

1815-021

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
CHANCERY PAPERS

WILLIAMS

VS WILLIAMS etal

11/1815

Plat

Williams

is: { Ric, Ch. J. Duran
Williams L^c

Dec 1874

Aut. J. Duran

In the honorable court of Southampton County in the County sitting
Humbly complaining sheweth unto your worship your orator Polly
Williams, daughter of Cooper Williams decd; that on the day of

The said Cooper Williams departed this life in the County of
in the State of North Carolina, leaving a widow Christian Williams,
who is prayed to be made a defendant to this bill, and ten children
to wit, your orator Polly Williams, Kinchen Williams, Burrwell
Williams, Zilpah Williams, Elizabeth Williams, Lucy Williams,
Sally Williams, Elias Williams, Matthew J. Williams and James
Williams, the last nine named of whom are also prayed to be
made defendants to this bill - that the said Cooper Williams
died intestate, and seized of a tract or parcel of land, lying
in the County of Southampton, in the State of Virginia, containing
by estimation nine hundred acres - Now your orator says
have to state to your worship that some considerable time
previous to the death of the said Cooper Williams, he advanced
to each of his aforesaid sons Kinchen Williams and Burrwell Williams
a tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the aforesaid
County of Southampton, which the said Kinchen and Burrwell
now refuse to bring into hotchpot; preferring rather to hold their said
respective advancements than come into partition with your
orator and the other children of the said Cooper Williams deceased -
Your orator also says have to state to your worship that the aforesaid
Christian Williams, widow and relict of the said Cooper Williams decd;

hath surrendered her Right of Dower in the said tract of Land
containing nine hundred acres as aforesaid and sets up no claim
or manner of claim to any part thereof - so that in consequence
of the refusal of the said Reuben Williams and Burwell Burwell
Williams to bring their said advancements into Stockport as aforesaid
and of the Surrender of all right of Dower therein by the said Christian
Williams, the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land, containing nine hundred
acres as aforesaid, hath descended to your oration and the aforesaid Zilpah
Williams, Elizabeth Williams, Lucy Williams, Sally Williams, Elias Williams,
Matthew J. Williams and James Williams - Is the End therefore that the
said Christian Williams, widow decedent of the said Joseph Williams decd.,
the said Zilpah Williams, the said Elizabeth Williams, the said Lucy Williams,
the said Sally Williams, the said Elias Williams, the said Matthew J. Williams
and the said James Williams, may be compelled to answer all singular
the allegations of this bill and that as fully as if the same were here
again repeated & they thereunto particularly interrogated - that
the aforesaid tract or parcel of Land containing nine hundred acres as
aforesaid, be decreed by your worship to be equally divided between
your oration and the aforesaid Zilpah, Elizabeth, Lucy, Sally, Elias,
Matthew and James - that any other & general relief may be granted to
the premises, consistent with Equity & good conscience - May it please the Court
to grant the Commonwealth writ of Habeas Corpus commanding & as in duty bound
your oration will ever pray &c

Stock for complainant.

to the worshipful Court of Southampton County in Chancery, sitting.
The joint separate answer of Christian Williams, widow & eldest
of Cooper Williams dec'd, Gilbert Williams, Elizabeth Williams, Lucy
Williams, Sally Williams, Elias Williams, Matthew J. Williams
and James Williams, to the bill exhibited in this worshipful Court
against them and Kerchen Williams and Russell Williams,
by Polly Williams. The said defendants, saving and reserving
to themselves all & every benefit of Exemption to the said bill, for
answer thereto say, that the allegations in the said bill contained are
true - that your respondent Christian Williams hath surrendered
her right of Dower in the tract of land, in the bill mentioned,
of which Cooper Williams died seised, ^{being} in the County of Southampton, in
the State of Virginia - and that your respondents have no objection
to the decree prayed for by the Complainants - & they pray to
be hence dismissed &c.

