1830-017 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY CHANCERY PAPERS

MOORE vs. TRAVIS and Wife 3/1830

N.B. Putnam Moore, infant, was the owner of Nat Turner at the time of the Rebellion August 1831. Nat was one of the Slaves mentioned (nameless) herein as part of his father's estate. Sarah ("Sally") Travis, his Mother, was killed in the Rebellion.

Copies

Moore by next fr.

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Travis decree

1830 Janry: decree as pr. decree
filed &c

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11 March Rep: mt.d & final
decree by consent &c

To the worshipful the County Court of Southampton sitting in Equity. Humbly complaining sheweth unto your worships Putnam Moore, an infant of tender years and only child of Thomas Moore dec.d by Henry Moore his next friend, that his said father departed this life some time since, leaving a Widow, Sarah Moore, and your Orator his only child - that he died intestate and was possessed of a con = siderable estate, real and personal: that letters of admn. were granted by this worshipful Court, to the said Sarah Moore, who, it is believed, has closed her admn. and has therefore, no longer a necessity or excuse for keeping in her possession the negro slaves whereof the decedent died possessed - He also states, that the said Sarah hath lately intermarried with one Joseph Travis; that no allottment of dower can be made her, nor can any settle = ment of her accts as admx be compelled without the aid of this Court sitting in Equity. In tender conside = ration whereof, and forasmuch as y.r Orator is remedi = less at law, in the premises, To the end, that the said Joseph Travis and Sarah his wife may be made Defts hereto, and compelled to answer the allegations hereof, he prays the Commencement of Sp.s awarded &c. that your worships will cause an allottment of the said Sarah Moore's dower of land and slaves to be made and also require her to deliver up to the Common Law Guardian of your Orator, his part of the slaves of his dec.d father, and to settle her admr. accts and pay to your Orator &c. such part of the balance thereof as may be justly due him, and as in duty bound he will pray &c.

Mason p. Q.

The joint answer of Joseph Travis and Sarah his wife. late Moore. widow of Thomas Moore dec.d to the foregoing Bill in chancery: These Respondents saving &c. for answer to the said bill, say that they admit its allegations, and have no objection to the decree asked for, and having answered pray &c.

Patnam Moore. an infant by his next friend. Pltff.
against.
Joseph Travis and Sarah his wife late Moore. Defts. In Chy.

This cause was this day docketed by consent of parties, with the assent of the Court, and came on to be heard on the Bill answer. exhibit, and argument of Counsel. On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge. order and decree that Peter Edwards. Saml Dreury. and Nathan N. Thomas of this or any two do attended by the County Surveyor, divide the lands whereof Thomas Moore died seized into three parcels of value. having regard to quantity and quality, and allott one of them to the Defdt Sarah as her dower in her said dec.d husbands lands. to be held by her, during her life - That they do in like manner divide the negro slaves belonging to the said decedents estate into three parcels of equal value, and allott. in like manner. one of such parcels to the said Sarah. for her use during her natural life as her dower of said Slaves - and report their proceedings to the Court in order to a final decree -

and it is further ordered. that the said Defendants do render before M. L. Briggs. an acct of the Defdt Sarahs transactions as admx of the said Thomas Moore dec.d who is auditt, stated, and the same report to Court, with any matters specially stated. which to them may seem pertinent, or which may be required by either of the parties to be so stated -

Report of the Commiss-
-ioners appointed to allot
to Sarah More widow of
Thos More her dower Estate

In Pursuance of a Decree of the Wmsp. Court of Southampton County to us directed. We the undersigned Commissioners have attended on the premises and assisted by the County Surveyor have allotted to to Joseph Travis in right of his wife who was the Widow of Thos Moore decd. One hundred and sixty acres of land including the houses & improvements, as full dower in the Lands of which Thos Moore died seizd & possessd. as will more fully appear by reference to the Plate which is hereto annexed and considerd a part of this Report. - And In further Pursuance of sd. Decree We the Sd. Commissioners proceeded at the same time to divide the Negro Slaves belonging to Sd. Est. in which division We have allotted To Joseph Travis in right of his wife. one Negro boy Moses valued at. 308. dollrs. as full dower in sd. Slaves. And Make this our Report Which is Respectfully submitted to the Court —

February 20th 1830

James Creecy

Peter Edwards

Nathan. T. Thomas

Move

on Eleo: deed

Travis Gal

For Commissioners

Southampton January Court 1830.

