

1823-014 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

WILLIAMS etal vs. WILLIAMS etal

6/1823

Plat

other SURNAMES: Whitfield,
Bryant

Williams & Co

as 3 Bills

Williams & Co

Nov. 1818 arrived & ord.
according to the prayer thereof

In the Court of Chancery
Manney sitting. Humbly complaining shew unto
your worship your complainants Miles Williams
William Whitfield and Rebecca his wife late Rebecca
Williams and Joel Williams; ^{an infant by Miles Williams his next friend} that Nathan Williams
the father of your complainants Miles and Joel and
Rebecca did sometime in the year 1792 and possessed
about four hundred acres of land in this county and
of several slaves, intestate, leaving his nearest
children his only heirs at law; and a widow Polly
Williams. That a certain Brittain Bryant hath
administered upon the estate of the said Nathan
Williams and hath now in his possession fourteen
slaves which were of the estate of the said Nathan
Williams, and which your complainants are advised
he ought to have distributed according to the
will of the said Nathan Williams. Nevertheless the said Brittain
Bryant still holds the slaves aforesaid in his possession
to the great injury of your complainants and the aforesaid
land still remains undivided.

In consideration whereof and in as much
as your complainants are without remedy save
in a Court of equity where matters of this kind
are properly and alone cognizable they pray that the
said Polly Williams and the said Brittain Bryant
may be made defendants unto and be compelled
to answer all and singular the allegations herein
contained fully and unequivocally. They further
pray that one third of the land and slaves aforesaid may

Southampton County to wit -

To the honorable Court of Southampton in Chancery sitting
The separate answer of Polly Williams to the bill of Complaint
exhibited against herself and Prutton, Prigant and
of Nathan Williams and ~~William Williams~~
against by Miles Williams, Joel Williams and ~~Wm~~
Whitfield and Rebecca his wife late Rebecca
~~Williams~~

This respondent now and at all times
saving and reserving to herself all and every benefit of
exemption to all errors or imperfections in the Complainants
bill contained; for answer thereto says that she is
willing to admit the facts to be true as set forth in
the Complainants bill, and she is also willing to
abide by such decree as this Court may think it
right and just to pronounce and having
answered the prayer to be hence dismissed -

To the honorable Court of Southampton in Chancery
sitting - ~~Answer~~ The separate answer of Prutton
Prigant and of Nathan Williams and to the bill of
Complaint exhibited against Polly Williams herself
by Miles Williams, Joel Williams, and William
Whitfield and Rebecca his wife late Rebecca Williams
This respondent saving and reserving to himself all
and every benefit of exemption to any error or imperfection
in the Complainants bill contained, for answer to so much
thereof as he is advised is necessary for him to make
answer unto. Saith That he is the widow of Nathan

Williams said and that he hath the number of slaves
 in his possession stated, and that he does not know
 that they will be required for the payment of debts.
 but it is possible they may be, he therefore must
 upon his right to require from the parties refunding
 bonds amounting to laws. This respondent having
 answered may the same be dismissed &c.
 Arthur Bryant

Williams &
 ad vs
 Williams &
 Answer

Southwicks County to

Williams vs - - Plffs

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3 In Chancery -

Williams vs - - Defts

This cause was this day docketed by consent of parties and a part of the Court, and came on to be heard on the bill answers and arguments of counsel, whereupon and after due consideration thereof the Court doth adjudge order and decree that Laurence Cook, William Phillips, Jacob Bant and William Bryant do set apart and allot to the defendant Polly Williams one third ^{land and of the} of the slaves in the hands of the defendant Britton Bryant which were of the estate of Nathan Williams and having regard to their value for and during the term of her natural life. the said Polly executing to the said Britton Bryant such a upstanding bond as the law requires provided he execute upon it. That they or any ^{land and} of them do divide the balance of said ^{land and} slaves equally having regard to value between the complainants Miles and Joel, and William Whitfield and Rebecca his wife, the said complainants and William Whitfield executing to the said Britton Bryant such a upstanding bond as the

law requires, provided the said Boston Hygiene
institute, when it, and it is further ordered that they and
of them, as may act do make a report of their proceedings
therein in order to a final decree.

Report of the
Division of the
Lands of Nathan
Williams decd.

June 1873 Repd.
Recd & O.R.D.