Subscribed

To the worshipful Court of Southampton County in Chancery
sitting - The Joint & separate answer of Kinchen Williams
and Burwell Williams, to the bill of complaint exhibited in this
worshipful Court against them, Christian Williams, widow & child
of Cooper Williams deceased, Zilpah Williams, Elizabeth Williams,
Lucy Williams, Sally Williams, Elias Williams, Matthew J.
Williams and James Williams, by Polly Williams -

The said defendants, saving and reserving to themselves every
benefit of Exception to the said bill, for answer ~~therein~~ say, that
they admit the allegations therein contained to be true & correct -
that they acknowledge, each of them, to have ~~received~~ received
from their deceased father, ~~in his~~ Cooper Williams, in his lifetime,
an advancement of a tract of land, lying in the County of Southampton
as stated in the said bill - that they are now unwilling to bring
their said respective advancements into Hotchpot - & that
they have no objection to such decree as the wisdom of this
Court may dictate - and they pray to be hence dismissed -

(Signed) Kinchen Williams

Burwell Williams

Polly Williams, daughter of
Cooper Williams deceased - Compt.
against

Christian Williams, widow & child of the said Cooper
Williams deceased, and Kinchen Williams, Burwell
Williams, Zilpah Williams, Elizabeth Williams,
Lucy Williams, Sally Williams, Elias Williams,
Matthew J. Williams, and James Williams,

children of the said Cooper Williams deceased - Deft.

This cause was this day docketed by consent of ~~parties~~ the parties,
and the report of the Court and was ~~thereby~~ heard on the bill,
the answers of the Defendants and the arguments of counsel,
and it appearing by the answer of the defendant Christian Williams,
that she hath surrendered her Right of Dower in the tract or parcel
of land in the bill mentioned, of which her late husband ^{Cooper Williams} did seise,
lying in the County of Southampton, containing by estimation nine
hundred acres, and by the answer of the defendants Kinchen
Williams & Burwell Williams, that they severally received
from their deceased ^{father} Cooper Williams, in his lifetime, an advance-
ment of a tract or parcel of land, lying in the said County of Southamp-
ton, which they are now unwilling to bring into Hotchpot, preferring
rather to hold their said ~~same~~ respective advancements than come
into partition with the other children of the said Cooper Williams deceased,
Therefore it is adjudged, ordered and decreed by the Court

That Jeremiah Cobb, Benjamin Deane, Richard E. Williams and
John Stone or any three of them, attended by the Surveyor of South-
ampton County, do divide ~~equally~~ the said tract or parcel of land
containing nine hundred acres as aforesaid, of which the said Cooper Williams
dies seised, lying in the said County of Southampton, equally between
the complainant Polly Williams and the Defendants Elizabeth Williams,
Elizabeth Williams, Lucy Williams, Sally Williams, Elias Williams, Matthew
J. Williams and James Williams - that the said Commissioners, in making
the said division, have regard as well to the quality of the said land
as to the quantity thereof, and make report of their actings and doings
in this behalf to the Court, in order to a final decree -

Williams &c
at
W. Williams
at
Williams &c

Louthampton December Court

Polly Williams daughter of Cooper Williams sec^d Compt^t
against

Christian Williams, widow (and relict of the said Cooper
Williams sec^d) and Kinchen Williams, Bunwell Williams,
Zilpah Williams Elizabeth Williams, Lucy Williams
Lally Williams, Elias Williams, Matthew J. Williams
and James Williams Children of the said Cooper
Williams sec^d Defendant

W. Chancy

This Cause was this day docketed by Consent of the parties
and the assent of the court and was heard on the bill the
answers of the Defendants and the arguments of Counsel and
it appearing by the answer of the Defendant Christian Williams
that She has Surrendered her right of Dower in the tract
or parcel of land in the bill mentioned of which her late
husband Cooper Williams sec^d Seised lying in the county
of Louthampton containing by estimation nine hundred
acres, and by the answer of the Defendants Kinchen Williams
and Bunwell Williams, that they severally received from their
deceased Father Cooper Williams in his lifetime an advancement
of a tract or parcel of land lying in the said county of
Louthampton which they are not willing to bring into Hotch pot,
preferring rather to hold their said respective advancements than come
into partitions with the other Children of the said Cooper Williams
sec^d. Therefore it is adjudged, Ordered and decreed by the Court
that Jeremiah Cobb, Benjamin Dewany, Richard E. Williams and
John Moor or any three of them, attended ~~with~~ ^{by the} county Surveyor
to divide the said tract or parcel of land, containing nine hundred
acres as aforesaid of which the said Cooper Williams sec^d Seised

