

1857-120

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

MASON

VS. MASON et al

5/1857

Mason

v. Bell & c.

Mason & c.

Southampton

August Leamington.

1856 Aug. Devereux filed f.
 # 1857 Mar - Devereux filed
 # " May. Devereux f.

To the most honorable court of Southamp-
ton. in chancery sitting.

Humbly complaining sheweth
unto your worships, your complainant John Y. Mason
that his children Mary Ann, Sarah, Emma, Susan
Henry & Simon are jointly entitl'd to a negro woman and
slave named Lucinda. who will shortly have a child -
that the said negro is ungovernable & vicious - and sum
insensible to correction, and that her habits & temper
That he has great fears, well founded.
that the said slave will be lost to his children, for
whom he is acting guardian.

That all the above named children are under
age except Mary Ann -

That he is satisfied & charges, that the interest
of the children require that the said slave should
be sold and the proceeds invested, in the purchase of
other slaves, or in some profitable stock. but your
complainant does not feel inclined to pursue
this course without the approbation & direction
of this court.

In the due consideration of all which, he
your complainant prays your worships, to
make, Mary Ann, of full age. - Sarah, Emma, Susan
Henry & Simon Mason infants, by some fit person
to defend them, defendants to this bill, That you
will decree a sale of the slave in the bill mentioned

and grant such other and general relief, in the premises
as Equity may dictate & the case require.

May it please the Court &c -

Chas. Map J for Plff.

Answer of Mary Ann Mason - to the foregoing bill.

This left saying &c - for answer says that
she has no doubt of the truth of the allegations of the
bill, and craves in the prayer of the complaint for the
sale of the slave Lucinda, & having answered
may be heard dismissed

Mary Ann Mason

By her Counsel

The Answer of Sarah, Emma, Susan, Henry & Simon,
infants, of seven years, by L. R. Edwards, their Guardian
ad litem, to the foregoing bill,

These defendants, being infants - can not
know any thing of the facts stated in the bill, but
believe they are true, and have no objection to the
same being so. They submit their interest to the
protection of the Court. & having answered may be
heard dismissed -

L. R. Edwards. Guardian

By Counsel

Mason

vs

Mason &c -

On motion, the Court with agreed L. R.
Edwards Guardian ad litem, to the infant defendants.
Sarah D. Emma, Susan H. Henry St 4. & Simon B.
Mason. who filed their Answer - and this cause was
this day, docketed by consent, and came on to be heard
on the bill, answers of the defendants, applications thereto
and was argued by counsel. On consideration thereof
the Court with agreed order and decree, that Lewis
[redacted] who is appointed a com. for the purpose,
shall sell either publicly or privately, for cash, the negro
woman & her infant child, named Lucinda, in the bill
mentioned - and report his proceedings to Court.

But this decree, shall be suspended, until the
said Court shall enter into bond & security, in the Clerk's
office of this Court. before the Clerk, conditioned, for the
faithful performance of this decree.

Mason

v. } Copy Done

Mason

Southampton County Court. August Term 1856.

John G. Mason

against

Mary Ann Mason & others

Plff

} In Chancery

Deft.

On motion the Court doth assign L. R. Edwards guardian ad litem, to the infants Sarah O. Emma Susan St. Ann St. G. & Simon W. Mason who filed their answer. And this cause was this day docketed by consent, and came on to be heard on the bill, answer of the defendants, replication thereto and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that Lewis C. Mason who is appointed a Comr. for the purpose, shall sell either publicly or privately, for cash, the negro woman & her infant child, named Lucinda, in the bill mentioned. and report his proceedings to Court.

But this decree, shall be suspended, until the said Comr. shall enter into bond of security in the Clerk's Office of this Court, before the Clerk, conditioned for the faithful performance of this decree.

Attest

Teste.

L. R. Edwards Clk

674. 20₂

1348 40

15.00 00

commission 300

Commission on \$974. 20₂

\$ 28.48

To The County Court of Lantham

Mason.

N. Secu-
mason & c.

march 20-1857.

Mason

vs.

Mason & -

This day this cause came on to be heard before the court made, on the report of Lewis E. Mason, made under a decree of this court made at August Term, 1856. & on the transcript of the record of the Probate Court of Leokhom County Missi. and was argued by counsel. On consideration of the ^{report} containing the said report, and ~~appearing~~ ^{the} action of the court in Mississippi - with acquiescence and decree, that Lewis E. Mason. the court. report the fund ⁽¹⁹⁹¹¹⁵⁹⁾ in his hands arising from the sale of Lucinda and child - also the funds in his hands arising from the sale of Mary Bili - in the purchase of other slaves. To be held for. Simon B. Sarah O. St George T. Emma & Susan H. Mason, infant children of Geo. J. Mason. in the place of the said slave Bili - & Lucinda & child. And the court. is required to report to court the names of the slaves which he may purchase & the price paid for them.

Mason

& } Co. Dural.

Mason

Southampton County Court March Term 1857.

