

Josiah Mendenhall, the commissioners therein named have a letter
 assigned and set apart, to Anna Gardner: as her dower in that tract
 of land contained in the said order containing three hundred and
 eighty two acres eighty five acres of land bounded as follows to wit
 beginning at a cypress standing on the side of Black water river
 running thence up the run of a branch to a black gum a corner
 of Henry Gardner land, thence along said Gardner line to a gum
 a corner thence to a maple a corner in a branch near the orchard
 thence down the branch to a gum a corner, thence through the
 orchard to a wild pine a corner, thence to a stake standing near
 the edge of the island ground, thence a straight line of marked
 trees through the woods to a pine a corner, thence N 76° west
 to a pine a corner in Baker line, thence Baker line to Black
 water river, thence down the river to the first station, we have
 also assigned to her one negro man named Bak and twenty six
 shillings each as her dower of the slaves of which her husband James
 Gardner died seized and possessed and have sold the remaining two
 thirds of the said slaves on a credit of twelve months, and directed the
 proceeds, as by the said order we are directed with respect to the
 remaining two thirds of the above mentioned tract of land, which by
 the said order your commissioners are directed to divide equally
 amongst the children of the decedent we by leave to state that our
 opinions if it be so decided, each dividend will not be worth one
 hundred dollars in which case we apprehend that the law
 would direct a sale to this however your commissioners respect-
 fully submit to the consideration of your worship, and as also
 the foregoing report. Given under our hands this 5th March 1812
 Whereupon it is decreed and ordered that the report of said
 be made the decree of this court and be firm stable and binding
 between the parties and that the cost be equally borne among them
 John de Trenchard Williams, Clerk of Court