lying in the said county of Southampton, equally between the
 Complainant Polly Williams, and the defendants Zilpah Williams,
 Elizabeth Williams, Sally Williams, Lucy Williams, Char Williams, Matthew
 J. Williams and James Williams - that the said Commissioners, in
 making the said division, have regard as well to the quality
 of the said lands as to the quantity thereof, and make report of
 their ~~proceedings~~ and doings ~~therein~~ in behalf to the court in order
 to a final decree -

Teste J. Rochelle C.

Williams }
 vs }
 Williams &c. } Int. & Decree

Nash County State of North Carolina

We whose names are hereto Subscribed do hereby
certify that we are willing and do hereby consent
that ~~that~~ the Slaves whereof Cooper Williams
and said Sides and poppicks may be sold at
public auction when the other personal estate is
sold for the purpose of effecting a division in
said Slaves - and we do hereby agree and
consent that a decree of the county court of
Southampton may be obtained for the
division of the land whereof said Cooper
and poppicks between the heirs of said Cooper
Given under our hands this 28 day of

November 1814 -
I do hereby certify that I contend
for no part of lands lying in the
State of Virginia Christian Williams
Gilbert Williams

Elizabeth Williams

Lucy Williams

Sally Williams

Elias Williams

M. Williams

James Williams

Archibald Whaley

Report of the
three Tracts of
Land and the division
thereof of Cooper
William de P

November 24th 1875 Report
Ret. and Final Decree.

W. D.

Thence Beginning at a Gum a new corner made in lots N^o 7 & 8 being Polley Williams & James Williams. Lots running thence S. 5^o W. 20 Pole Variation, thence S. 24 W. 25 poles to a Pine corner in William Williams line, thence S. 74 E. 202 Pole to a Small Gum B. in James Scariff line in the Branch leading to the Milford, thence N. 26. E. 12 Poles to Thomas Prettors Milford, then up the various courses of the S. Pond to a Pine a new corner made in Polley Williams & James Williams. lines of lots N^o 7 & 8 and thence along that dividing line to the first Station. being lot N^o 7 containing 90¹/₂ Acres Valued at ^{\$} 3⁰⁰ ^{or} 50 ⁰⁰ and which lot was drawn by Polley Williams making 316.75 being her Proportionable Part of the S. lands after receiving from Polley Williams lot N^o 6 the sum of ^{\$} 2.20 ^{or} which sum added to 316.75 makes 318.95 her full Proportion of the S. lands. —

Thence Beginning at a Pine a new corner made in Polley Williams & James Williams. lots N^o 7 & 8 standing on the side of Thomas Prettors Milford, running thence up the S. Milford ^(3 branches) the various courses thence to a Pine in the Milford branch, thence S. 5^o E. 74 Pole to a Pine a corner of William Williams, thence N. 73^o E. 48 Pole to a Small Red Oak O. of Wm Williams thence S. 58^o E. 136 Pole to a Pine B. of William Williams. thence S. 31^o W. 48 Pole to another Pine O. of the S. Williams, and from thence S. 19^o E. 144 Pole to the Station

to a Sweet Gum & H. of William Williams
thence N. 75. E. 26 Poles to a small Branch
thence N. 36. E. 14 Poles to a small B. Gum &
new corner made in Salley Williams? and James
Williams lots N. 7 & 8. thence along that dividing
line to the 1st Station — being lot N. 8
which lot was drawn by James Williams;
containing 90 p. acres Valued at 3.50 p. acre
making 316.75 his Proportionable Part of S. Land
after receiving from Salley Williams lot N. 6 the
Sum of 2.20 — which Sum added to 316.75
makes 318.95 his full Proportion
whose respective Plots are annexed to this report
given under our hands this 7th of January
1875

