

1783-005 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

MORGAN

vs. MORGAN'S ADMX

4/1783

To the worshipful court of the county of Southampton sitting in Chancery
Humbly complaining

Sheweth unto your worship your orator Janett Morgan an infant by John Morgan his next friend That the said John Morgan your orator brother being ~~intestate~~ seized and possessed of a considerable estate consisting of a slave named Lucy and a considerable personal estate departed this life intestate sometime in the year of our Lord 1779 without issue leaving Mary his wife and your orator his eldest brother and heir at law Your orator further sheweth that the said Mary took letters of administration on the estate of the said John and thereby possessed herself of all his estate as well the slave aforesaid as the personal estate and hath proceeded to inventory the part only thereof she having neglected to inventory the said slave by which conduct of the said Mary your orator is apprehensive of some intention being in agitation to deprive your orator of his right to the said slave ^{as he is by his last will} Your orator further sheweth that he is one of seven Brothers and sisters and is also indebted to one seventh part of a moiety of the personal estate whereof the said John died possessed after deducting the debt and funeral expenses Your orator further sheweth that he hath in a friendly manner applied himself to the said Mary requesting his proportionable part of the personal estate aforesaid as also to inventory the said slave and take her down there in such a manner as proper persons should think most equitable But now so it is may it please your worship that the said Mary refuses so to do pretending there are debts due from the estate which will exhaust all the personal assets and that the said slave is her absolute property all which acts and doings of the said Mary are contrary to equity and good conscience and tend to the manifest injury and oppression of your orator In tender consideration whereof and for that your orator is remediless by strict rules of the common law and properly relievable by your worship To the end therefore that the said Mary may upon her corporal oath put true and perfect

answer make so able and singular the allegation of this bill as fully
 and particularly, as if the same were herein again repeated and
 interrogated and more especially that she may well forth and discover
 whether the said John Morgan did not die so poor as is pretended as
 is before alleged hath she rendered a complete inventory of all his
 estate why did she not inventory the said slave what was the
 amount of the sales of the estate and of the debts due therefrom
 and that your worship will decree and order the said Mary to
 render a just and true account of her administration before proper
 persons to be appointed by your worship, and that your worship will
 also decree the power of the said Mary to be allotted her in the
 slave aforesaid and establish your reasons with therein or that
 you will make such further decree in the premises as shall be
 agreeable to equity and good conscience

May it please your worship by

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20th Jan^o

Filed Sup. Court.

Nov. 1773

Cont^d for Ans?

Dec^r. Cont^d for Ans?

7th April Cont^d for Ans?

1782 Atta vs C of for
ans.

Feb^y 1783 Atta with
proclamation

Apr^l 1788

Dismissed agreed

Morgan
vs
Morgan

John
in
Chas.

Oct. 3 1773
July 1773
Cont. for Bill
Ser. Bill filed
Home.

George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain France
and Ireland King defender of the faith &c. To the sheriff
of Southampton county greeting We command you
that you summon Mary Morgan widow of John
Morgan dead to appear before our justices of our
court of Southampton at the courthouse of the said county
on the second Thursday in July next to answer a
bill in Chancery exhibited against her by Janet
Morgan an infant by John Morgan her father
and next friend And have then there this writ
Witness our Right Honourable clerk of our said Court at
the Courthouse of the said County ~~on the second~~
~~Thursday in July next~~ the 12th day of June
in the 13th Year of our reign

Sam Kells D^c
