

FAIRFIELD EQUITY BILL, SOUTH CAROLINA
1828 (#0292399)

Jesse Havis, James Knighton and Margaret King in Ms. and probably James was in Tn. 14 May, 1824

About estate complaint against Moses Knighton, Jr, only surviving executor of estate of Moses Knighton, Sr, dec'd.

brought by Micajah P. Stone and Lydia, his wife, late Lidia Knighton, widow of Peter Knighton, dec'd; John Stampler and Susan his wife, late Susan Knighton; Martha Knighton; John H. Knighton and Eliza Knighton, children of the said Peter Knighton. By Jesse D. Havis, their next friend.

Moses the Elder, executed his will in 1792 or 1793. Wife Susanna, after her death slaves divided between Peter, Moses, Margaret and Mary. Susanna departed 1814/15. Moses bought slaves cheap. Peter died 1815/16 in Ms. Orators have repeatedly asked Moses to account with their share of estate; entreated Moses, James, Margaret (now King, widow of John King, dec'd), and Mary Knighton, now Mary Hollis, widow of Moses Hollis, dec'd for share.

17 June, 1825 Moses to take out bond on negroes, not to remove them from State.

29 Oct, 1823 Franklin County, Ms. Micajah P. Stone guardian to John H. and Eliza Knighton, minor heirs of Peter Knighton.

Minder (one of the slaves in question) went crazy after the sale, next year (in 1803 she was half a hand).

Moses lived beside his mother after father's death until married. Jinny, Polly, and Peggy Knighton lived with their mother also James until married.

Mounsey Hollis, daughter of deceased, bid \$600 and the widow bid \$500. Both were in tears. "Could have given \$100 or \$200 more for Gladys, the negro Mounsey Hollis--at her father's sale then the way was sold for and would have given \$600 for Jacob. Muncy Hollis bidding for the fellow prevented witness from bidding"

Thomas H. Pickett knew Peter Knighton and Lidie. They had 3 children, 2 girls and a boy. John H. Stampley married youngest. The oldest daughter married 2 years ago.

Capt. John Hollis swears and was acquainted with Minder, Tony and Jacob. Minder was very old in 1815. Has known Minder and Tony for 40 or 50 years and Jacob ever since he was a boy. Tony, the witness thinks from his looks and the length of time he knew him is old as the witness. The witness will be 75 the 3rd December, 1826. The witness has been married 42 years and knew Tony 5 or 6 years before marriage. Tony was grown when witness first knew him. Jacob was born the year before the witness was married. The

witness knew the situation of Minder and understood--keep her at all and thinks the Defendant ought to have not--up then \$50 per year. Would rather take 2 small children--unable to do anything and keep them than Minder.

The children of Moses Knighton, Sr, dec'd lived with the mother after the decease of the father until they married. Peter, Mary, Peggy, James and Polly Knighton. Since remained with the mother for a good many years after the death of the father. They were all married before the mother died. The mother was very indulgent to the children. And is satisfied that the children made case of what they made by their labor. Never saw that the widow laid up anything besides what supported her. James was 13 at father's death. Polly was the youngest. The land and negroes were sufficient to maintain the widow.

Nancy Hollis sworn: knew Minder ever since the witness was a small girl. The father of the witness bought Minder out of a sale. She had a child that could sit alone at that time. The witness is a daughter of Moses Knighton, Sr, dec'd and a sister of the defendant. The witness is now 65 years old. Tony was a boy large enough to catch a horse when bought by her father at the same time Minder was bought. Was a good deal larger than the witness when bought. Jacob was born before the witness was married to Capt. John Hollis. Witness married 42 years ago. Jacob is now about 43 years old. The children all lived with their mother. Peter married after being 2 or 3 years with his mother. After marriage, he lived in the same plantation with his mother for 2 or 3 years and was supported in the same plantation. Peter Knighton got possession of the negro left to him in his father's will before the 8 years limited in the will had expired.

Moses Knighton, the defendant, lived with his mother until he was married excepting one year he lived in the Western Country. Peggy lived with her mother until she married about 4 or 5 years after her father's death. James lived with her mother until he was married which took place one year after he came of age. Polly lived with her mother until she married, sometime before James married; had one dec'd before James married?

Was frequently at her mother's house and is satisfied that she made no more than enough to support her family.

Knew that Peter got a gray mare belonging to the estate.

All the boys got a horse apiece from their father. Peter got a horse from his father and the gray mare after the father's death he got in addition. The horses given by the father were left on the plantation until after his death. They then took possession.

Cross examination:

Peter Knighton got the negro left him in the will 2 years before the time limited in the will. The negro but a sucking child.

Admitted that he got the negro by his mother's consent.

Moses, after his marriage, moved to a plantation of his own which he had bought. The plantation was in sight of his mother's. Moses Knighton continued to manage his mother's affairs. His negro remained a year or 2 with his mother after his marriage.

Is certain that Moses, the defendant, made nothing by the management of his mother's property. His mother was very old and infirm before her death. Could not for some years before her death walk without assistance.

Miss Elizabeth Hollis sworn. The witness, Peter Knighton, Moses Knighton, Margaret King, James Knighton and Polly Hollis were all present at the division of the estate of Moses Knighton, Sr, dec'd in the year 1806. The time the witness is not certain about. A division was made of the cattle and hogs and each took his part. Some of the cattle and hogs were left with their mother. Noone objected to the part left to the mother. Heard Peter Knighton say the children after marriage got a bed apiece.

Cross examined:

Peter got no mare in the day of division. He must have gotten her before. Peter married on the day division and a good while before.

Nancy Hollis called back by defendant.

The witness knows that Peter Knighton got a bed and understood from the rest of the children that they all got a bed apiece.

Sale bill of Susanna Knighton's estate offered in evidence by defendant marked Q.