Justith
Benj Duany
John Moore

} Commissioners

Agreeable to an Order of the County Court of
Franklin to us directed bearing date December 1814
We have gone on the different Tracts of land formerly
belonging to Cooper Williams dec^d, lying and being in
the County of Franklin aforesaid, attended by the
County Surveyor as by the Order we were required,
and run out and ascertain^d the number of Acres
contained in each Tract, and divided the same
by Proper meters and bounds, in manner and form
following (to wit) Beginning at a Pine & new Corner
made in lot N^o 1 Standing on the side of the branch call^d
the First Branch, running thence the Various Courses
of the S^o Branch to a Sweet Gum Standing in the
Branch call^d the Cabbin Branch; thence along the
said Branch the Various Courses thereof to a small Oak
& new Corner made in lots N^o 1 & 2 being a Corner of
Elizabeth Williams & Matthew Williams - Standing in the
Cabbin Branch aforesaid, thence running the dividing
between lots N^o 1 & 2 S. 3^d W - 200 Pole to the first
Station; containing 72 $\frac{1}{2}$ Acres being lot N^o 1. Call^d
the above lot drawn by Matthew Williams Son &
heir of Cooper Williams dec^d. being his Proportion^{able} part
of S^o Lands. after Receiving from lot N^o 2 Which
is Elizabeth Williams lot the sum of \$15-17^{cs} - & from
lots N^o 3 - 4 - & 5 Which is Zilpha Williams lot
Elias Williams lot. & Lucy Williams lot the sum of
\$1-05 Each, and from lot N^o 6 Which is Sally
Williams lot the sum of \$10-63^{cs} - making \$18-95^{cs}
Each Proportion^{able} part of the S^o Lands -

Which 72 1/2 Acres being the House lot Was Valued
at 4 dollars ^{per} Acre — amounting to 290-00 &
adding what is to be recd. ~~from~~ from the ~~usurpation~~
Stated makes 318-95 being Matthew Williams' Whole
Proportion of the Said Lands — Thence Beginning
at a large White Oak now made a new corner in lots
n^o. 2 & 3 being Elizabeth Williams' & Zephiah Williams'
lots & comes running thence S. 31° West 260 poles to
a Pine a new corner made the same lots n^o. 2
& 3 — thence N. 84° E — 60 poles to the first Branch
thence along the S. Branch, S. 46° E — 50 poles
to a Pine a new corner made in lots n^o. 1 & 2, thence
N. 17° W — 176 Poles to a Dead Oak a new corner
made in lots n^o. 1 & 2 Standing on the Side of the
Cabin branch, thence North 59° W — 74 Poles to the
1st Station containing 60 3/4 Acres being lot n^o. 2 call^d
the Orchard lot Which lot was drawn by Elizabeth
Williams; Valued at 5.50 ^{cents} ^{per} Acre amounting to 334-12
being her Proportionable Part of the S. Lands after Paying
to lot n^o. 1 the sum of 15-19 ^{cents} — Thence Beginning
at the 3rd lot at a large White Oak a corner in
John Cottons line; and now a new corner of lots n^o. 2 & 3
running thence S. 27° W — 100 Poles to a Dead Oak
and a Pine Chopt Instead of the oak, thence
N. 99° W — 116 Poles to a small Black Gum a
new corner made in lots n^o. 3 & 5. being lots of
Zephiah Williams and Lucy Williams; thence due South
230 Poles to a Red Oak a new corner made at
Rich. Richs. Cornfield, being a corner of Zephiah Wms

