

To the worshipful justices of the County
Court of Prince Edward in chancery
sitting. Humbly complaining show unto your
honors. ~~that~~ your orator, Edward Carter
son of Samuel Carter lately deceased of this
County by the last will & testament duly
recorded of the said Saml Carter duly
recorded in the County Court of Prince
Edward ^{your orator} is entitled to an equal part
that is one half of the ~~pre~~ ^{pre} ~~scribed~~ ^{scribed} named
slaves. which are the residue of the said
Samuel Carter's slaves after the special
bequees mentioned in the said will. The
clause of the said will on which your orator
rests his claim to one equal part of the
within mentioned clause is in the following
words: "It is my will & desire that all
my negroes not ~~given~~ ^{devised or given} ~~away~~ ^{away} ~~especially~~ ^{especially} away
specially by this will shall be equally
divided between my son, Edward A. Carter
& my three grand children before named
giving to my son, Edward Carter one half &
& the other half to my said grand children
share & share alike" Now the negroes
not mentioned devised nor given away
specially by the said will are the
following. To wit: Old Neptune Noney
& Fanny Emeline. Munroe Sidney