

Bailey Alford Estate Papers, No. 12

State of North Carolina} Court of Pleas & Quarter Session
Wake County } May Session A.D. 1846

To the worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter session
for said County

The Petition of Willie Clifton in right of his wife and
the said Willie Clifton (as the bargainer & assignee of Eli Alford
_____ of Randal Redding & wife, Martin High & wife Dilly & Bailey Clifton)
Gilbert Alford, John Mitchell administrator in right of his wife _____ Willie
Butler & wife _____ and of Joseph Fowler the administrator
of Baily Alford deceased. [names of wives left blank]

} Humbly complaining your
Petitioners show unto your worships that many years ago
Lodwick Alford departed this life having duly made his last
will and testament, which has been proven and recorded, a copy
of which is herewith filed as a part of their petition. And that
in and by said will among other things he devised and bequeathed
as follows to wit "I leave to my daughter Mary Alford
one negro by the name of Dafne & also my old mill land
on Seypress creek adjoining Robert Butler & others during her
natural life & after her death my will & desire is that her
son Baily Alford shall have it to him & his heirs forever – And
also my will and desire is that said negro and all her increase
to be equally divided among my said daughter's children after
her death to them & their heirs forever – And your Petitioners show that
the aforesaid Mary Alford departed this life Intestate some time
during the present year – that said Dafne is also dead, but
the said negro had the following children & increase (to wit) Stepney,
Annice and Lethram?/Litheau?/or ? – And that said Mary Alford had the
following children (to wit) _____ wife of Willie Clifton, Eli Alford
_____ wife of Randal Redding, Gilbert Alford, Winney wife

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of John Mitchell, Dilly wife of Martin High – Willie Butler
& wife - [wife of Martin High – crossed out] wife of Baily Clifton
and Baily Alford - That the said Baily Alford died
several years since and your Petitioner Joseph Fowler
is his administrator - And your Petitioner Willie Clifton
shows that he is the purchaser & owner of the right title
interest of the following distributers & children in said slaves
(to wit) of the shares of Eli Alford, Randal Redding & wife
Martin High & wife & Baily Clifton & wife and has the Bills of
Sale and deeds from them ready to exhibit and produce
whenever he shall be required so to do and prays that their
sharing and interest in said slaves may be decreed to be

secured delivered or paid to him. – And your Petitioners being ordered that they are tenants in common of said slaves wish to have said tenancy dissolved and their shares in said negro slaves on this proceed of the sales of them seperated & secured for their use & benefit. And they further show that there being only three negro slaves of different ages & values and many legatees in distributers, that a division of said slaves cannot be made without injury to some of the parties interested- and pray your worships to decree a sale of said slaves and to appoint the Clerk in some other fit person a Commissioner to make a sale of them on a credit of not less than six months after giving thirty days notice by public advertisement in three or more public places of the home place and times of sale – and that the person so appointed take bond and good securities of the purchasers for the purchasers money and report all his proceedings

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in the premises in this case to the next Court – and that your worships secure to each of the legatees & Petitioners interested his or her valuable share in severally* of the proceeds of such sales - And that said sale of slaves be made according to the act of assembly in such cases provided. And your Petitioners pray for such other & further relief as the nature of their care requires. (sgd) Geo. W. Haywood
For Petitioners

* Definition from Black's Law Dictionary: **Severally**. Distinctly, separately, apart from others. When applied to a number of persons, the expression *severally liable* usually implies that each one is liable alone.

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