1861-006 Chancery Causes. Elizabeth Strongfield, widow & James J. Strongfield vs James J. Strongfield's

Dsh of Wight County

adms v al

to defend them in this suit may be made parties defendant to this bill & be required to answer the same, & that by a decree of this worshipful court, commissioners may be appointed to make partition of said slaves & allot your complainant her portion thereof & that such further & other relief in the premises, ~~as may~~ be granted as the nature of the case may require, & to equity shall seem meet, & your complainant will ever pray &c &c -

Hayden ps -

To the Worshipful County Court of Isle of Wight County, in chancery sitting. The joint & several answers of James I Stringfield, Edwin H Stringfield, & Richard H Stringfield, infant orphans of James I Stringfield dec'd. to the bill of complaint, in said court exhibited by Elizabeth Stringfield, against them & another.

These defendants severally answering say that, that they are infants under twenty one years of age, & submit their interests in the premises to the protection of this worshipful court & having answered pray hence to be dismissed with their costs in this behalf most unreasonably expended - &c

Signed - N. P. Young gdn. ad Litem

Stringfield ss
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Stringfield
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Stringfield
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Als. v. Als.

Complts Bill
&
Defts Answer

Dec'd. Oct. 1856. Bill Dismissed
& entry. accord.

Hayden ps

(Register)

To the Worshipful County Court of Isle of Wight County, in Chancery sitting. Humbly complaining sheweth to the court, your complainant Elizabeth Stringfield widow of James I Stringfield decd, that on or about the ___ day of ___ 185__, James I Stringfield departed this life intestate in the county aforesaid. That the said intestate left personal estate consisting in part of slaves — that one Edwin G. Stringfield, at the term of the court aforesaid qualified thereon as the administrator of the said intestate & as such took possession of the said personal estate & applied the same in due course of administration — that the said intestate left as his distributees at law your complainant his widow aforesaid, & three infant children, to wit; James I, Edwin B, & Richard H. Stringfield — that there remains now in the hands of said Edwin G Stringfield as administrator of said intestate, three slaves to wit; Sam, China, & Emily, which negroes are not needed for the payment of debts, or other purposes of administration — that your complainant as widow of said intestate is entitled to have one third of said slaves allotted to her for life as her distributable share thereof — in tender consideration whereof & for as much as your complainant is without remedy at law & can only be relieved by the aid of this worshipful court of Chancery where matters of this sort are cognizable; to this end your complainant prays that the said Edwin G Stringfield Administrator of James I Stringfield decd, ~~the said~~ James I Stringfield, Edwin B Stringfield & Richard H Stringfield, the last three infants by some person appointed their guardian ad litem

Stringfield
vs
Stringfield's
Administrators
} In Chancery

Administrators Answer

To the Worshipful County Court of Isle of Wight in Chancery sitting. The Answer of Edwin G. Stringfield Administrator of Sal. J. Stringfield to the Bill of Complaint in said court exhibited by Elizabeth Stringfield against him & others. This Defendant reserving all right of exception to the said bill of complaint, for answer thereto saith, that he admits as in said bill is alleged that Sal. J. Stringfield died intestate - that this defendant qualified as this administrator, that as such he has in possession as part of his said intestates estate three negroes, Sam, China & Emily, which are not needed for the payment of debts or other purposes of administration & he has no objection to surrendering them for distribution among the distributees of his intestate according to the prayer of said bill, provided he can obtain defending bonds according to law - & having answered he prays hence to be dismissed, with his costs in this behalf most unreasonably expended &c.

Signed - Edwin G. Stringfield

benefit of this decree, they a some one for them shall respectively execute refunding bonds to Edwin S Stringfield as admr of James J Stringfield dec'd with sufficient security, in a penalty equal to double the value of the slaves respectively received by them, conditioned to refund their due proportion of any debts or demands that may hereafter appear against the estate of the said James J Stringfield with the costs attending the recovery of the same - which Bonds they shall return to court with their reports of their proceedings under this decree -

Stringfield &c } To
vs } Chancery
Stringfield &c } Dolan Circuit

Report & decree
Dec. Term 1865 -

To be entered

P. H. Conway

Entered

Stringfield
as
Stringfield's
Admr &tals

This day came the Plaintiff & filed her Bill, & on her motion N. P. Young is assigned guardian ad litem to the infant defendants, James I Stringfield, Edwin W Stringfield, & Richard H. Stringfield, to defend their interests in this suit, & thereupon the said guardian ad litem filed the answers of said infants to the bill of the plaintiff to which the plaintiff replied generally, & the defendant Edwin P Stringfield Administrator of James I Stringfield dcd filed his answer, & the cause coming on to be heard upon the bill, said answers, & general replication to the infants answers, & was argued by counsel. On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge order & decree that Wm H. Carey, Thomas Goodson, Robert T Coles & Henry Brock who are hereby appointed commissioners for that purpose any three of whom may act do proceed to value the negroes, Sam, Cherie & Emily in these proceedings mentioned belonging to the estate of Sd J Stringfield dcd & now in the possession of Edwin P Stringfield This administrator & all at one full equal third part of said slaves, having regard to quantity & quality to the complainant Elizabeth Stringfield, to be held for her life as her distributable share thereof & the remaining two thirds thereof to the children of said Sd J Stringfield, to wit, James I, Edwin W & Richard H Stringfield, & deliver the share of the complainant to her & that of the said infant children to Elizabeth Stringfield their legal guardian - But before the said parties shall have the