1817-005 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY CHANCERY PAPERS CORBIT VS. CORBIT'S ADMINISTRATOR et al
10/1817

Plat

other surnames: Corbitt
Griffin

To the worshipful Court of Southampton in Chancery sitting. Humbly complaining shew unto your worships your orator Rebecca Corbit widow and relict of Jacob Corbit dec'd. That the said Jacob Corbit departed this life sometime in the year 1799 or 1800 intestate leaving only one child Joshua Corbit The said Joshua Corbit took possession of a tract of land of which the said Jacob died seized lying in this County containing 246 — acres as heir to the said Jacob, and also of sundry slaves of which the said Jacob was possessed at the time of his death amounting now to the number of sixteen whose names are Orman, Cate, Dennis Aaron Hannah, Rachel, Dilly, Bob, Sally Patience Amy, Gilly, Jenny, Cloe, Betty and Isaac. That a certain Benjamin Griffin hath lately administered on the personal estate of the said Jacob Corbit and hath in his possession the aforesaid slaves. That the said Joshua also is lately dead leaving five children all of whom are infants to wit, Caty, Jacob, Nancy, Louisa, and William, and without a wife, and that thereupon the said children are the heirs at law of the said Joshua, and are prayed to be made defendants hereto by some person to be appointed by this Court to defend them in this behalf. That your orator hath never had her dower in the lands and slaves of which the said Jacob died seized and possessed assigned to her as to which she is legally entitled to the same

and she is advised that she cannot have the same allowed her without the aid of this worshipful Court. In tender consideration whereof and in as much as your orator is remediless in the premises save in a Court of Chancery, where matters of this kind are properly relievable she prays that the said Benjamin Griffin administrator of the said Jacob Corbit dec'd. and the said, Caty, Jacob, Nancy, Louisa and William Corbit infant children of the said Joshua Corbit dec'd by their next friend may be compelled to answer all and singular the allegations herein contained, fully and precisely, and she further prays that her dower may be assigned her in the aforesaid tract of land and slaves and finally she prays for general relief &c —

Rebecca her + Corbit
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The answer of Benjamin Griffin admin. &c of Jacob Corbit, to the bill of Complaint exhibited in the County Court of Southampton by Rebecca Corbit widow and relict of Jacob Corbit dec'd against himself and Caty, Jacob, Nancy, Louisa and William Corbit infant children of Joshua Corbit dec'd by their next friend Benja Griffin —

This respondent now and at all times saving and reserving unto himself all benefit of exception to any errors in said bill contained for answer thereto or to so much thereof as he is advised is material and necessary for him to make answering saith. That he cannot contradict the allegations of the complainant in her bill and he hath no objection that this Court should make such decree in the premises as may comport with justice and Equity This defendant having answered prays to be hence dismissed &c —

Benja Griffin

The joint and seperate answer of Caty, Jacob, Nancy, Louisa, and William Corbit, infant children of Joshua Corbit dec'd by their next friend Benjamin Griffin to the bill of complaint exhibited in the County Court of Southampton by Rebecca Corbit widow and relict of Jacob Corbit dec'd against Benja Griffin adm. of Jacob Corbit dec'd and themselves — These respondents saving and reserving to themselves every

vendit of exception to any matter in the
complainants bill contained for answer
thereto or to so much thereof as they are advised
is necessary for them to make answer unto
answering say. That they cannot gainsay
the complainants allegations, and they
are willing to submit to such decree as this
Court may in its wisdom pronounce, that
respondents having answered prayed to be hence
dismissed &c —

Berry & Griffin

Contit
No 3
Interrogatories
Bill & Answer

August 1816 Solrs for Defts

Rebecca Corbit widow & Relict of Jacob Corbit decd } Pff

vs

Benjamin Griffin admr of Jacob Corbit decd and Caty Jacob. Nancy. Louisa and William Corbit infant children of Joshua Corbit decd by their next friend } In Chancery Defts

