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NETTLES v STAFFORD

Zebulon Nettles & wife
}
vs } Original Bill
}
John Stafford et als

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To the Honorable Bromfield L. Ridlby Chancellor of the
p_____Division Presiding at Gainesboro, Tennessee.
The Bill of Complaint of Zebulon Nettlers and his wife Nancy Nettles
against John Stafford Polly Anderson, William R.
_____ Thoms H. Butler administrator of Bailey Butler deceased
Kinner Gudvdron of Josias M. and Thomas Q. Stafford William
Gore all citizens of Jackson County Tennessee

Your orator & oratrix would Respectfully state unto
Your Honor that about the year 1833 John Stafford Senior departed
this life leaving considerable property both Real & personal
which was provisionally disposed of by a certain proper writing
purporting to be his last will and testament (which is here filed a
true Copy Marked B) to his wife Anna Stafford and his five lawful
Children and Heirs to wit Polly Anderson who was then ;wife of
Baily Butler Nancy Nettles James M. Stafford Thomas L. Stafford
_____ Adaline Stafford. william R. Tenner is now the
_____Guardian of said Thomas Q and James M. Stafford. He
also gave a portion of his said estate to a certain John Stafford
who complainants charge or aver is an illegitimate child of the
said John Stafford deceased not Born in Lawful wedlock. The
same John Stafford give and bequeathed by said proper writing
above to his daughter Adaline Stafford their negroes after the
death of his wife and after Polly Butler now Polly anderson
had choosed a certain negro from the Remainder of the negroes
which was not disposed of to the other Heirs of John Stafford Survivor

Complainants further state that Complainant Nancy Nettle
is the wife of t Zebulon Nettles and the daughter law-ful heir of said
John Stafford deceased and that only the small sum of twenty dollars
was give to them while this illegitimate child got a full portion of

said estate. Said John Stafford divested that what negroes and property should be left after the death of his wife anna Stafford should be divided when sold between his six Children naming John Stafford

naming the Rest who complainants again Charge is an illegitimate child not Born in Lawful wedlock but born some year or two before said John & Anna Stafford were married.

Complainants further charge that John Stafford senior died in the year 1833. That Adaline Stafford to whom was given the three negroes after the death of said Anna Stafford his wife departed this life intestate and without your??about in year 1837 and afterwards about the year 1848 Anna Stafford the wife of said John Stafford deceased departed this life intestate and William Gore the defendant was legally appointed administrator of all and singular ____? goods chattels &? c of the said Anna Stafford and has proceeded to administration said estate. Said anna Stafford died seized and prospered ? of Considerable property both Real and personal among the property belonging to him was _____ negroes to wit Gim Jerry?? Tell?? Jo Houston s_____Andy which was sold by deft Gore together with perishable property to the amount of about three or four hundred dollars as they are informed to believe which should rightfully be divided among those properly entitled to the same as lawful Heirs of said Anna Stafford = Among the negroes sold by said William Gore was th_____ and the increase then of being two which was given to Adaline Stafford which complainants one advised and believes properly belong to anna Stafford his intestate as next of kin to the said Adaline Stafford his daughter who died before him to said Anna Complainants are advised and believe and so charge that this property should be divided among the lawful Heirs of the said Anna Stafford Complainants further charge that Complainant Nancy Nettles is the lawful daughter and Heir at Law of the said Anna Stafford deceased and is entitled to one distribution part of his estate and the other defendants to this bill is entitled to the rest with the exception of Deft John Stafford who complainants again charge is an illegitimate child of the said John & Anna Stafford and they are informed & believe that he sold his interest in said Anna Staffords estate to a certain Bailey Butler who is now dead and his wife since his death moreover again to a certain Anderson and is now Defendant to this Bill by the name of Polly Anderson claiming the interest of John Stafford in the estate os said Anna Stafford deceased

by virtue of a sale from defendant
 John Stafford Complainants aver that the sale of said negroes and
 property amounted to upwards of three thousand dollars which is
 now in the hands of Deft Gore who will probably pay over one
 s_____ claimed by Deft John Stafford to Deft Polly Anderson
 _____ their property
 ???---_____ry of _____--sale will
 all be due in January next and as they are informed and believe
 Deft Gore regards said sale to said Butler as valid and that John
 Stafford had a good title to our share of his mothers estate by act of
 apunbly??? and will pay over the same to Deft Polly Anderson the
 right to do which complainants deny.

The previous considered Complainants pray to this end that
 the parties whose names are mentioned in the Caption of this bill be
 made defendants that prosp-ise?? that each and every one of them
 make full_____?? perfect answers in each and every _____term in
 this Bill contained as if especially intere?? quited them to. That by
 a change of your Honorable Court William Gore the Administrator
 of said Anna Stafford deceased be perpetually conjoined and
 restrained?? from paying over or in any wise distributing any part
 of said estate to the Defendant John Stafford his heirs or assigns
 That he be ordered to pay over the same to the lawful Heirs and
 Distributees of the said Anna
 Stafford Deceased to the exclusion of Deft John Stafford and his
 assigned who had full notice of the illegitimacy of said Deft John
 Stafford and purchased with full notice of this fact That an account
 be taken and complainants substituted to all the rights and equity
 which properly belongs to th;em and they pray from such other
 pr_____ & general Relief as to Law and Equity belong an
 to which the premises
 m;ay entitle them as in duty bound they will even pray.
 Washburn & Spinlock
 Solicitors _____

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 Adm. of Bailey Butler dec & William R. Kenner Guar.
 dian of James M. and Thos. J. Stafford & William Gore etc num?

. . . all the equities set up in complainant's bill is fully met and denied by the answers and that bill is not supported by the proof whereupon

. . . James A. Spurlock the security for the prosecution