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Nancy Nicholas widow and relict of Robert Nicholas dec'd. Plaintiff  
against

Henry Briggs, executor of the said Robert Nicholas dec'd. and Robert  
Jans, Sally, George, and Albert Nicholas infant children of said  
Robert Nicholas by William Briggs their next friend & Robert  
Gray and Mary Ann his wife late Nicholas Defendants.

This day came the parties by their Attornies and the persons appointed  
by the interlocutory decree made in this cause at March Court 1822 to make  
allotment and division of the land and slaves therein mentioned this day  
made their report which is ordered to be recorded and is in these words.

"Agreeably to a decree of Southampton County Court bearing date March  
Court 1822, the Samuel Barham and Barham Elmore Commissioners therein  
appointed Report, that being attended by William Dobie deputy of J. W.  
Watkins Surveyor of Superior County, the proceeded to have all the lands  
whereof Robert Nicholas died seized and proposed lying in the County  
of Southampton, surveyed and found the mansion house tract to contain  
four hundred and five acres, and the tract called and known by the name  
of the long road tract to contain seven hundred and sixty seven acres  
making in the total eleven hundred and seventy two acres which after having  
regard to quality as well as quantity we were of opinion that two hundred and  
eighty and a half acres which we had cut off from the original mansion house  
tract by a new made dividing line beginning near Nicholas gate & running  
down Nicholas lane towards the house due North 98 poles to a Stob in lane  
near corner of the fence thence S 89 W 28 1/2 p. to a Stob a corner pine for 60  
down thence N 2 E 140 p. to main run of Raccoon Swamp, no corner tree, is  
sufficient for dower in the lands aforesaid, and do hereby assign to Nancy  
Nicholas widow and relict of said deceased the above mentioned two hundred  
and eighty and a half acres of land as her dower therein. We then proceeded to  
value the slaves whereof said Robert died possessed with out regard to the  
particular interest which the said Robert Nicholas or his estate had or had  
in them and do hereby assign to Nancy Nicholas widow and Relict of said  
deceased as her dower for and during her natural life and no longer, the  
following slaves to wit. namely: Ted, Luckey, & child, Maria, Amy, Billy  
Sam, Henry, John and Moses Given under our hands this fourteenth day of  
March Anno domini eighteen hundred and twenty three. Samuel Barham  
Barham Mann". On consideration whereof and by consent of parties it is  
decreed and ordered that the said Nancy Nicholas hold the land and  
slaves as aforesaid allotted to her as and for her dower in the estate of her deceased  
husbands Robert Nicholas estate.

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