

1816-029

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

COKER and Wife et al VS. JAMES

3/1816

Other surnames; Gilliam

Amory & Son

Butcher

Smith & Co

Wm. Smith

Wm. Smith

Wm. Smith

Wm. Smith

Coker & Wife

for
Wm. Smith
Grocery bill
& Amory

December 1844

Int. J. Deane

Full p. record

To the worshipful Court of Southampton
County sitting in Chancery humbly complain-
ing sheweth unto your worships your
your mother & matriser, Ely Coker and
Susan his wife late Susan Gilliam
and Lucy Gilliam an infant by her
next friend Ely Coker -

That some time in the year 18
Arthur Gilliam Esq. departed this
life intestate leaving an Estate in
land, about 50 Acres and some
Slaves, which now remains undivided
and wholly belong to your complainant
the Widow of the s^d. Arthur Gilliam
having already had her Dower in
the s^d. Estate laid off & allotted to her,
that your complainants are the only
heirs & Distributors of the s^d. Arthur
Gilliam Esq. and from the smallness
of the quantity of land there would
not be \$100 to each share in value
so that is prayed a Decree may be
made to sell the s^d. parcel of
land and a Decree made of

the money that is one half thereof
to your compts Ely Coker & his
Wife and the other half to
Lucy Gilliam. It is further
prayed that the Court will decree
that the ^{2d} Shovers (about 16 of them
in number) be laid off and divided
equally between your ^{2d} Compts
Ely Coker & Wife taking one half
of them in value and the ^{2d} Lucy
Gilliam the other half - That
John James who has in possession
the ^{2d} property, be made defendant
to this bill: may be compelled to
answer the allegations therein in;
and that commissioners be appointed
to carry into effect the Decree
sought for in making distribution
of the ^{2d} Estate according to the act
of ^{Directing} Assembly, Distribution of intestate
Estates - And as our duty bound
will ever pray &c

For Compts

The answer of John James to a
bill in Chancery exhibited against
him in the County Court of ^{St. Louis}
by Ely Coker & Susan Coker his
Wife, and Lucy Gilliam by the
^{2d} Ely Coker her next friend.

For answer thereto says & avers
it is, he has in his possession the
property in the Complainant's bill
mentioned belonging to the Estate
of Arthur Gilliam ^{ff} Decd and
that the allegations in the compts
bill may as far as he then respond-
ent knows be perfectly true; &
therefore he has no objection to
such Decree as the Court may
deem is necessary to make in the
case - And he prays hence to
be Dismissed &c

For Compts
Depts

Lanhampton December Court 1814

Eley Coker (and Susan her wife late Susan
Gilliam (and Lucy Gilliam an infant by her
next friends Eley Coker

Complainants

against

John James

Defendant.

In Chancery

This cause was this day doctored by consent of parties and
agent of the court heard on the bill answer and arguments
of counsel whereupon it is decreed ordered and adjudged that
Robert Nicholson, Michael Ellis, George Hines, Chesman
Nicholson, Daniel Butts and Benjamin Cobb, or any three
of them make sale of the lands whereof Arthur Silliam
Barnes died seized and possessed, in as brief of twelve months
after giving reasonable notice of the time and place of
sale taking bond and security of the purchaser or purch-
-asers (and apportion the same in equal proportion to the complainants
(and that they divide the slaves whereof the said Arthur
Silliam died seized equally between the complainants
(and that they make report to the court of their doings
(and doings in this behalf in order to a final decree—

Teste J. Rochelle Clk.

Agreeably to the within Decree to us directed we have made sale of
 of the Land therein mentioned and conveyed the same to James Butler
 who became the purchaser, for one hundred dollars & 1 cent, also
 have divided the slates therein mentioned between the complainants
 as follows. Cherry, Isham, Hannah & Charles to Ely Coker and
 Susan his wife. Nanny, Parker, Levi, George & Emory to
 Lucy Gilliam. That Ely Coker pay to Lucy Gilliam ten
 dollars to make her part equal in value to his given
 under our hands this day of January 1875-

Robt Nicholson
 Cheeseman & Nicholson
 Danl. Pratt
 Brugott

Compt
 oners

Coker & Co
 107
 James
 March 19th 1876
 Rite and Decrees final
 R. T. C.