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SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

NEWSUM, VS NEWSUM VS NEWSUM 9/1799

Other SURNAMES: TURNER

Newman
2 } Bill's
Newman } commission

Sept. 1799

Reps. returned
L. deca. Senab

To the Hon^{ble} the Justices of South Hampton in
Chancery sitting. Humbly complaining Sheweth
to your w^{ts} your orator James Newsom an infant
of Benjamin Newsom by Benjamin Turner his next
friend,

That a certain Benjamin
Turner late of the County aforesaid made his last
Will & Testament, and therein among other things
devised to your orator, and Turner Newsom his
brother a female Slave, which, together with her
increase was to be divided. When Turner Newsom
arrived to lawful age, for greater certainty whereof
your orator refers to the Will of the said Benjamin
which is of Record in this Court. Your

Compt. further shews. That since the decease of the
said Benjamin the said Slave has had four
children, which as well as the mother are now
subject to the division aforesaid. The said Turn-
er Newsom, having attained the age of Twenty
one,

But so it is among it please the
Court. That the said Turner Newsom, because
of the infancy of your orator, refuses to come to a
division of the said Slave, alleging, that your

water may not stand to, or abide by it. after he
arrives to lawful age. In under consideration
whereof and for as much as your water is without
lawfully only in a Court of equity.

To the end therefore that the
said Thomas Newsum (who your water prayer may
be considered as defendant to this bill of Complaints)
may upon this corporal oath full true & perfect answer
make to all and singular the allegations in this
bill contained, and that as fully & sufficiently
as if the said were again repeated & interrogated.

And that your Highness will appoint
fit and proper persons to make division of
the said shares between your Complainant &
defendant, according to the will of the said
Benjamin, and make every other order or
order or decree in the premises for your water be-
-lieve as among them made. May it please you.

The answer of Thomas Newsum, def^t to the bill
of Complaint of James Newsum by Benjamin
Thomas his next friend exhibited against him
in the High Court of Chancery

This defendant having received
to himself all manner of exception to the in-
-fringements of the Complainant's bill, for some
months, or to the much the more, as he is advised
is material for him to make answer unto, he
answering saith — That true it is that
Benjamin Thomas made a will & devised a
-male share in the manner the Compt. has stated.
That the said since had four children, which
are living. It is also true that this defendant
is now of lawful age. But he has no manner
of objection to a division of the said share being
made, but knowing that it would not be made
in the Compt. because of his infancy, could not
consent to the said division without a decree of
this Court. He that he will cheerfully submit, and
propose to be done & satisfied with his reasonable costs &c.

Nensum
as
Nensum

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Sept 10th 1796

In Obedience to the Honourable Court of Southampt^{on}
We have Equally Divided the Slaves between the
Companants & Defendants Newson & James & Newson
Turney Newson has Two Negroes by Sam Jerey & Abram
Value in Cash ————— £60..

James Newson has Three Negroes by Sam
Honey Jacob & Isaac Value in Cash ————— £55..

Michael Warren
Sam Francis