

1834-137 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

POPE et al VS. POPE'S EXECUTOR

9/1834

Other surnames: Story,
Reese

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To the worshipping the County Court of Southampton sitting in
Chancery:

Humbly complaining shew unto your worships
Again Comptts Nancy Pope widow of Henry Pope decd.
Polley Story, Sally Reese, Dacey Pope, Mills Pope, Peterson
Pope and Nancy Pope which two last are infants by
the said Mills their next friend. That the said Henry
departed this life during the present year having first
duly made and published his last will and testament
a copy whereof is herewith exhibited as a part of
this bill. That by its provisions amongst other provisions
and after specific legacies, the Testator directs the whole
of the balance of his estate including a negro woman
called Charlotte, ~~and others~~ should be divided equally
between Polley Story, Sally Reese, Dacey Pope, Mills Pope
Peterson Pope and Nancy Pope. Your Comptts state that
the said negro woman Charlotte hath become unmanage-
-able and dangerous to the family, threatening to destroy
them by poison or otherwise. That your Comptts are very
anxious that she should be sold, and not permitted
to remain on the plantation or the County, and they do
not believe that the situation of the estate requires that
the Executor Nicholas Pope should retain possession of
the said slave for payment of debts. The said sale cannot
be effected without the aid of this Court. ~~To the end~~
~~that the said consideration whereof~~ and forasmuch as
your Comptts are remediless at Law. To the end that
the said Nicholas Pope, ^{as aforesaid} may be made Defor hereto
and compelled to answer the allegations hereof. They pray the

Com.th with of Sp.^o directed in commanding &c. That your
worships will direct a sale of the said slave Charlotte
and a division of the proceeds according to the provisions
of the said Testator will, and grant general & special
relief &c.

The answer of Nicholas Pope Exr. of Benson Pope dec^d. to the
answering bill of Compl^{mt}. This Respondent saving &c. for
answer says, that he admits the allegations of the said bill
& has no objection to the decree prayed for and having
answered prays to be hence dismissed &c.

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Pope Exr.

Plff.

In Chy.

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This cause was this day docketed by consent of parties with the
agent of the court, & came on to be heard on the bill, answer
exhibit filed, and was argued by Counsel. On consideration
whereof the court doth adjudge, order and decree that the Defat
Nicholas Pope Exr of Benson Pope dec^d, ^{as Comm.} do sell the slave Charlotte
in the Bill mentioned, and divide the proceeds ^{equally} amongst those
entitled to the said slave under the Testator will, to wit Polly
Story, Sally Reese, Diney Pope, Mills Pope, Peterson Pope, and
Nancy Pope, & how he shall execute this decree make
report to this court in order to a final decree.