

1817-009

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS.

HARRIS

VS.

HARRIS BLUNT ADMR
of HARRIS & C.

10/18/17

other SURNAMES: Cato,
HARRISS

To the worshipping Court of Southampton County sitting
in Chancery humbly complaining sheweth unto
your worship your oratrix Elizabeth Harris
widow and executrix of Matthew Harris Dec^d. late of
the County of Southampton. —

That the said Matthew Harris departed this life
intestate in the year 1814 leaving personal Estate to
a much larger amount than was necessary for the
payment of his Debts. — That Rich^d. Hunt
administered on the Estate of the said Matthew;
and your Oratrix presumes has paid the D^d. Debts
or so adjusted the business of the said Estate
as to ascertain what will remain in his hands
after a final settlement thereof. And here
your oratrix thinks proper to state that the
said Matthew her late husband died leaving no
child or children, amongst whom to distribute
his Estate; so that according to the Act of Assembly
in such cases. She is entitled to one half
the D^d. personal Estate (there being no Slaves) in
her own absolute right, as his widow. —

That the said Matthew Harris left Brothers and
Sisters living; some of whom have removed out
of this commonwealth, to where — or if still living
is to your Oratrix unknown, to wit, Simon Harris
Jacob Harris Polly Harris Sally Harris Sterling
Cato and Betsey his wife late Betsey Harris — Charles
Harris and Nancy Harris — who with the said
Richard Hunt the adm^r. it is prayed may be

made Defendants to this bill of Complaint -
may answer. And that publication according
to law in some newspaper be directed by this
Court notifying the said Simon - Jacob, Charles
and Nancy Harris, - their heirs or representatives
if they themselves are not living, so that they be
required within three months to answer the allega-
-tions contained in this Bill. -

On tender consideration whereof, and in as
much as that your complaint is remediable in
a Court of Law: she prays that this Court
will order and Decree, that the remainder
of the said Estate after payment of Debts
and just expenses paid, be equally divided
and by commissioners appointed for that purpose
one moiety thereof be allotted to her your
Compt. and that the other part thereof be
distributed according to the rights of those
interested in the same, as the law directs
and for general relief - And as in duty
bound she swears. -

Shant on
Compt.

The Answer of Richard Hunt admr. of
Matthew Harris Dec. to a Bill in Chancery
exhibited against him in the County Court
of Southampton by Eliza Harris widow
of Matthew Harris Dec. - for answer
Hunt. saith; that he cannot deny the
truth of the allegations set forth in the
Compt. said Bill. - But admits he
is admr. on the D. Matthew Harris Estate as
in the Bill stated. - and that there will
remain in his hands after the payment
of the D. Matthew Harris Debts, some Est.
for Distribution amongst those entitled
thereof. - And that he shall have no
objection to such Decree in the premises, as
the Court may think proper. - And having
answered prays hence to be Dismissed. -

Richd. Hunt

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Eliza Harris
Rich^d. Blunt.
adms^r. M. Harris

Bill & Answer

Jaine C^t 1817 ord.
of Pub^l. to Sup^r. Court.

Oct^r. 20th 1817 decree &c



Southampton County June Court 1817

Elizabeth Harris widow and
reluct of Matthew Harris decd. Comptamant
against

Simon Harris, Jacob Harris, Polly
Harris, Sally Harris, Philip Harris
and Betsey his wife late Petsey Harris,
Charles Harris, Nancy Harris and
Richard Harris administrators of
Matthew Harris decd.

Defendants

The defendants Simon Harris, Charles Harris,
Jacob Harris, Sally Harris and Nancy Harris not
having entered their appearance and given security
according to the act of Assembly and the rules of this
Court and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court
that, they, ~~their heirs, or representatives~~ are not inhabitants
of this Commonwealth. Therefore it is decreed and
ordered that the said absent defendants, ~~their, heirs, or~~
~~representatives~~, if they themselves are not living do appear
here and answer the Comptamant's said bill on or
before the third Monday in September next and that
a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in some
public Newspaper published within the Town of Petersburg
for two months successively and posted at the front
door of the Court House of this County on two several
Court days

Teste

Wm. Johnston Clk.

In Chancery

Southampton County June Court 1817

Elizabeth Harp, widow and relict
of Matthew Harp deceased. Comptt.

against

Simon Harp, Jacob Harp, Polly
Harp, Sally Harp, Sterling Carr and
Betsey his wife, late Betsey Harp
Charles Harp Nancy Harp and
Richard Blount adm^r of Matthew
Harp deceased Defendants

The defendants Simon Harp, Jacob Harp, Charles
Harp, Sally Harp and Nancy Harp, not having
entered their appearance and given security according
to the act of assembly, and the rules of this Court
and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court
that they, their heirs, or representatives are not inhabitants
of this Commonwealth. Therefore it is decreed and
ordered, that the said absent defendants, their heirs or
representatives, if they themselves are not living, do
appear here and answer the Complainant's said bill
on or before the third Monday in September next
and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in
some public newspaper, published, within the town
of Petersburg for two months successively, and posted
at the front door of the Court house of this County on
two several Court days a copy Teste

JN Adleton, Clk

Sutton County Ct. Court 1857

Plf. Harp widow and relict of Matthew Harp and benefit

as
Simon Harp, Jacob Harp, Polly Harp, Sally Harp, Stetson
bald and Peter his wife etc. Mary Harp Charles Harp,
Nancy Harp & Rich Blunt adm. of Matthew Harp decd. Deft

In
behalf

This cause this day came on to be heard upon the bill of the
complainant answered ~~Richard Blunt~~ the defendant Richard Blunt
adm. of Matthew Harp decd. and it appearing to the satisfaction of
the Court that any publication hath been made as to the other defendants
and no answer being filed It is considered by the Court that the Compt.
same be taken as confessed as to them. Therefore It is decreed
adjudged and ordered that Simon, See, Parcell Turner, Esmond,
Turner, Dyer Turner & Willie Francis a jury shall ~~into 2 parts~~ ^{do} ~~divide the estate~~ ^{personal} whereof Matthew Harp decd. decd. seized & possessed
one half thereof to Plf. Harp widow & relict of the said Matthew
Harp decd. and the remaining half to be divided equally between the
Defts. ~~Polly Harp & Stetson bald~~ ^{that is to say to} ~~as right of his wife Betsy late~~
Betsy Harp having and regain as equally as much as quantity
and that the said term upon a fresh of them as may act
make report thereof to the Court in order to a final decree

& the remaining part be divided into 7 equal parts & assign the
same

Southampton County June Court, 1817.

Elizabeth Harris, widow and relict of Mathew
Harris, deceased. : : : Compl't.

Against : : : :

Simon Harris, Jacob Harris, Polly Harris,
Sally Harris, Sterling Gate, and Betsey, his
wife, late Betsey Harris, Charles Harris,
Nancy Harris, and Richard Blunt, adm'rs.
of Mathew Harris, : : : Def'ts.

In Chancery.

The defendants Simon Harris, Jacob Harris, Charles Harris, Sally Harris, and Nancy Harris; not having entered their appearance, and given security according to the act of assembly, and rules of this Court, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that they, *their heirs, or representatives* are not inhabitants of this Commonwealth—Therefore it is decreed and ordered that the said absent defendants, *their heirs or representatives if they themselves are not being*, do appear here and answer the complainants said bill, on or before the third Monday in September next, and that a copy of this order be forthwith inserted in some public newspaper, published within the Town of Petersburg for two months successively, and posted at the front door of the Court-House, on two several court days.

A Copy—Teste,

June 24.—2m^o

A. MIDDLETON, D.C.