

1835-030

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

NANNY ~ VS. BLUNT'S EXECUTOR

6/1835

Other surnames: Nicholson,
Ridley, Roderick ~, Rix ~,
Nancy

Nanny & Co

or { Bill & Co

Blunts Exr:

1835 Some Deeds as filed & Co

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

Humbly complaining shew unto your
worships, your Compt. Nancy, a woman of color,
who pray leave of the Court to sue in this Court
in forma pauperis, that sometime in the year
she being the slave of one John Nicholson, and the
acknowledged wife of Roderick a slave the property
of Dr. Samuel Blunt, since dec^d was offered by
her then Master, the privilege of buying her freedom
at the price of one hundred dollars, that as she
did not wish to leave the State of Virginia in the
lifetime of her said husband, the said Samuel
Blunt kindly agreed to advance the money which
he did, and took a bill of sale for her as his
slave - that your Petitioner very soon after paid
to him the said sum of money, and continued
to live on his plantation in the substantial enjoy-
= ment of freedom, receiving the profits of her labor,
and supporting herself though nominally his slave.
That in this period she became the mother of
two children one a boy named Rex
and one a girl named Nancy ~~Also~~ she
is advised, are entitled to be considered as born
of a free mother - That unhappily for her, this then
fact was well understood in the family, the said

Nanny

no { Co. Decease

Blunts Exor:

Southampton June Court 1835

Nanny a woman of colour.

against

Samuel Blunt Exor. of Samuel Blunt dec^d.

Plff.

In Chancery

Def.

This day this cause came on to be heard on the bill, answer and exhibit filed with the papers and arguments of counsel. On mature consideration whereof the Court do decree and order that the defendant Samuel Blunt Jun^r Executor of Samuel Blunt Sr. dec^d do carry the contract referred to in the bill and which it appears to the satisfaction of the Court by the exhibit and answer was made by which, on the payment of the one hundred dollars the said complainant Nanny should be (free) into execution by a deed of Emancipation to the said Nanny and her subsequently born children Rick and Nancy thereby fulfilling the contemplated agreement of the parties. And it is ordered that the said Executor pay the costs of this suit -

Attest

James Rochelle Clk

Soampton County to wit

Who day personally appeared before
me Thos. Ridley who made oath and Subscr
to the afore going certificate, given from under
my hand this 19th day of June 1835 —

Samuel Drewry (Read)

I certify that, some short time after the late Dr Samuel Blunt had got possession of a negro woman Nanny, formerly the property of John Nicholson, I had a conversation with the Dr. the precise terms I do not recollect, but the substance was this - That Nanny, being the wife of a favorite servant of his named Roderick, had purposed buying herself of her master, that the Dr. had advanced the money, say one hundred dollars, & taken the Bill of Sale in his name, which relation was to continue because she could not remain in the Commonwealth as a free negro - but to all other purposes, after repaying him the said sum of money, she was to have the rights of a free person of color. I do not know whether the money was ever paid to Dr. Blunt, but he told me, that Nanny had some cattle, & Roderick's money, which w^d be sufficient to pay him.

June 15th 1838.

Thos. Nickles

Nancy who on her application seeking a
woman of colour was permitted by the Court
of Sessions to carry to her in force
papers against Saul Blunt & her Exor
of Saul Blunt & her Exor & dependents.

In Chancery

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on motion for consecration whereof the
Court doth do decree & order that the
defendant Samuel Blunt & her Exor
of & said Blunt & her Exor do carry
the contract reference to in the bill
which it appears to the satisfaction
the Court by the exhibit & answer was
made by which on the payment of the
one hundred dollars the said complain-
ant Nancy should be paid into
execution by a deed of Encommodation
to the said Nancy & her subsequently
born children Richd & Nancy thereby
fulfilling the contract & the agreement
of the parties & it is ordered that the
said Exor. pay the costs of this suit