Putnam Moore an infant ~~of~~ tender years and only child of Thomas Moore dec^d, by Henry Moore his next friend — Pet^r

In Chancery

against

Joseph Travis and Sarah his wife late Moore, widow of Thomas Moore dec^d Defts

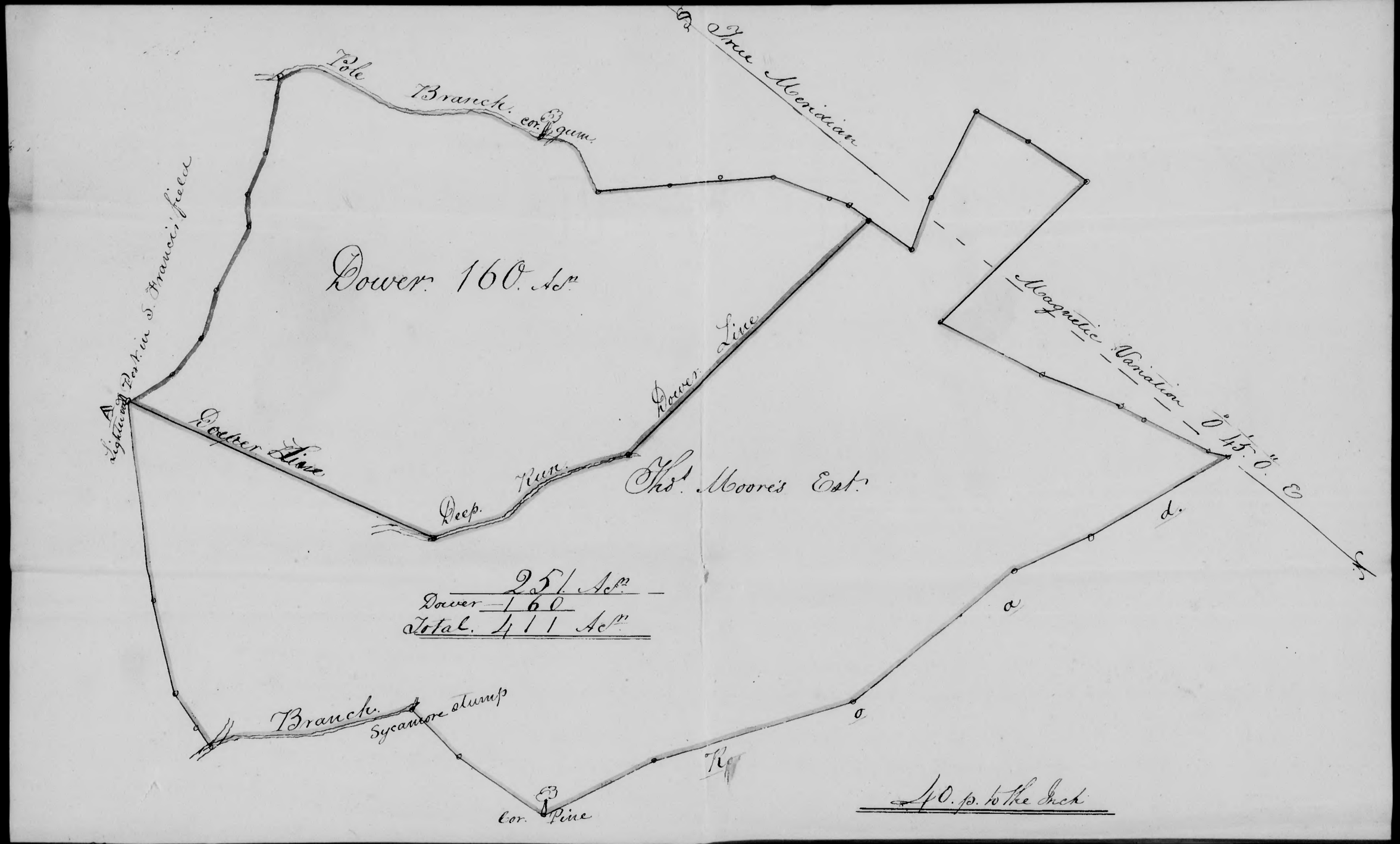
This cause was this day docketed by consent of parties, with the assent of the Court, and came on to be heard on the Bill, answer, exhibit and argument of Counsel — On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that Peter Edwards, Samuel Drewry, and Nathan N Thomas or any two of them attended by the County Surveyor, divide the lands whereof Thomas Moore died seized into three parcels of value, bearing regard to quantity and quality and allott one of them to the defendant Sarah as her dower in her said deceased husbands lands, to be held by her during her life — that they do in like manner divide the negro Slaves belonging to the said decedents estate into three parcels of equal value, and allott one of such parcels to the said Sarah, for her use during her natural life as her dower in said Slaves — And report their proceedings to the Court in order to a finial decree — And it is further ordered that the said defendants do render before Master Commissioner Briggs an account of the defendant Sarah's transactions as administratrix of the said Thomas Moore dec^d who will audit, state, and the same to the Court report with any matters specially stated which to him may seem pertinent or which may be required by either of the parties to be so stated —