This cause being this day docketed by consent of parties and by the agent of the Court came on to be heard on the bill and answers and arguments of Counsel, whereupon and upon due consideration thereof had the Court doth adjudge order and decree that Thos Pattison James Jones. William Joyner and John Moore or any three of them do lay off and set apart by proper metes and bounds one third of a tract of land lying in this County of which Jacob Corbit. formerly of this County died seized containing 246 acres having regard to its quality as well as quantity and value the same to the Complainant Rebecca as and for her dower in the same. and they or any three of them do assign to the said Rebecca one third of the following slaves having regard to their value, to wit, Ormon, Cate. Dennis, Aaron Hannah, Rachel. Lily, Bob. Sally, Patience Amy. Lilly. Jimmy. Cloe, Betty and Isaac

being the slaves of which the said Jacob Corbit, died possessed and their increase, for and during the term of their natural life as and for her own in the same and that they make report to this Court in order to a final decree —

Corbett &c
vs
Corbett &c

Interlocutary
Decree
Accpy

Oct. 20th 1817 Repd.
Pltf & privies decree
by Consent

At a court held for Southampton County August 19th 1816

Rebeckah Corbitt widow and relict of
Jacob Corbitt deceased ------- Complainants

ag.

Benjamin Griffin & wife Jacob Corbitt deceased
and Lucy, Jacob, Nancy, Louisa and William
Corbitt infants Children of Joshua Corbitt dec.
by their next friend, the said Benjamin Griffin
Specially appointed by the court to defend them
in this behalf ------- Defendants

In Chancery

This cause being this day docketed by consent of parties and by the agent of the court, came on to be heard on the bill and answer and argument of counsel. Whereupon and upon due consideration thereof had the court doth adjudge, order and decree that Thomas Prettlow, James Jones William Joyner and John Moore or any three of them do lay off and set apart by proper metes and bounds one third of a tract of land lying in this County of which Jacob Corbitt, formerly of this County died seized, containing Two hundred and forty Six Acres, having regard to its quality as well as quantity and assign the same to the Complainant Rebeckah Cor and for that purpose they or any of them do assign to the said Rebeckah one third of the following Slaves having regard to their Value to wit Orman, Cate, Dennis, Aaron, Hannah Rachel, Diley, Bob, Sally, Patience, Amy, Billy, Jinny, Cloe, Betty and Isaac, being the Slaves of which the said Jacob Corbitt died possessed and their increase, for and during the term of her natural life as and for her dower in the same and that they make report to this court in order to a final Decree

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James Rochelle C C

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To
James Jones Esq.

Memorandom

We the commissioner have devide the Slaves belonging to the Estate of Jacob Corbet and allotted one third part to the widdow Rebecah Corbet consisting in the following negroes to wit——

Dennis	$500
Dicey & Child	$426.67
Hannah	$300
Betty	$200
	$1426.67

which is exact one one third of the Value of Jacob Corbets Slaves

Thos Pillow

August the 23 1816

James Lon[illegible]

