

1794-044

Chancery Causes, Joseph Holmes v ux v al vs John Lawrence's admors

Isle of Wight County

other surnames: Ballard

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of said
Fauquier County Greeting, you are hereby commanded to summon
Wills Lawrence of Blishe a ¹ and Richard Executors of
John Lawrence dead to appear before our Tables of our
Court of our said County, at the Court house on the first
Monday in November next that they should answer
a Bill in Chancery exhibited against them by Joseph
Holmes & Mary his wife Sarah Lawrence John
Lawrence & Peggy Lawrence Infants Children of
John Lawrence late by Joseph Holmes their next
friend and have in their District Sheriffs
Francis Young Clerk of our said Court at the Court
house the 24th Day of September 1792 in
the 19th year of the Commonwealth

Francis Young



Robertus Josephus

1811. 10. 10.

Luxemburg

24. 10. 1811.

Executed by
James D. Walsh

To the worshipful court of Isle of Wight sitting in Chancery,
humbly complaining shew unto your worship, your orators
and oratrix Joseph Holmes & Mary his wife, Sarah, John,
and Peggy Lawrence infant children of John Lawrence
deceased by Joseph Holmes their next friend -

That a Certain John Lawrence late of the County
aforesaid was in his life time; and at the time of his de-
-cease was seized and possessed of a Considerable Real & personal
estate, Consisting of Lands, Slaves, Stocks of all kinds, household
and Kitchen furniture, plantation utensils, and outstand-
-ing debts, that he departed this life intestate on or about
the 20th day of November 1707. leaving his widow & Relict
Mary, now the wife of the Complainant Joseph, and four
children to wit. Sarah, John, Peggy & William, that William
departed this life under age and intestate on or about the
day of 1700. That a Certain Mills Lawrence &

Elisha L Ballard of the County aforesaid sued for & obtained
letters of administration in this worshipful Court, and took
upon them the administration of the said estate, that
they possessed themselves of all the Slaves & personal estate of
the said intestate, and proceeded to a Sale of the perishable
part thereof, they also collected the debts & hired out the Slaves
from the death of their said. intestate until the year 1794 when
the Slaves were delivered up to Joseph Holmes ^{one of your Complainants} their ~~executor~~

your orators and oratrices further shew to the Court, that they have frequently called upon the said administrators to render an account to this Court of their transactions that it might fully appear what balance they had in their hands belonging to, or appertaining to the said estate, but they have always refused, and never would give your Complainants any satisfactory account of the situation of their intestate's estate, which your Complainants conceive to be hard, and contrary to every principle of Justice,

Intending Consideration whereof, and for as much as your orators & oratrices are without remedy, only in a Court of equity —

To the end therefore that the said Miss Lawson & Eliza L. Ballard (who your orators pray may be made defendants to this bill of Complaint) may upon their Corporal oath, full, true, and perfect answer, make to all and singular the allegations therein contained, and that as copiously as if the same were again repeated & interrogated, but especially that they set forth and discover the amount of sales of their intestate's estate, the amount of moneys that were due the said estate, and what part thereof has been by them collected — the full amount of wages hire which they were under their direction, and particularly what

debts of their intestate they have paid the amount

And that your Honors will decree that the said defendants pay to your Complainants the balance that may appear due to their intestate, and deliver up to them and their Guardian, the Books, Bonds, and accounts of their intestate, that an uncollected and in default thereof to decree against them in favor of your Complainants the sum of £ the penalty of their administration bonds, and make any other or further order or decree for your orators & oratrices relief as may be agreeable to equity and good Conscience

May it please the

Your Honors for Complainants

Holmes vs. Had.

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Lawrence's Exor

} Bill

November 1794
Bill filed & dismissed.

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