

To the Honorable Judge E. B. Bassett Judge of the County Court of Southampton,
Respectfully Petitioning your petition Julia Barden she with wife your Honor
that in October 1880 James E. Barden died intestate leaving considerable estate both real
and personal and leaving herself his widow and six infant children to wit John
N. Barden, Petie E. Barden, Sarah B. Barden, Thomas B. Barden, Charles E.
Barden and Luther B. Barden his heirs at Law your petitioners state that her
husband James E. Barden during his lifetime set aside a homestead for himself and
family and she now ask your Honor to appoint Commissioners to set aside a homestead
of the real estate of the said James E. Barden to be held for the benefit of herself
and six infant children above named and she is duly bound your petitioners so to
prayer to,

Julia Barden
by James B. J. Barden
her attorney

Julia Barden vs. Ex parte
Julia Barden having this day filed her petition asking the appointment of
Commissioners to set aside her and her children a homestead in her husband James E.
Barden's estate he not having set it aside in his lifetime. The Court doth adjudge
and order that Elliott B. Ferguson, George W. Whitfield, Albert B. Bynum, and N. E.
Baggett be appointed commissioners and any three of whom may act to set aside a
homestead to Julia Barden the widow and her six infant children to wit John N.
Barden, Petie E. Barden, Sarah B. Barden, Thomas B. Barden, Charles E. Barden and
Luther B. Barden the said homestead to be if there be as much as two acres exclusive of the poor debt exemption and as per the bond
in exhibits a further order.

We the undersigned Commissioners appointed by the order of the County Court of Southampton
entered at the November term 1886, by leave do Report that acting under the said order we
have set aside the following property to wit one tract of land said to contain two hundred
and nine acres more or less valued at one thousand dollars and bonded as follows,
adjoining the lands of Albert B. Bynum, N. B. Murphy, Josiah Ferguson and others
and the following personal property three feather Beds and furniture six chairs and
four and seven looking glasses each valued at \$200 and two Bibles &c. valued at \$200
doctors, N. B. Murphy Administrator two hundred and twenty Eight dollars and
ninety five cents value of Real and personal Estate \$1303.98 to be held as a homestead
by Julia Barden the widow and her six infant children to wit John N. Barden
Petie E. Barden Sarah B. Barden Thomas B. Barden Charles E. Barden and
Luther B. Barden widow and children of James E. Barden as of which is Respectfully
submitted by
Ex. pte. 184/1887.

Elliott B. Ferguson
Geo W. Whitfield
N. E. Baggett

A Court held for the County of Southampton March 2^d 1887

Julia Barden vs. children?
Ex parte in Homestead F. Dues

This day this cause came on again to be heard on the papers formerly read and
the report of Elliott B. Ferguson, George W. Whitfield and N. E. Baggett special
commissioners relating the homestead to Julia Barden widow of James E. Barden
and six infant children to wit, John N. Barden, Petie E. Barden, Sarah B. Barden
Thomas B. Barden and Charles E. Barden which report was returned at the May
term 1887 of this Court and the said report having been read and then for explanation and there
having been filed the Court doth adjudge and order that the said report be confirmed
and that the same be recorded accordingly. Illus.