

1857-023 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

PRINCE et al vs. PRINCE et al 2/1857

other surnames: Clements, Grizzard

To The worshipful County Court of Southampton
in Chancery sitting

Humbly complaining sheweth unto
The Court, your complainants, Wm Prince, Wm. G. F.
Clements and his wife Mary, John H. Gregg and
Martha his wife, That Wm Prince was in his
lifetime possessed of certain personal estate in this
County and departed this life in the year - after
first made and published his last will and test-
ament, which has been properly admitted to pro-
bate in the County Court of Southampton, That
by the provisions of said will, he bequeathed to his
wife a certain portion of his estate, and directed
at her death that ^{the} property should be equally
divided between his children, excepting his son
John. That his said widow renounced the provisions
of the will of her husband, and thereupon such
portion was apportioned her, as if her husband had
died intestate, that his said widow departed
this life in the year 1856. That the children
of the said Wm Prince, who are entitled to the
property under the will of the testator, are Wm Prince
Mary, who has intermarried with Wm. G. F. Clements
Martha, who has intermarried with John H. Gregg
and Rosa, James and Andrew Prince, the last
three of whom are infants of tender years.
That your complainants are anxious to have the
shares which the widow held for life, divided
amongst the parties entitled thereto,
In tender consideration whereof, and forasmuch as
your complainants are remediless in the premises, save by
the aid of a Court of Equity, they pray that the said
Rosa, James, and Andrew Prince may be made parties
to this bill, that a proper guardian ad litem be
appointed them, to defend their interests in this suit

That your Worshipps will decree a division of the
Slaves amongst the parties interested, and grant
such other relief as the nature of the case may
require and they will ever pray to.

Mason for Huff

The answers of Rosa James and Andrew Prince
infants under the age of 21 years, by Saml Kells
their guardian ad litem, appeared to defend them
in this suit, admits the allegations of the bill, and
states that there is no objection to the decree sought
for.

Prince of
+ } Co. Prince
Prince

Southampton County Court. December 15. 1856

William Prince, Wm G. J. Clements & wife &c

Plffs

against

Rosa J. James D. & Andrew J. Prince infants &c

Def

In Chancery

This day came the plaintiffs and filed their bill and on their motion Samuel Kello is appointed guardian ad litem for the infant defendants Rosa J. James D. and Andrew J. Prince. He defend their interest in this suit, and thereupon the said guardian ad litem filed the answer of the said infants to the bill of the plaintiffs, to which answer the plaintiffs replied generally, and the cause coming on to be heard on the bill, answer and general replication thereto, and was argued by Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree, Samuel Drury, James O. Peters, and Robert Rowland who are hereby appointed Commissioners for that purpose, do divide the slaves of which Martha A. Prince died possessed and which she held for her life as the widow of William Prince decd, first into two equal portions and allot one half to Samuel Kello as guardian for the infants, and the other half divide into three equal parts, and allot one to Wm Prince, one to Wm G. J. Clements in right of his wife, and the remaining third to John A. Briggs and in right of his wife Martha. And how they shall have acted in the premises make report in order to a final decree.

A. C. O'py

Feste

L. R. Edwards Clk

Prince

& { Diana

Prince

1836 December

1857 Feb. Report.

Monroe in Recd.

Recd.
to Henry Sarah D. & all the Monroes

Wm. Prince, Wm. G. T. Clements and Mary A. Clements, ^{his wife}
John H. Greppard and Martha his wife & Pliffs

Rosa J. James &c. and Andrew J. Prince infants under
The age of Twenty one years Defendants.

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The infant defendants, Rosa J. James &c. and Andrew
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and allot one half to Samuel Kello as Guardian for the
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parts, and allot one to Wm. Prince, one to Wm. G. T. Clements
in right of his wife Mary, and the remaining third to
John H. Greppard in right of his wife Martha, and

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$$\begin{array}{r} 49.15^- \\ \underline{297} \\ 5212 \end{array}$$

1857 Feby 6th

In obedience to the annexed decree we Saml Drexley, Jas. C Peters and Robt. Rowland, commissioners therein named proceed to value and divide the slaves held by Mrs Martha Prince as dowry in the Estate of her husband William Prince into two lots as follows

Value of Davy	\$600	are allotted to Mrs Prince Geo T Clements and John H Grizzard the following Slaves to wit Frank \$1150 - Davy - 600 Louisa 400 2150
" " Rachell	500	
" " Frank	1150	
" " Henry	1025	
" " Louisa	400	
" " Peter	750	
	<u>\$4425</u>	

Old man Tom to
keeps for life } \$4375
1/2 of whole Value 2187.50

To Prince 37.50
\$2187.50

S. Kelloe, Rosa, James, Andrew

and to the minor Children of Mrs Prince decd

Peter Value \$750
Henry " 1025
Rachell 500
\$2275

Respectfully Submitted

Jas C Peters
Saml Drexley
Robt Rowland

Commiss

To keep Tom for life 50
\$2225

To pay lot no 1 37.50
\$2187.50

Dec 20th 1856