And ~~Elizabeth~~ ^{Lucy} Williams' lots n^o. 3 & 4 — Thence N. 58°
E — 62 Poles to a small Gum crop a bottom, in
Rich. Richs. line, thence N. 53° W — 28 Poles to
a dead Pine blown down on the Side of Cooper
Williams' old field; thence N. 75° E — 98 Poles
to a Pine a new corner made in lots n^o. 2 & 3
thence N. 3° E — 200 Poles to the first Station?
containing 160 Acres Valued at 2 dollars ^{per} Acre
making 320 dollars Which lot being n^o. 3 was
drawn by Zephiah Williams, Which is her
Proportionable Part of the S. Lands, after Paying
to lot n^o. 1 — the sum of 1-05 ^{cents} — Which sum
deducted from 320 dollars leaves 318-95 her full
Proportion of the S. Lands — Thence Beginning
at a small Black Gum a new corner made in Zephiah
Williams' and Lucy Williams' lots n^o. 3 & 5 running thence N. 71°
West 140 Poles to a Black Gum corner of Burwells Williams
and John Cotton; thence S. 71° W. 40 Poles to a Red Oak
Variation on this line, thence S. 55° W. 16 poles, thence
S. 37° W. 86 Poles to the lower corner of Burwells Williams'
new Ground, thence S. 46° West 14 Poles to a new corner
made in ~~Elizabeth~~ ^{Lucy} Williams' and Lucy Williams' lots n^o. 4 & 5
thence along lots n^o. 4 & 5 the dividing line thereof 240
Poles to a ^{new} made in a field ^{of} lots n^o. 3-4-5 — and then
along the dividing line of lots n^o. 3 & 5. to the first Station.
being lot n^o. 5 — Which lot was drawn by Lucy Williams
containing 160 Acres Valued at 2 ^{cents} ^{per} Acre, making
320 dollars being her Proportionable part of the S. Lands
after Paying to lot n^o. 1. the sum of 1-05 ^{cents} — Which sum
deducted from 320 dollars leaves 318-95 her full Proportion

Thence Beginning at a Horns Post in the field a cr of
lots n^o 3-4-85 running thence along the dividing line
between ^{Elias}~~Eliza~~ Williams and Lucy Williams 246 Pole
to new corner made in these lots near Bunwell Williams
new ground, thence S. 44^o West 30 Pole to a red oak
a corner of Robert Puckers, thence S. 42^o E-160 Pole
to a maple a corner of Rob^t Puckers, thence N. 67^o E-
60 Pole to a Pine corner of Robert Puckers, thence S. 41 East
96 Pole, thence S. 19^o E-42 Pole a log cory a cr of
Puck in this field, thence N. 38^o E-36 pole, thence
N. 11^o E-24 pole to a red oak a new corner made
in ^{Elias}~~Eliza~~ Williams and Zephra Williams. Lots n^o
3 & 4- and thence along their dividing line to the 1st
Station, being lot n^o 4 (which lot was drawn by
^{Elias}~~Eliza~~ Williams containing 160 acres Valued at 2 dollars
per acre making 320 dollars being his Proportionable part
of the S^d lands after paying to lot n^o 1 the sum of
1.05. Which being deducted from 320 dollars leaves
318.95 his full Proportion. Thence Beginning

at a Pine in William Williams line running thence
N. 18^o W. 159 Pole to a Pine a corner of Wm Williams; thence
S. 59. W- 20 Pole, thence S. 80- W. 220 Pole a Varnition on Jones
and Bells line, thence S. 59. W. 58 pole to a red oak L^o of
Bunwell Williams and Thomas Jones, thence S. 53- E-44 pole
then S. 73^o E-136 pole to a Pine a corner of John Cotton
then N. 71. E-88 pole, then N. 84- E-20 pole to a Pine cor. of
Cotton, then S. 50- E. 34 pole, then S. 67. E- to the Intersection of
the two branches, then N. 32. E-4 pole to the first Station,
being lot n^o 6. or the Piney woods tract containing 167 acres
Valued at 2 dollars per acre making 334 dollars being Eliza Williams
lot & Proportionable pt. of S^d lands- after paying to lot n^o 1-10.63
and lots n^o 7 & 8- the sum of 2.20 each making 15.03- in all
the pay deducted from 334 leaves 318.95 his full Portion

