1809-004 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY CHANCERY PAPERS HART & al vs HART, WIDOW 5/1809

Wm Hart estate. Henry Hart. Peggy. Betsey. Lucy
Elizabeth the Widow +

Jacob Duncan
Saml Maggot
Richd Dillard
Jesse Battle

To the court of Southampton county sitting in
Chancery, humbly complaining. Shew to the court your
orator and Henry Hart and wf. oratrixes Peggy Hart,
Betsey Hart, Lucy Hart by the sd Henry Hart their
next friend. That William Hart their father died
intestate about the 24th. of Dec. 1803. That wf. compts
are his only children. That he left a small tract
of land lying in this county and about twelve
negroes. Wf. compts are anxious for a division
of the said slaves among them and their mother
Elizabeth Hart. and also that the dower of the
said land be assigned to their said mother,
but the same can't be done without the aid
of this court on account of the infancy of
wf. compts.

In tender consideration whereof
and for as much as wf. compts are remediless
at law they pray the aid of Wf. Worships.

To the end therefore they pray
that the said Elizabeth Hart &c. may be made
a deft. hereto, and that she may full answer make
to the premises, declarations. May lastly pray that the
court will direct one third of the said land and

slaves may be assigned to the said Elizabeth as her dower, and that the residue of the slaves may be equally divided among the complts or that the worships will make any other order or decree in the premises for their relief as may seem just &c.

May it please &c.

The answer of Elizabeth Hart to the praying bill of Henry Hart, Lucy Hart, Betsey Hart and Peggy Hart infants suing by the said Henry Hart their next friend.

She admits, the death of her husband William Hart intestate, the infancy of the complts and the propriety of such a decision as is asked for by the complts. She therefore joins in praying for such a decision, and hopes that proper persons may be appointed for carrying the same into effect. She lastly prays to be hence dismissed with her reasonable costs in this behalf sustained.

Hartly, Bela & al
vs
Hart } answer

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Mart[illegible] Lucio
Nov. 1814

Southampton Oct. Court 1804

Mary Hart, Peggy Hare, Betsey Hart
and Lucy Hart by the said Mary Hart their Compts
Against
Elizabeth Hart. Deft.

In Chancery

This cause was this day docketed by consent. Upon
the bill and answer, on consideration whereof it is
decreed and ordered that Jacob Carter Sam. Magee
Richman Dillard and Isaac Butler or any three of
them do lay off and assign to Eliz. Hart widow of
William Hart dec. one third of the lands & slaves
of which said William died seized and possessed and
make equal division of the residue of the negroes
among the Complainants & make report thereof
to this Court in order to a final decree

Sam. Nelson

Harts Heirs
vs
Harts widow & others

May 1809

Harts heirs
vs Bill
Harts widow
Nov 1804 Entry decree

May 1809 Rept re Land
Final decree

In obedience to an order of the county court of Southampton, we the subscribers have laid off and assign'd to Elizabeth Hart Widdow of William dec'd one third of the Slaves of which said William died seized and possess'd as follows. Viz.

The whole amount of the slaves in vallue . . . £105 0 0

Vallue of the widdows dower - - - - - £352 6 8

For which we have assigned to her.

Negroe Man Will	£75 0 0	
Woman Jude	75 0 0	
Boy Willis	22 10 0	
Do — Norwich (a child)	10 0 0	
Do — Jacob	90 0 0	
Girl Hannah	30 0 0	£302 10 0
leaving a deficiency of		£49 16 8

It not being convenient to give her a Slave or Slaves to that amount we have as an equivalent thereto, awarded her the sum of £16 12 3. to be paid to her by the four distributees in equal portions; as follows, Viz.

By Henry Hart	£4 3 0¾
" Peggy Hart	4 3 0¾
" Betsey Hart	4 3 0¾
& by Lucy Hart	4 3 0¾
	£16 12 3

And in further obedience to said order we have made the following distribution of the residue of the slaves amounting in Vallue to 4 £354 10 0

Amongst the 4 Complainants . . . .

each one share being in vallue } - - - - £188 12 6

To Henry Hart we have assigned

Negroe Man Aron . . £100 . 0 . 0
Girl Cherry — 75 . 0 . 0
Boy Abram . . 31 . 10 . 0
£206 . 10 . 0
On his paying to Peggy Hart . . 17 . 17 . 6 £188 . 12 . 6

To Peggy Hart we have allotted

Negroe Man Shaper £45 . 0 . 0
Girl Sall . . 80 . 0 . 0
Boy Isaac . . 36 . 0 . 0
& Cash to be paid her by
Henry Hart . £17 . 17 . 6
Lucy Hart . . 9 . 15 . 27 . 12 . 6 £188 . 12 . 6

To Betsey Hart we have allotted

Negroe Man Ben . . . £100 . 0 . 0
" Girl Irena . . . 12 . 0 . 0
" Woman Prisa . . . 75 . 0 . 0
& Cash to be paid her by
Lucy Hart . . . . 1 . 12 . 6 £188 . 12 . 6

To Lucy Hart we have allotted

Negroe Boy Tom . £60 . 0 . 0
Girl Cate . . 80 . 0 . 0
Boy Dick . 60 . 0 . 0
200 . 0 . 0
On her paying
to Peggy Hart £9 . 15 . 0
& to Betsey Hart 1 . 12 . 6 11 . 7 . 6 £188 . 12 . 6
£754 . 10 . 0

Which we respectfully submit to the county court aforesaid — Given under our hands this 3d. Jany. 1805

Jacob Darden
Richmond Dillard
Josiah Battle