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1426.67

Report of the
Division of the
lands and negroes
of Jacob Corbitt
dec'd

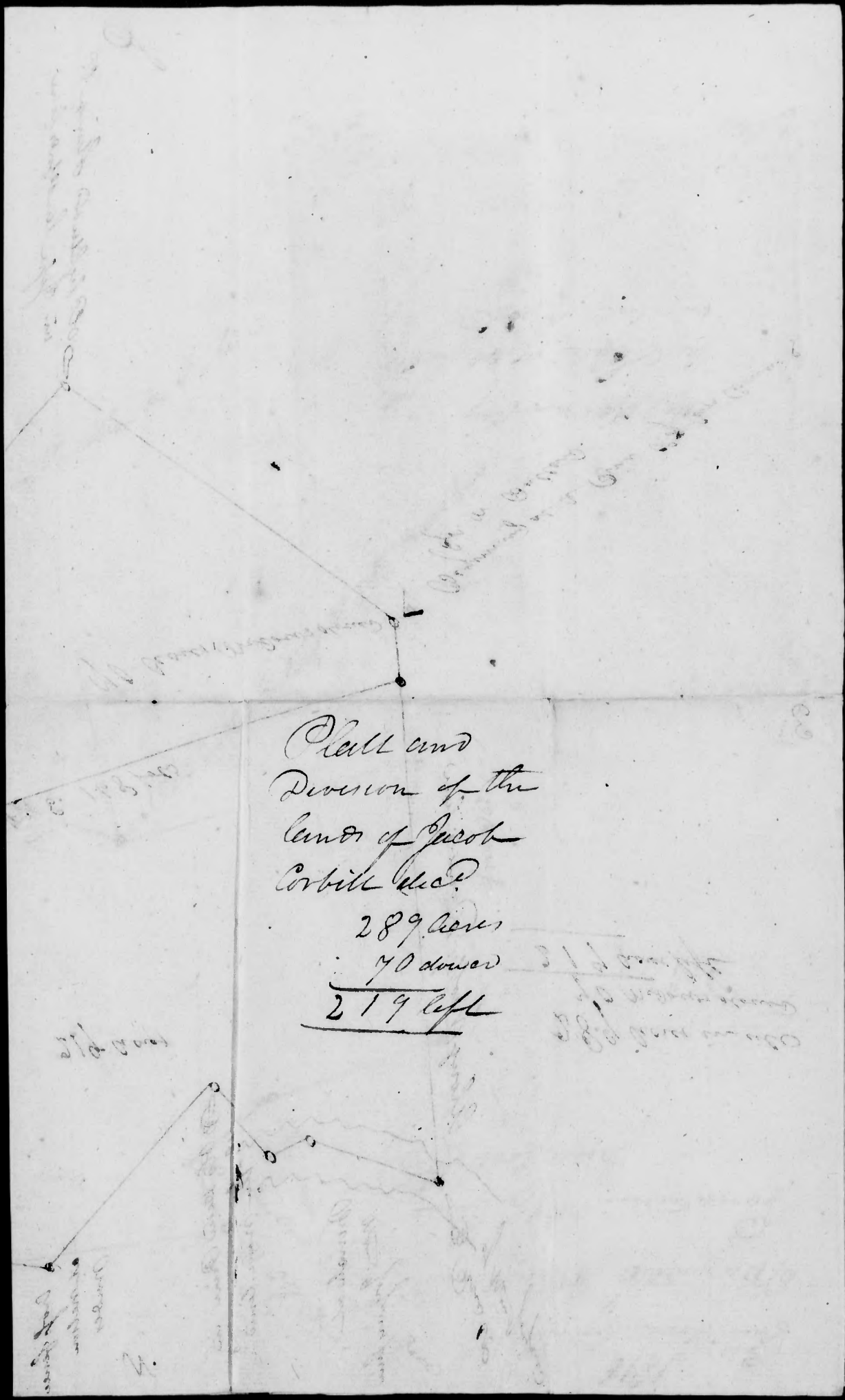
Agreeable to an Order of the County Court of Hampton to us directed bearing date

We the Undersigned have gone on the Lands of Jacob Corbitt dec'd and Surveyed the same and find there to be 289 Acres 70 Acres of which we have (Rebekah Corbitt Widow of Jacob Corbitt dec'd) allotted off and assigned Dower to ~~her~~ as her Dower we were required leaving no regard to quantity as well as quality Staked Notes and bounds as follows (to wit) Beginning at a Pine & corner of Barr. Corner and Joseph N. Ballard; thence S. 62. W. 130 Poles to an old Lightwood Stump & P. in Jesse Barr's patent line. thence N. 42° W. 42 poles Variation on the line; thence N. 14° W. 120 poles to a corner Post in the Orchard. thence a new line made from that Post including Part of the Orchard and all the Buildings Except the Privilege of one Part of the Barn which was Excepted for the ~~benefit of the~~ Orphans of ~~Joshua Corbitt~~ S. 74. E. 168 poles to a new corner made in Mills Daniels line; thence nearly a due South course 20 poles to the first station, her Proportionable part of all the lands of Jacob Corbitt dec'd for life ——

We have also further in Obedience to the above Order allotted and set apart unto Rebekah Corbitt Widow and relict of Jacob Corbitt dec'd her Proportionable Part of all the Slaves of the s'd Jacob Corbitt dec'd (to wit) The Valuation of all the Slaves of Jacob Corbitt dec'd we Valued to 4280.00 and we allotted to Rebekah Corbitt as her one third of the

Any the following Slaves Dennis Valued at $500
Dilsey and child $426.67 Hannah Valued at
$300. and Betty Valued at $200. Making in
all $1426.67. Plus one third Part of
all the Slaves of Jacob Corbill dec'd
Given Under our hands this 1st day
of March 1817

