

1846-1/3 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

BRIGGS VS. BRIGGS' children val
1/1846

other surnames: Nicholson

To the Honorable the County Court of Southampton
in Chancery sitting

Humbly complaining sheweth

your Petitioner, your Orator, Mother Briggs, widow of the
William Briggs, and that her husband William
Briggs has lately died, intestate, single and possessed
of a considerable Land and estate, having your Orator
his widow, who is entitled to dower in the same. The
intestate left the following persons his heirs at Law -
viz. Charles A Briggs, William Briggs, Joseph Briggs

John R Briggs, Benjamin Briggs, Edward L Briggs
and Lois F Briggs, his children, the two last of
whom are under the age of 21 years - also
Samuel, John and Francis Nicholson, infant
children of Mrs E Nicholson and Julia his wife
formerly Briggs. A daughter of Mrs Briggs -

Your Orator is anxious, to have her dower
assigned her in the real estate, of her deceased
husband. but she has been misadvised, and
the same done.

In consideration &c - To
the End &c - she prays your Honors to make
the above named children and grand children
of William Briggs her made heirs &c -

That your said appointed Counsel to say if
and advise by rules and business, her dower
in the Land of her deceased husband -

and grant such other & general Relief
in the premises as Equity may dictate.

as in and by

Chs. L Map: for
Counsel

Answer of Thomas, William, Joseph, Geo R. Bennett & S.

Briggs to the foregoing Bill

These reply saying &c.

for answer say they admit the facts stated
and have no objection to the accused asking
proof and pray more to be heard and say
Christmas for deft.

Answer of Edward & Anna Davis & Briggs and
Samuel, John and Francis Michelson infants
of tender years by Wm Briggs, their next friend
to the foregoing Bill.

This respondent admits

the facts set forth, and can see
of no reason why the names should
not be signed - & being answered
pray to be heard and say
to Mr. Allen

Briggs } Bird & Wilson

Briggs & others

6 + Mr. Forster

1845 Oct. Decree as filed

" Dec Report

1846 Jan. Conf?

Martha Briggs

2 Defts.

vs

Charles, Williams, Joseph,
John R. Bennett & Briggs, Edward
I and Lois F Briggs, Samuel,
John, and Francis Nicholson the
last five of whom are infants
of William Briggs their Exor. ad litem

Defts.

This day this cause was docketed by consent
of parties, with the appt of the Court. Cause
on to be tried on the 21st and 22nd, and
was argued by counsel - On consideration
whereof the Court doth advise, order and decree
That William H. Nicholson, Richmond F. Williams
Super Admrs since Edwin G. Scott. any three of whom
may act as sign To Martha Briggs Widow
of William Briggs - one third part in value
of the real estate of which said William Briggs
was seized - as his owner, to be had and
enjoyed by her for life - That they lay off and
assess the same by miles & bounded; attended
by some competent surveyor. - That they
Report to Court in order to a final decree

Briggs

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Briggs had

Southampton October Court 1845.

Martha Briggs
against

Piff { In Chancery

Charles William Joseph, John R. Bennett & Briggs Edward L
and Lois F Briggs, Samuel John and Francis Nicholson, the last
five of whom are infants by William Briggs their guardian ad litem Defto

This day this cause was docketed by consent of parties, with the assent of the Court
came on to be heard on the bill and answer and was argued by Counsel - On considera-
tion whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that William St Nicholson
Richmond F Dillard, Jesse Little and Edwin G Scott, any three of whom may
act, assign to Martha Briggs widow of William Briggs - one third part in value
of the real estate of which said William Briggs died seized as her dower, to be
held and enjoyed by her for life - that they lay off and divide the same by metes
and bounds: attended by some competent surveyor - that they report to Court in
order to a final decree

At Copy

Juste

L R Edwards Ckg

1845 Deer Count.

Agreeably to an order of Southampton Court, made October 1844. The Commissioners proceeded to allot to Martha Briggs, the widow of Capt William Briggs dec^d one third part of the land of which he died seign, and estimate the quantity at three hundred and seventy five acres; this estimate of one third, is, ^{also} in consideration of that proportion which Capt Briggs deeded to his son Benj^t S. Briggs bearing date 15th October 1844, and duly recorded. The aforesaid doever being bounded as follows, West, by the Road leading from Jerusalem; North, by the deep Branch; East by the said branch and Brister's Branch; and South by the lands of Asaiah B. Urquhart being such regular and natural boundaries, that the Commissioners thought proper to do away with the services of the Surveyor who was superfluous in attendance all of which is respectfully Submitted This 25th day of November 1845. —

Wm. H. Nicholson
Jesse Little
Edw. G. Scott