

1827-008
Cumberland Co. Chancery Causes: Benjamin E. Scroggs vs Widow of William Edwards & c

Coleman, Woodson, Gauldin

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Grizzle Edwards

The answer of ^{William} Jeremiah Edwards Barnet Edwards
William Edwards & ^{William Edwards & Mary his wife} Hedeon Edwards, to a bill of Complaint
exhibited against themselves and others in the County Court
of Cumberland by Benjamin E Serjeys These respon-
-dants saving and reserving to themselves now & at all
-times hereafter to give answer thereto or so much thereof
as they deem material for them to answer say that
they believe the allegations in said Complainant's Bill
contained are true and that they have no objections
to the Decree prayed for by the said Complainant
& having answered pray to be hence dismissed to

The separate answer of ~~William Edwards~~ ~~to a bill~~
of Complaint exhibited against the said William
Edwards and others in the County Court of Cumb-
-ria by Benj^m E Serjeys This respondent save-
-ing and reserving to give answer thereto or so much
as he is advised is material for him to answer
saith that he has no doubt that the allegations
in said Complainant's Bill contained are true
and that he has no objection to the Decree prayed
for by the s^d Complainant & having answered
prays to be hence dismissed. to

The separate answer of William Thornton to a Bill
of Complaint exhibited against him & others in the
County Court of Cumberland by Benjamin E. Serizzo
This Respondant saving & reserving to for answer
saith that he has no doubt that the allegations in
said complainants' Bill contained are true and that
he has no objections to the decree prayed for by the
Complainant & having answered pray to be hence
expressed - to -

To the worshippful the justices of the County
Court of Cumberland in Chancery sitting respectfully
sheweth to ~~you~~ ~~worships~~ your orator Benjamin E
Seruggs that a certain William Edwards late of the Coun-
ty of Cumberland died intestate entitled to and in prop-
-tion of a considerable real and personal Estate being
and being in the said County of Cumberland leaving
his widow Grizzle Edwards and the following Chil-
-dren viz. Nimiah Edwards, Nancy Edwards who has
since intermarried with Thomas Colman, Barnet
Edwards, Gracy Edwards who intermarried with James
B Woodson, William Edwards, Gideon Edwards, and
Mary Edwards who intermarried with William S.
Gauldin. Your orator further sheweth that the said
Estate real and personal descended and belonged, at
the death of the said William Edwards, to the said Chil-
-dren ^{in equal division} ~~in~~ ~~equal~~ ~~division~~ ~~of~~ the said William, ~~sub-~~
-pet however to the dower and reasonable part of the
said Grizzle his said widow during her natural
life. Your orator also further sheweth that since the death
of the said William, the said, your orator has purchased
all the interest and Estate ^{for valuable considera-}
of the said James B. Woodson and Gracy his wife, ~~all the~~
~~interest~~ which they held or claimed in & to the said Estate
as by reference to a Deed bearing date the 16th day
of Decemr 1826 and of record in the Clerk's office of the
County Court of Cumberland and is herewith filed &
mayed to be taken as a part of this bill will more
fully appear. Your orator also further sheweth
that the said Nancy previous to her said intermarriage
conveyed by Deed of Gift all her interest in said Estate

to her son William Edwards which Deed is of record
in the clerks office aforesaid, bears date the 1st day
of January in the year 1827 and is herewith filed
and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill your orator
also further sheweth that William J. Thornton Esq. have
^{been} ~~come~~ the past year for valuable considerations of all
the interest which the said William J. Gaudin and Mary
his wife had or claimed in or to the said ^{real} Estate as will
appear by reference to his deed bearing date the ^{1st} day
of ^{the} in the year ¹⁸²⁷ which is also of record
in the clerks office aforesaid is likewise herewith filed
and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill your
orator also further represents that upon the death
of the said William, the said Grizzle Edwards his widow
qualified as the administratrix of said Estate and
thereby possessed herself of the whole thereof real and
personal and has received the rents and profits
of the same for many years and has never accounted
for the same nor has she settled her administration
of said Estate - your orator also sheweth that the said
Estate has never been divided among the several persons
entitled to the same in their consecration whereof and
for as much as your orator is run away in the premises
but by the favourable aid and assistance of a court of
equity where matters of this nature are properly
recognizable your orator therefore prays that the said
Grizzle Edwards, Annab Edwards, Wm Edwards
Wm S. Edwards ^{Mary his wife} ~~the said Mary~~, Barnet Edwards, William Edwards
Isaac Edwards and William W. Thornton be
made defendants to this bill and that they be required
and say whether they have any objection to have a division of s^d Estate
to answer the same truly, and that the said Grizzle
Edwards be required to state and settle ^{truly} her adminis-
tration accounts of said Estate before some messengers
appointed by this worshipful Court for that purpose

and that Miller Woodson be appointed guardian and ad-
litem for William Edwards an infant for the purpose
of, protecting and defending his interest in this estate
Your orator also further prays that your worships
may decree a division of said Estate amongst the
persons legally entitled to the same giving or allotting
to the said Widow one third of said Estate real and personal
during her life - giving to your orator one seventh of
the remainder, Nemah Edwards one seventh of the
~~remainder~~, Barnet Edwards one seventh of William
Edwards one seventh, William Edwards, a minor, one
seventh, Gedion Edwards one seventh and to ~~William M~~
~~Thornton~~ ^{of the said real Estate subject to the ~~condition of~~ ^{trust of}} one seventh, and that to Mrs S Gaudin & wife one seventh
of the said ~~real~~ estate and that John C Pugh Benj. Holman
* Cooke. S. Morrow & Wm G Ponce
or any three of them be appointed commissioners for the
purpose of dividing said Estate agreeably to the above prayer
Your orator also further prays that your worships may ~~grant~~
grant and all further relief in the premises as to your wor-
ships may seem proper & your orator in duty bound will
ever pray to G G

6/10/25
P. E. Scruggs
to J. Bull
Edwards

1827 December
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236 1/2 acres land
of
The Est of W^m Edwards
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the divisions amongst
the legalls