

1805-044 Chancery Causes: Samuel Whitfield v et vs Holland Hunt, widow of Joshua Hunt v

Isle of Wight County

John King, admr of Joshua Hunt

To the worshipfull Court of Isle of Wight in Chancery sitting
Humbly Complaining shew unto your honours, your Orator and
Oratrix, Samuel Whitfield and Nancy his wife, formerly
Nancy Hunt, daughter and only Child of Joshua Hunt dec'd.;
That the said Joshua, your Oratrix's father departed this life
intestate on or about the day of November in
the year of Christ 1804. seized and possessed, at that
period of about One hundred acres of land in the said
County, and sixteen Slaves, namely, Will, Benn, Moorwit-
-er, Andrew, Patience, Pat, Pink, Isaac, Patience, Jr., Will
Charles, Rose, Nancy, Pitts, Benn Jr and Peter, besides
a sufficiency of Personal estate to pay all his just
debts. At his death he left a widow, Holland, who
in virtue of the laws of the land, is intitled to one
third of the said land and Slaves, for life as her dower
therein, and your Complainants to the residue, for
ever, in right of the said Nancy, who is the whole and
sole heir at law of her said father, and also of the
reversion in fee and absolute right, of the Dower
land and Slaves, and increase. — Your Complain-
ants state that one John King has administered
on the said Joshua's estate, and, altho: he has more
than a sufficiency, of ^{other} assets to meet & pay all the just
debts, of his intestate and the charges of administration,
he (in combination with the said Holland, who seem
to intend to defraud your Complainants, in this behalf)
refuses to yield up the said Slaves, to be disposed of
as the law directs, and she refuses to be restricted to
her dower in the said land, and continues to hold
and enjoy the whole, to the great injury of your
Complainants, and against the rules of equity, and
Justice. In tender consideration whereof, and for
as much as your Complainants are only relievable in
a Court of equity, to the end thereof they pray that the

Holland Hunt the widow and the said John King the adm^r
of the said Joshua, be made defendants to this bill and
may full, true and perfect answers make to all and
singular the allegations it contains. That the said King
may be decreed to deliver up the said Slaves, to Certain
Commissioners, by your honours to be appointed, who
having due regard to value and Convenience shall assign
1/3^d part to the said Widow for her natural life, and
the residue to your Complainants forever, and that
the same Commissioners be authorised to restrain the
said Widow to one third of the said land for life, having
due regard to quantity and quality; and to be marked
off by Certain mts and bounds, and the ^{portion of the} other two thirds
be delivered to your Complainants. And that such other
or further order or decree may be made and entered
in the premises for their relief, as may accord with
justice and equity. - may it please V. -

Samuel Whitfield

The answers of John King adm^r of Joshua Hunt, and of
Holland Hunt the widow & Heir of the said Joshua, to the
bill of Complaint exhibited by Samuel Whitfield and
Nancy his wife, against them, in the worshipfull Court of
Isle of Wight in Chancery. These respondents deny nothing
in the bill contained, except the fraud and combination
with which they are so unjustly charged. They will
submit cheerfully to such order or decree, as the Court
in its wisdom shall deem just and proper, consistent
with the prayer of the bill, and accordant with justice
and equity. - They pray to be hence dismissed &c.

John King

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Ans: -