Agreeable to an order of the County Court of Pennington to
us directed bearing date about 182 we the
Undersigned have gone on the lands of Nathan Williams
dec^d. attended with the County Surveyor as by the Order
we were required; and have Survey^d the said & find there
to be 340⁰ acres in the whole Tract - we then
Divided the land in manner and form following (w^ord)
first we assigned to Mary Williams Widow of Nathan
Williams dec^d. 90 acres as her dower for life, & Bounded
by the dividing lines of lots n^o. 1 & 3 - & the out Bounds of
Lewis Norrells Land. being her proportionable part of s^d. land
as her dower right in the same, also lot n^o. 1 drawn
by Joel Williams containing 80 acres and bounded by the
Dividing lines of lots n^o. 2 & 3. and the out bounds are
Bounded by the lines of Lewis Norrell & the dower of
Catharine Barrott - being his proportionable part of the lands
of his dec^d. Further after paying to lot n^o. 2 - 17⁰⁰ - 77⁰⁰
and to lot n^o. 3 - 64 - 46 - making in all 82 - 23 that he
pays. - all^s. lot n^o. 2 drawn by William
Whitfield in right of his wife Rebekah containing 76 acres
and Bounded by the dividing lines of lots n^o. 1 & 3. and the
out lines are Bounded by the lines of George Whitfield &
the Widow Mary^{Wm}. dower. being his Proportionable part
of s^d. land in right of his wife Rebekah after receiving
from lot n^o. 1 the sum of 17⁰⁰ - 77⁰⁰ also lot n^o. 3 drawn
by Miles Williams containing 100 acres and bounded by
the dividing lines of lots n^o. 1 & 2 - and the out bounds
is bounded by the lines of George Whitfield & Lewis Norrell
which is his part for all the lands of his dec^d. Father
after receiving from lot n^o. 1 the sum of 64. 46⁰⁰
all of which lots will fully appear by having reference
to the Plat^t annexed to this report

Pursuant to the above order we Wm Bryant
and Jacob Barrett and Wm Phillips Com^{rs}
met Valued and divided the following Property;

One Negro Woman named Rachel and her child Martin at — — —	\$ 150
One Ditto — do — Cherry W ^m Fanny . . .	350
One ditto . . . — — — Silva — — —	300
One Negro man named Jim — — —	500
One Negro Boy named Henry — — —	400
One ditto — — — Simon — — —	400
One do — — — Alfred — — —	200
One ditto — — — Wick — — —	75
One negro girl named Reiny — — —	300
One ditto — — — Rezia . . .	200
One ditto . . . Hester . . .	150
One do — — — Lydia . . .	150
One do — — — Mason . . .	125
	Am ^t \$3300
The Widow $\frac{1}{3}$ Widdow — . . .	1100
	bal ^t \$2200
The balance divided into three parts \$	\$7333
First lot drawn by Miles Williams	
Jim \$500 Lydia 150 Wick \$75	\$725
The Second lot pay the first	\$733 $\frac{1}{3}$

The Second lot drawn by Joel Williams

Cherry & Fanny \$50 Silver \$300 \$650
Mason 125

pay the first lot \$775
8 $\frac{1}{3}$

pay the third lot \$766 $\frac{2}{3}$
33 $\frac{1}{3}$

\$733 $\frac{1}{3}$

Third lot drawn by W^m Whitfield

Reiny \$300 Simon \$400 \$700
33 $\frac{1}{3}$

The Second lot pays the Third
\$733 $\frac{1}{3}$

Plan of the
Land whereon
Nathan Williams
formerly lived.

346 Acres

Platt of
N. Williams
Lent

No. 1. 80. 6. - 480
No. 2. 76. 550
No. 3. 100. 4.

W. Conn N. 87. E -

171-84
171 72

171
36
1026
573
6156
7182
13338-80
1280
538
480

171
42
342
684
7182

80
76
100
346
in all

Small Pond on the E. of Wilson's fence

Dead Pine stump E. of George Whitfield at the fire road

George Whitfield

Pine

Panthers Pine Branch

Panthers

to the Brown Road

dead Pine stump

256
80
176
88

N. 3. 100 acres
Miles Williams
Acres 64.46

N. 2 W
76 acres
Miles Williams in right of his wife receives 17.77

N. 1
80 acres
Joel Williams
Acres 64.46 to 66.46
no. 3. 817.77 to 66.46
no. 2

90 Acres (Miles)
Dough

across the line of Brown road

opposite the Blackmill Plot

Red back E. of Lewis Marshall on the line of Brown road

346
904
2301
85 1/3

Wilson's fence on the E. of the

130
25
155

Line of Lewis Marshall

Line of Lewis Marshall

88
12
76

100