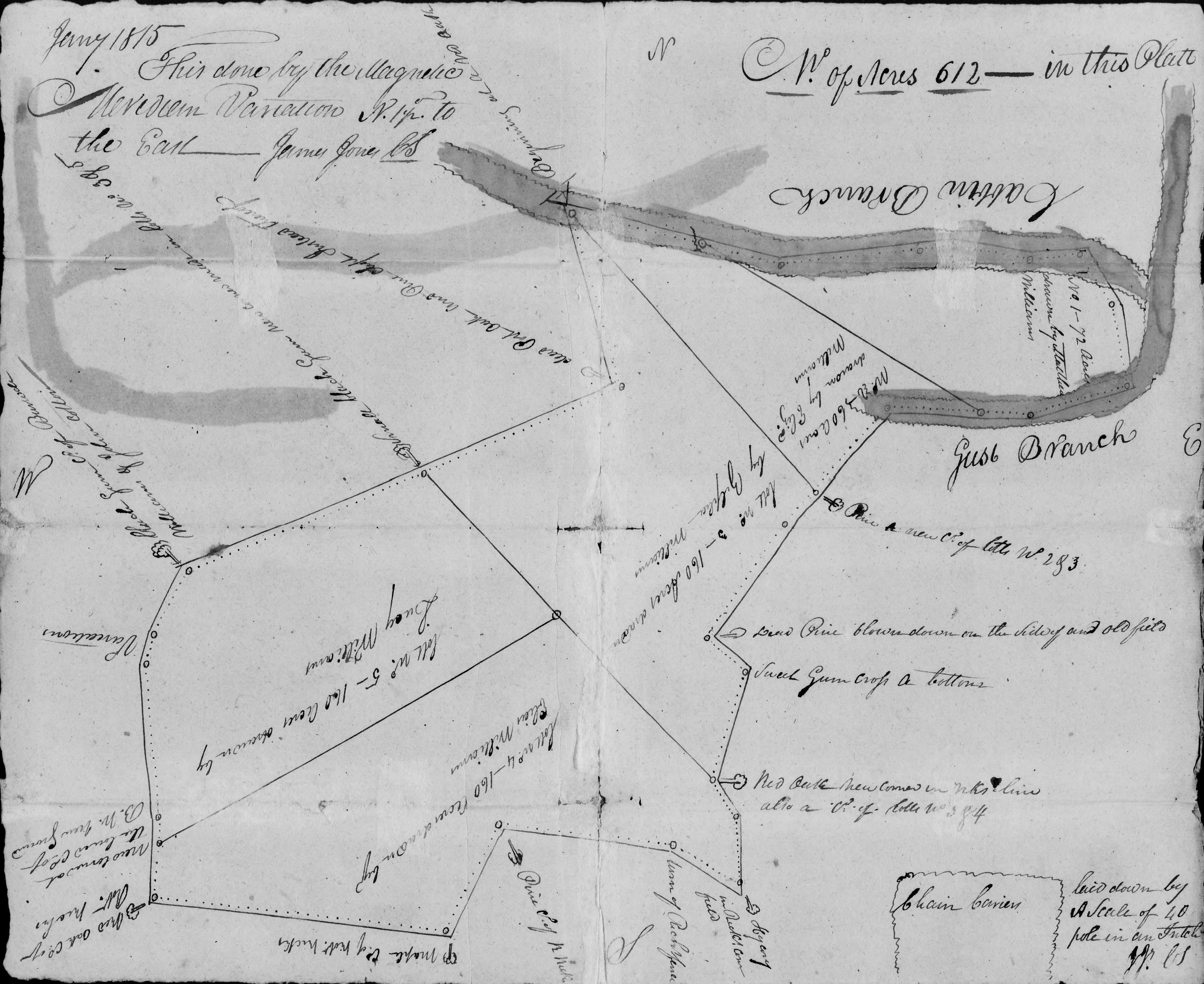
Plantation whereon
Cooper Williams formerly
lived

