The Answer of John Edwards an Infant
by John Crawford his Guardian to the
Bill of Complaint of Sarah Edwards
Complainant. —

This Def: answering saith it is true John
Edwards his Father died seized & possessed of
the Lands and Negro Slaves in the Bill mentioned
and that the Pet is intituled to her Dower therein
and is willing some fit and able Persons should
be appointed to allot and set apart the Dd
Dower therein, But as he is an Infant he prays
that Court will save to him all Right he
might claim &c —

Jⁿ: Crawford

Edwards

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Edwards

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Sarah Edwards widow and
Relict of John Edwards *decd* pth

^{vs}
John Edwards son and heir of
John Edwards by John Griffith
his guardian *defnd*

In Chancery

This cause came on to
be heard on the bill of the Plaintiff and answer of the
defendants whereupon it is decreed and ordered that
John Wilkinson Lordall & Vought and Joseph Everitt
or any two of them do allot assign and set apart the
dower of the Plaintiff in the lands and slaves in the
bill mentioned & make report thereof to the next Court
in order to a final decree

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or
Carwards Chan

Col. Wm. B.

Aug. Cont. Bill

Supt. Cont.

Jan. 1772

Wm. B. Carwards

George the third by the grace of God of Great
Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the
Faith &c To the sherrif of Southampton county greeting
We command you to summon John Edwards son
& heir of John Edwards deceased to appear before our
justices of our said county court at the courthouse
of the said County on the second Thursday in July
next to answer a bill in chancery exhibited
against him by ~~Edward~~ Sarah Edwards widow
& relict of the said John Edwards deceased & have then
then this writ read up Richard Hells clerk
of our said Court at the courthouse of our
the 17th day of June in the seventh year
of Our Reg^{ty}

R. Hells

In Obedience to a Order of Court to us Directed
We have allotted assigned and set apart the Power
of Sarah Edward Relect of John Edwards in the
Land & Slaves of the said Edwards, the Land Bounding
as followeth, Beginning at a White Oak, standing on
the Branch Near the Still House thence down the
said Branch to the Creek thence down the Creek to a
=nch thence up the Branch to a former Line of Market
Trees, then along that Line to a Red Oak from
thence along a New Line of Market Trees to about
Red Oak Corner, from thence a Strake Line to the
Beginning, also four Negroes, a Woman Abigale a
Man Jacob, a Woman Gilley a Boy Sam Valued
to one Hundred & sixty five pound Ten Shillings
Current Money

John Wilkinson
Cordall Noylet