

1794-021

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY  
CHANCERY PAPERS

REECE et al

vs.

REECE'S ADMR

8/1794

other surnames: Thomas

Rec'd by }  
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P. M. } P. M. by

May 1784

Cont<sup>o</sup> for up.

May 1791

Cont<sup>o</sup> m<sup>o</sup> sum m<sup>o</sup>

Aug. 1794 sum 7.

To the worshipful court of the county of Southampton sitting in Chancery  
Humbly complaining. Shew unto your worships your orator Joseph Reece  
Henry Thomas and Mary his wife and John Reece Joseph Reece Edward  
Reece Lewis Thos Reece Nancy Reece Mary Reece Beekey Reece and  
Sylvia Reece <sup>by Joseph Reece their next friend</sup> what said last mentioned John Joseph Edward Lewis Thos  
Nancy Mary Beekey and Sylvia were the children of Edward Reece  
the first named Joseph Reece and Mary Thomas and Edward Reece are  
children of Joseph Reece the elder deceased That the said Joseph  
Reece the elder being in his lifetime seized and possessed of a considerable  
estate consisting of lands Slaves and personal property of various  
kinds made his last will and testament in writing bearing date  
the 14<sup>th</sup> day of Nov<sup>r</sup> 1774 and therein devised <sup>the use of</sup> all the remainder part  
of his estate where ever it might be found to his wife Mary Reece  
during her life he having both before and after this devise given  
 sundry specific legacies and then proceeded <sup>after his wife's decease</sup> to direct that all the  
remainder of his estate which he had not bequeathed should be  
sold and the money arising from the sales thereof be equally di-  
vided betwixt my children Joseph Reece John Reece Edward  
Reece and Mary Thomas if they should be alive & of his said  
will appointed his said wife Mary and his son Edward his  
executors Your orator further shew that after the decease of  
the said Joseph the Executors aforesaid proved the said will &  
took upon themselves the burthen of the execution thereof &  
the several debts due from the said estate being paid and legacies  
relieved the said Mary took possession of the residue and enjoyed  
the use thereof until she departed this life which happened  
the first day of Feb<sup>r</sup> last past Your orator further shew that  
the other executor <sup>Edward Reece</sup> departed this life before the decease of his mother  
leaving Your orator John Joseph Edward Lewis Thos Nancy

Mary Breakey and Sylvia who conceive themselves entitled to  
the above mentioned part devised as aforesaid to their Father Ed-  
ward Rees deceased and that John Rees the elder brother of your  
orator Joseph Rees and Mary Thomas hath taken out letters of admin-  
istration with the will annexed of the said Joseph Rees deceased and paper  
of himself of the estate whereof the said Mary died seised  
of judgment to a division as aforesaid amongst your orator They  
further shew that they have in a friendly manner applied them-  
selves in a friendly manner to the said John Rees and re-  
quested him to make division of the residue aforesaid amongst  
your orator. But so it is may it please your worship that  
that the said John Rees refused pretending that as some of your  
orator are infants he should not be justifiable in so doing In great  
consideration whereof and for that your orator are arrived upon  
the premises by the strict rules of the common law and only  
relevant in this worshipful court where matters of this  
nature are properly cognizable To the end therefore that  
the said John Rees may upon his corporal oath full  
true and perfect answer make to all and singular the  
allegations of this bill as fully and particularly as if the  
same were herein again repeated and interrogated And  
that your worship with decree and order that the defendant  
John do make sale of the estate found after the death of the  
said Mary belongj to the estate of the said Joseph Rees deceased  
and pay to your orator their several proportion thereof or that  
your worship with further decree in the premises as shall be  
agreeable to equity & good conscience. May it please Vg  
I think for temple.

The answer of John Rees administrator with the will annexed of  
Joseph Rees deceased unadmitted by Mary Rees and Edward  
Rees deceased executor of the last will of the said Joseph to  
the Bills of complaint of Joseph Rees Henry Thomas as Mary  
his wife and other complainants

This defendant having to himself all advantage of  
exception to the many fold imperfection and uncertainty  
in the complainant said bill of complaint contained therein  
answer thereto or to so much as he is advised is material  
at for him to make answer unto he answereth & saith  
That the allegations therein contained as far as he knoweth  
or believe are true and that he is willing and desirous  
of making sale of the said estate which hath come to  
his hands late in the possession of the said Mary Rees  
and belongj to the estate of the said Joseph and paying  
each complainant their proportion thereof according to the  
decree of this worshipful court but this defendant  
is advised that he should not be justifiable without pro-  
ceeding Vg.

John Rees -