

1923-023 Unnecessary Causes? Mills Lawrence + al, by + c vs Carr Bowers, gdm of Mary Lawrence
Isle of Wight County + Ludlow Lawrence, by + c

other SURNAMES: Ballard

To the County Court of Isle of Wight sitting in
Chancery, Recently complaining. shew unto you
worship, your orator ~~and son~~, Miles Lawrence,
William Lawrence, John Lawrence and James
Lawrence infants, of tender years, seeing they William
Ballard their next friend, and ~~Mary Lawrence~~.
That a certain Mary Lawrence late of the County
of Isle of Wight, and a daughter of John Lawrence
deceased, departed this life, intestate and under the
age of twenty one year, about the day of
A.D. 1823 seized or entitled to infer simple, several
likely and valuable slaves, ~~which were allotted~~
~~to the town~~, now in this County - to wit,

That the said Mary Lawrence was at the time of
her death about 1 - year of age, and left
~~no estate~~ Mary Lawrence her mother and
son orator and a sister Ludlow Lawrence
and a certain ~~Mary Lawrence~~ ^{and a certain} ~~sister of the deceased~~
her brother, and he has at law. That Carr
Bowers was in ^{Guardian} ~~administration~~ of the estate of the said
Mary Lawrence deceased and hath the said
slaves in his controul and management or
lack a right so to do. Now complainants
are that there are no debts due and
owing from the estate of the said Mary Lawrence
which can make it necessary for the ^{Guardian} ~~admiror~~ to
keep the said estate in his possession and now
orators ~~and oratrix~~ are anxious that the said
estate shall be divided between now complain-
ants and the aforeaid Ludlow Lawrence
who is an infant under the age of twenty one
the ~~noting of the last state having conveyed~~ ^{the noting of the last state having conveyed} ~~in intent in the last to now~~
years - in tender consideration whereof and for
as much as now orators and oratrix are
remedied in the premises have in a Court
of Equity in which such matters and things are
properly and alone cognizable & relievable.
they pray the aid of your worship - To them and
they pray that the said Carr Bowers ^{Guardian} ~~admiror~~ of
the said Mary Lawrence decd. and the said
Ludlow Lawrence by some Guardian ad litem

may be made dependant here to and that they
be compelled to answer this Bill fully & unreservedly,
That your worship ~~will~~ appoint fit persons
persons and order them to divide into six
equal & have the slaves in the Bill mentioned
and that your worship will make any demand
in the premises for their relief which may
comport with Equity and Law - & as in duty
bound they will ever pray &c -

Atkin, on p. 9

The joint and separate answer of Carr Bowens late executor of Mary Lawrence deceased and son and of Mary Lawrence administratrix of her estate as the Guardian ad litem for Ludlow Lawrence to a Bill of complaint exhibited against them in the County Court of Elkhart Wyo by ~~Mary~~ ^{Wills} Lawrence & others —

These respondents now and at all
times hereafter saving &c. for answer say that
the said Sept. Can. Bowman ^{is} the ^{guardian} ~~admirer~~ of
Mory Lawrence died who died an infant.
He does not consider it necessary for him to
rejoin the deceased slave, - and this defendant
^{and} ~~saith~~ ^{saith}, that he is under the age of twentyone
years and cannot be made acquainted
with the facts stated in the Bill - ^{they} ~~they~~ cannot
gainay the complainants allegations - but
they are entitled as charged, and ^{are} ~~are~~ willing
that the Court shall make any decision in
the premises which justice requires &c. in duty
bound they will ever pray &c.

(Signed) Cam Bowers

~~May Lawrence, and~~
~~May Lawrence~~ Miss Lawrence,
William Lawrence, John Lawrence, &
James Lawrence and infants, being by
Mr. Ball and their next friend - complainants

Can Bacon ^{recognition} ~~adv.~~ of Mary Lawrence and
and Ludlow Lawrence as infant by said.
Can Bacon his franchise ad litem - Sept.

By consent of parties with the object
of the Court, this cause having been docketed
came on this day to be heard upon the plea
and answer filed and was argued by
Counsel, whereupon ^{it being appeared to the Court that Matthew}
~~the Court~~ Lawrence motioned ^{for judgment}
that the infant ^{be committed} to the care of his father,
and that he be allowed to keep him till, as a child & delect

and Augustine Balland
or any ^{two} ~~four~~ of them do divide into six equal
shares, the slave, the property of Mary Lawrence
and as, to ~~the~~

that they allot and sit apart from each other
Lawrence the mother, one 1/5 to Miles Lawrence,
1/5 to Mr. Lawrence, 1/5 to John Lawrence, 1/5 to
James Lawrence and the remaining 1/5 to the
defendant Susan Lawrence & that they
make report of their acting and doing to this
Court in order to a final decree. ~~The Court~~
~~But if removed by the court of equity~~ Lawrence,
the complainant Mary Lawrence for herself and
the other complainants and the infant Susan
Lawrence infants, solely some paper person,
execute bonds to the said Court. Can Lawrence
condition to appear if necessary to do so.
Lilley's record the infant infant to show cause
if he can against this decree within one year
after he arrives to the age of 21 years —

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again to city.
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Sacramento H. Pfund

Bill & Ans.

Bowers H. 7/4

October 10/23 Bill and an answer
filed and Inter H. de ora