Thos Dutton
Jennis Doney
William Joyner
John Moore



Plat and
Division of the
Lands of Jacob
Corbill dec.d

289 Acres
70 Acres
219 left

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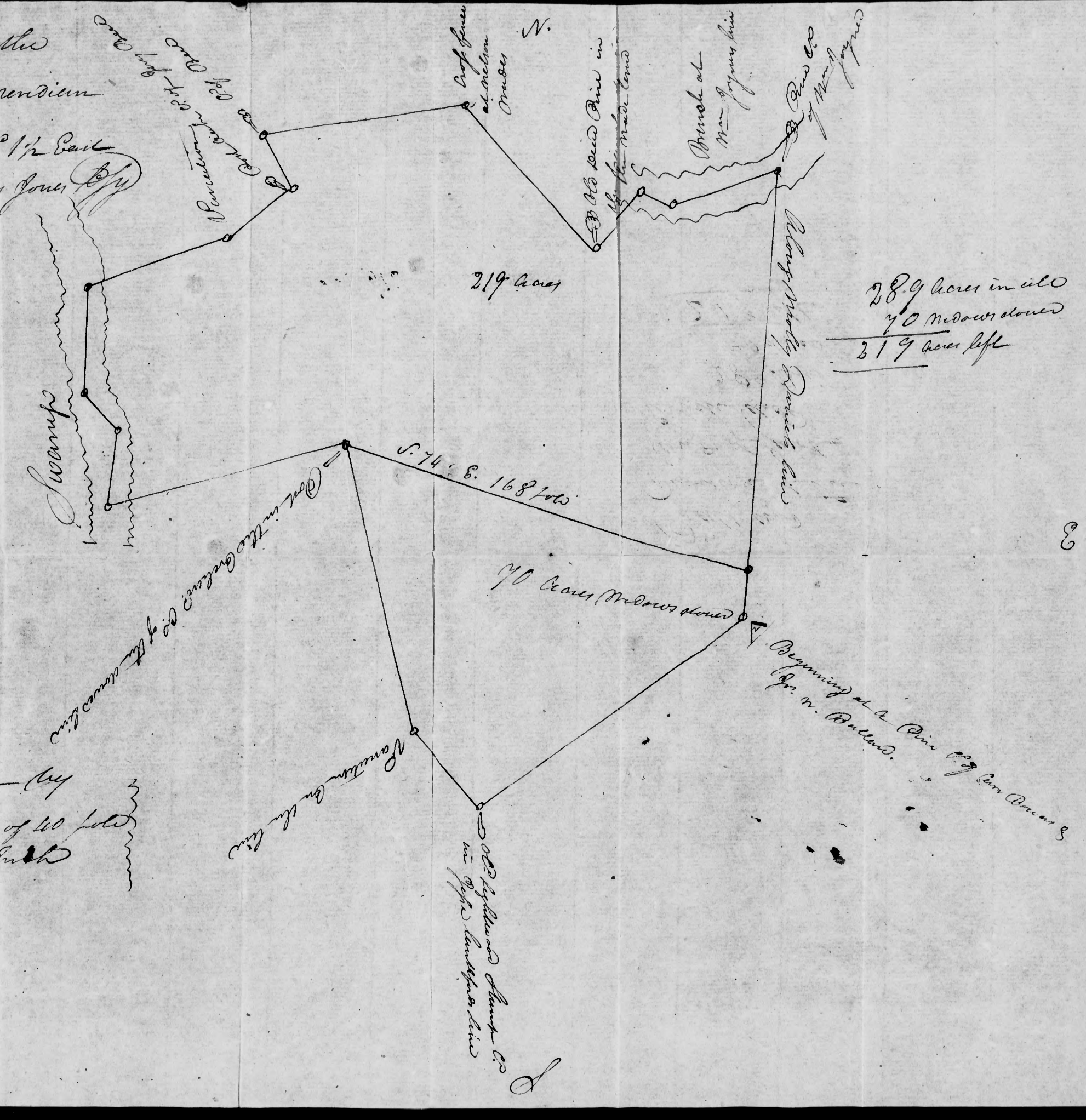
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James Jones D.S.