John Y Mason

against

Mary Ann Mason & others

Plff

Defts

} In Chancery

This day this cause came on to be heard papers formerly read, on the report of Lewis E Mason made under a decree of this Court rendered at August Term 1856 and on the transcript of the record of the Probate Court of Coahoma County Mississippi and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court confirming the said report, and approving the action of the Court in Mississippi doth adjudge, order and decree, that Lewis E Mason the Comr. invest the funds (\$922.59) in his hands arising from the sale of Lucinda and child - also the funds in his hands arising from the sale of negro Bell - in the purchase of other slaves to be held for Simon B. Sarah & George E. Emma & Susan A. Mason infant children of Jas. Y. Mason in the place of the said slaves Bell & Lucinda & Child. And the Comr. is required to report to Court the names of the slaves which he may purchase & the prices paid for them.

A Copy

Teste.

J. R. Edwards Clk

Appraisement
of
Sally & family
&
Lucinda & family.

we the undersigned estimate the following negroes
at the prices affixed. - viz -

1st family -

Sally - 32 yrs old, sound -

\$650.00

Richard - 7 " " "

" 600.00

Emily - 3 " " "

" 200.00

Solomon - 1 " " "

" 150.00

2nd family.

\$1600.00

"

Lucinda - 28 yrs old - Rheumatick -

" 475.00

Stark - 7 " " sound -

" 600.00

Charles - 4 " " "

" 200.00

\$1275.00

witness

J. Mason.

Geo. A. Bailey

Wm. A. Jones

John + Gringard
overseers.

Feb. 28. 1857

Levin P. Mason Court in the
March. 2nd 1857. Rec'd of ~~St. J. Ridley~~, The
Supt of Negroes at Mason. So.ampton County Gaunt.
Sum of

for the following negroes - Sally, 32 yrs old,
Richard, 7 yrs old, Emily, 3 yrs old,
Solomon, 1 year old - all of one family
I warrant slaves for life & sound - also
Lucinda, (28 yrs old, & Rheumatick), Charles
2 yrs old, and sound,
all of one family, warrant slaves for life
& to be as above described - The title
to the above negroes, I will warrant, &
forever defend.

J. J. Mason.
By J. J. Mason. Atty in fact.

J. M. Lemoris

Certificate

1857.

March. 12th 1857. I here by certify that I expended
as the agent of Lewis E. Mason, the sum of
nine dollars and thirteen cents (\$9.13), in carrying
Lucinda & child. to Richmond in Nov: 1856-
Witness.

James ^{his} McLenore
Mark.

1857 March 16'

Sales by Dickerson Hill & Co. Auctioneers Richmond.
on Acct. of Lewis C. Massey Comr. by order of Southampton County Court.
1856

Nov. 19 By Sales, 1 Woman Lucretia & her Child \$ 1000 00

Charges		
To Commissions	2 p ct	\$ 20.00
" Board on Woman & Child		" 80
" Clothes " Woman		\$ 00 25.80
Net Amt. Sales Cash		\$ 974.20
Net Sales paid Mr Massey in full		\$ 974.20

E. C. O.
Richmond 20 Nov. 1856

Dickerson Hill & Co
By J. S. Massey

Probate Court

To $\frac{3}{2}$ Order

L. E. Musson. Guard.

1857 Mar 16

Transcript,

\$1050 -.

The State of Mississippi In the Probate Court
Crawford County 2 County at the January Term 1857

Be it Remembered, that at a Term of the Probate Court of the County of Crawford, State aforesaid, begun and held at the Court House in and for said County, on the first Monday in January in the Year of Our Lord And Thousand Eight Hundred And fifty Seven among other Orders and Decrees then and there made and recorded, was one in the words and figures following, to wit,
In the matter of the Guardianship of Simon B. Sarah C. St. George
I. Emma and Susan St. Mason Minor Children of J. G. Mason

On reading and filing the Petition of Lewis E. Mason Guardian of the persons and Estate of said Simon B. Sarah C. St. George I. Emma and Susan St. Mason, this day present, It appearing to the Satisfaction of the Court, upon a hearing and full investigation of the allegations of said Petition, that the Estate of his said wards consists in an interest of five Sixths of a Certain Negro Man named Bill about thirty Six Years of age, and that the Other Sixth is owned by and Mary A. Mason, who is desirous of disposing of her interest, and it being represented and shown to the Court, that a partial Sale of said Negro would ultimately be detrimental to the interest of said Minors, and that the interest of all parties concerned would be promoted by a sale of said Negro Slave, and the Court now being fully advised in the premises, It is thereupon ordered, adjudged and decreed, that the said Guardian sell said Negro Slave Bill as described in said Petition at Private Sale, for the highest and best price he can obtain in Cash or otherwise, and that the said Guardian make a Report in Writing of his proceedings therein, at the Term of this Court, next succeeding such Sale.

In Testimony whereof I J. Magee clerk of said Court have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court, at Office, this the 15th day of January A.D. 1857.

J. Magee Clerk.

Know all men by these presents that we Lewis E. Mason & James W. Cook
are held and firmly bound unto the Common-
wealth of Virginia in the sum of One thousand Dollars
to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors
and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our
Seals and dated this 20th day of October 1856

The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas by a decree
of the County Court of Southampton entered at the August Term 1856 in a
suit therein pending between John Y. Mason Plaintiff and Mary Ann Mason &
others Defts the above bound Lewis E. Mason was appointed Commissioner to
make sale of a negro woman & her infant child named Lucinda in the bill
mentioned. Now if the said Lewis E. Mason shall faithfully discharge
the duties of his trust as such Commissioner then the above obligation to be void or
else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed Sealed & delivered
in presence of }

Lewis E. Mason. (Seal)
James W. Cook (Seal)