A Copy Teste James Rochelle clk

Plat of Land

Thos Morris Esq.

111. Acs



25½ Acs.
Dower 160
Total. 411 Acs.

Begg.ng at a lightwood post in Selathiel Francis' field. thence N. 44 E. 74.p. to a Maple N. 37 E. 36.p. to a gum in the deep run N. 21½ E. 14.p. to a pine stump on the path N. 13. E. 9.p. to a cor. pine in the deep run. thence up the various courses of a small branch North Westerly. 74.p. to a sycamore stump. thence N. 73. E. 24.p. to a pine. N. 3. W. 38.p. to a cor. pine at the road. N. 65. W. 43.p. to an oak. N. 53½ W. 76.p. to a crooked pine. N. 70. W. 10.p. to an oak. N. 79. W. 23.p. to a pine. N. 73½ W. 14.p. to a post oak N. 82. W. 28.p. to cor. of new ground. N. 63. W. 32.p. to a red oak N. 69. W. 58.p. to a red oak cor. of Ellis & Mason. thence S. 21. E. 7.p. to a pine S. 13. E. 26.p. to a hickory. S. 7. E. 10.p. to a pine S. 17½ E. 32.p. to a red oak. S. 41½ E. 42.p. to a cor. in a branch. thence S. 83. W. 75.p. to cor. pine in the polebranch. thence S. 4½ E. 26.p. to a pine. S. 8. E. 22.p. to a cor. red oak. thence N. 77. E. 36.p. N. 72. E. 20.p. to cor. hill. S. 3. E. 28.p. to red oak at the path. S. 21. E. 8.p. red oak. S. 15. E. 22.p. to an oak. S. 39. E. 20.p. to a pine. S. 53. E. 18.p. to a pine. S. 45. E. 26.p. to two pines. thence down a slash 40.p. to a cor. gum in the polebranch thence down S.d branch to S. Francis' line. thence along his line N. 62. E. 29.p. to a pine N. 72 E. 16.p. N. 52. E. 12.p. to a black oak N. 74. E. 16.p. to an oak N. 79. E. 10.p. to a pine N. 66 E. 18.p. to a stump. S. 88. E. 17.p. to a red oak. S. 70. E. 19½ p. to the Begg.ng Containing 111. Acres

Dower Line. Beginning at a red oak in Jn.o Reese's Line 10.p. North of the red oak at the path thence S. 83½ E. 123.p. to a pine in the deep run. thence down S.d deep run to a large pine at the house path thence S. 14. E. 122.p. to the Lightwood post. in S. Francis' field — containing 160. Acres Surveyd. for Commissioners Feb. 26th. 1830.

Geo. H. Gray C. S.