

Petition 21385955 Details

Location: Fairfield, South Carolina

Salutation: To the Honorable the Chancellors of the said State

Filing Court and Date: Equity, 1859-July-12

Ending Court and Date: Equity, 1859-July-12



General Petition Information

Abstract: Benjamin J. Boulware, trustee of thirteen-year-old John J. Neil, seeks to sell eighteen slaves in the minor's trust estate. Boulware represents that he has assumed the responsibility of raising his young nephew and of managing the slaves, whom the said John inherited from his late mother, Eliza A. Neil. Noting that his young ward has no lands on which to employ said slaves, the petitioner reports that he has had to hire out the slaves. He reveals that hiring out said slaves has become a burden because many are "breeding women with young children." Moreover, he considers it "inhuman to hire [them] out from year to year until the said [John] shall arrive at the age of twenty one years." Describing himself as "a man of feeble health, in the decline of life," Boulware believes he is "illsuited to attend to hiring out these negroes from year to year." He therefore is of the opinion that it is in the said John's best interest "to sell said slaves for the purpose of a change of investment." Benjamin Boulware asks the court to permit him to sell the slaves and to place the proceeds from the sale "in bonds well secured until a guardian should be appointed to take charge of the estate."

Result: granted

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Related Documents: Appointment of Guardian Ad Litem, Henry L. Elliott, 12 July 1859; Commissioner's Report, 12 July 1859; Advertisement for Sale of Slaves, 1 December 1859

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Related Documents:**

People Associated with Petition 21385955

Slaves: 16

Free Persons of Color: 0

Defendants: 1

Petitioners: 1

Other People: 3

List of Slaves in Petition 21385955 People Listing

Name	Role in Petition	Enslavement Status	Color	Gender	Age	Birth	Death	Owned slaves?	Occupation
Betsey		slave	black	female					
Bob		slave	black	male					
Claiborn		slave	black	male					
Edy		slave	black	female					
Ephraim ([Old Ephraim])		slave	black	male			before 1859		
Ephraim ([Young Ephraim])		slave	black	male					
Esther		slave	black	female					
Jenny		slave	black	female					
Judy		slave	black	female					
Peggy		slave	black	female					

Riner		slave	black	female					
Sam		slave	black	male					
Sarah		slave	black	female					
Sarah		slave	black	female					
Simon		slave	black	male			before 1859		
Venus		slave	black	female					

List of Defendants in Petition 21385955

People Listing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role in Petition</u>	<u>Enslavement Status</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Owned slaves?</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
NEIL, John J.	defendant		white	male	13 years of age in 1859				

List of Petitioners in Petition 21385955

People Listing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role in Petition</u>	<u>Enslavement Status</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Owned slaves?</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
BOULWARE, Benjamin J.	petitioner		white	male					

List of Other People in Petition 21385955

People Listing

<u>Name</u>	<u>Role in Petition</u>	<u>Enslavement Status</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Owned slaves?</u>	<u>Occupation</u>
NEIL, Eliza A.			white	female			in 1858	Yes.	
Life Estate of NEIL, Eliza A.			white	male			in 1858	Yes.	
Trust Estate of NEIL, John J.			white	male				Yes.	



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