

1797-009

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

TUNNELL et ux vs HARRIS' ORPHANS

9/1797

Tummelde

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Billet

Harris, exple. omnes.

Novbr. 1796.

July Decree

1797 Mar Cont' for Sept
June 190

Sept. 1797 Rept.
Res. of Gen. et Decree

To the Honorable Court of Southampton sitting
in Chancery humbly complaining Sheweth to the
Court your orator and co-plaintiff John Tunnell &
Betsey his wife, That Hardy Harris late of the
County of Hampshire was seized and possessed a consi-
derable Real and personal estate departed this life
intestate on or about the day of _____ leaving
a widow Betsey, who has since intermarried with
your orator John, and four infant children to
wit Francis, Michael, John & Peggy Harris,
That because of the minority of the said children
your Complainers are advised, that their claims
in the Lands and portions of the personal estate of
the said intestate cannot be assigned to them as
part, without the leave of this Court. Intend
consideration whereof and for as much as your
Complainers are without remedy only in a Court
of equity. To the end therefore that the said Fran-
-cis, Michael, John & Peggy Harris the infants

examined by their generation
especially appointed for this purpose, who your
Compts. pray may be considered as dependants to
this bill of Complaint, may on oath full true and
perfect answer make to all and singular the alle-
gations in this bill contained.

And that your Compts. will appoint
fit and able persons to assign to your Complainants
their dower in the Lands, and set apart to them
their third part of the intertels personal estate
and make partition and division of the same
of the lands and other estate of the said intertel
equally among the def^s and make any other
or further order or decree therein as may be
equitable and just.

May it please the

The answer of Michael, Francis, Isaac & Peggy
Harris infants of Henry Harris deceased by Eras-
mus James — Their generation to the bill of Com-
plaint of John Turrell and Betsy his wife
exhibited against them in the Writ of Court of
Southampton.

These dependants having and
reserving to themselves all manner of exception
to the many uncertainties and imperfections in the
said Complainants bill of Complaint contained
for answer thereto as to so much thereof as these
dependants are advised is material for them
to make answer unto they say. That the said
Henry Harris was possessed of an estate real and
personal well divided intertel, These dependants
trust that this Court will protect their rights, and
make such order or decree in the premises as
ought in such cases to be made. They pray to
be hence dismissed &c.

Tunnell & wife

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Ind. decree

Harris heirs

Novbr. 1796.

~~Rept~~

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Sept 1797 Rept not

I Decem final

Southampton November Session 1796.

John Tunnell & Betsy his wife Comptells

against

Michael, Francis, Jean, & Peggy Harris infants of Hardy
Harris decd. Defts.

Onos James being appointed guardian to the defendants, this cause was docketed by consent of the parties and heard on the bill of the complainants and answer of the defendants, on consideration whereof it is decreed and ordered that William Blunt John Person, Edmund Turner and James Turner or any three of them attorn, assign & set apart unto the complainant Betsy, her dower in the lands and personal estate wherof her former husband Hardy Harris died seign and possessed and make report thereof to this court in order to a final decree.

A Copy teste Jno. D. Kaufmann D. C. 6

Turnell
or
Harris } Sept.

In pursuance of an order of the Worsheippfull court of Southampton
it is directed hearing November 1776 we have made division
in the lands & Slaves of Hardy Harris deceased in manner and
following first we allot & assign to Elizabeth Tunnell wife of
John Tunnell all the lands in the following bounds vizt beginning
at a small White Oak standing on the side of ^{the} ridge road thence
to a pine thence to a small Pachemion Bush near the corner
of the apple orchard thence a direct line to John Blunts line
thence along John Blunts line to the flat swamp thence up the
flat Swamp to William Drewrys line thence along said Drewrys
line to the ridge road thence along the road to the beginning We also
allot & assign to said Elizabeth Tunnell two negroes namely Coffee &
Lucy lastly we direct that the said Elizabeth Tunnell pay to the said
orphans the sum of eight pounds six shillings & eight pence
Given under
~~Hand~~ our Hands & Seals this 17 day of April 1776.

Wm Blunt Seal

John Case Seal

Edmund Turner Seal