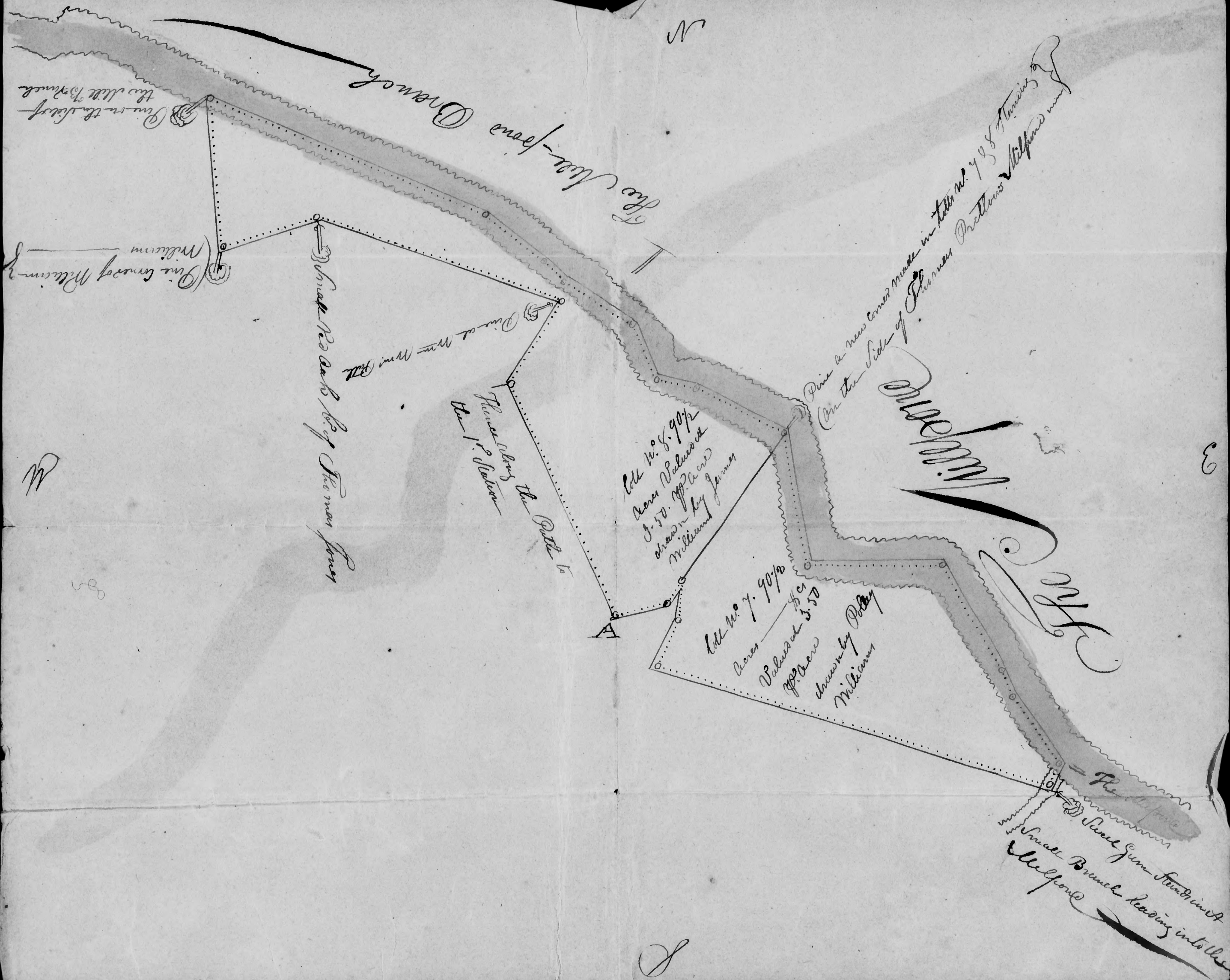
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Pin on the left
the white branch

Pin on the left
the white branch

Small Road by the new house

Pin at New Mill
Place along the path to
the 1st house

Lot No. 8. 90/100
Acres Valued at
\$3.50. 772.000
shown by James
Williams

Lot No. 7. 90/100
Acres Valued at
\$3.50. 772.000
shown by Peter
Williams

Pin a new corner made in town No. 7 & 8
On the side of the new section
the white branch

Williams

The New-Jones River
Small Branch leading into the
Shelford