

1906-003

Chancery Causes:
Isle of Wight County

Elizabeth Croso vs Hannah Lawrence, widow of Elisha Lawrence,
Sandy Belk & Elizabeth Spivey

other surnames: Jones,
Bogart

Elizabeth Cross

vs. } Bill of Complaint

Mannah Lawrence et al

Filed, Sept. 5th 1904

1st September rules 1904

Bill and exhibits filed. Sum returned
not executed. Aliens sum.
assess vs all defendants

2nd Sept. rules 1904. Sum executed
on all parties, de. use.

1st Oct. rules 1904. Bill taken
for confessed and case set for
hearing

Oct. 3rd 1904, de. aplg. comes to set
aside decree.

Oct. 5th 1904 de. making this a
vocational case

IN CHANCERY,

In The Circuit Court of the County of Isle of Wight.

Elizabeth Cross, Grantee of
James Lawrence.

vs.

Hannah Lawrence, widow of Elisha
Lawrence, deceased, and Sandy Delk and
Elizabeth Spivey, Grantees of James
Lawrence.

TO THE HON. R. R. PRENTIS,

Judge of the Circuit Court of the said County of
Isle of Wight.

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honor, the plaintiff,
Elizabeth Cross, of the County of Norfolk, in the State of
Virginia, as follows:

1. That Elisha Lawrence, of the County of Isle of Wight,
in the State of Virginia, heretofore, to-wit, on the first
day of February, 1902, departed this life in said County, in-
testate, seized and possessed, in fee simple, of certain
real estate situate in said County of Isle of Wight, con-
taining fifty-eight (58) acres, more or less, bounded by the
lands of R. J. and W. Neely, A. T. Lee, Wiley Council, Alfred
Jones and the Blackwater River, being the same property con-
veyed by Alfred Jones and wife to the said Elisha Lawrence,
deceased, by deed bearing date the 18th day of April 1887,
D. B. 52, p. 184, and by John H. Bogart and wife to the said
Elisha Lawrence and Alfred Jones, by deed bearing date on the
28th day of September, 1878. D. B. 47, p. 105. reference to
which deeds is hereby made for more particular and accurate

description of said property. Copies of said deeds are herewith filed, marked respectively No. 1 and No. 2., and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill.

11. That, at the time of the death of the said Elisha Lawrence, he left surviving him the said James Lawrence, who was his only child and heir at law. And he left, surviving him, the said Hannah Lawrence, who was his wife, in his lifetime, (by his second marriage, and as such step-mother to the said James Lawrence,) his widow, and entitled to dower. The said James Lawrence, after the death of his said father, became the owner of said property, and seized of the same in fee simple, subject to the dower interest of the said Hannah Lawrence in the same, as the widow of her said husband. Both of said parties, or their grantees, are entitled to have the said dower, in said property, assigned to said widow, or her grantees, on the application of either party to this Court.

111. That heretofore, to-wit, at the times, in the manner and to the persons hereinafter mentioned and stated, the said James Lawrence conveyed certain parts, or portions, of said real estate as follows:

a. on the 27th day of February, 1902, D. B. 67, p. 150, the said James Lawrence, by his deed of that date, conveyed to the said defendant, Sandy Delk, of the said County of Isle of Wight, a part of said real estate, containing six (6) acres, more or less, bounded and described as follows: "beginning at a sweet gum in said Elisha Lawrence's field, a corner for this tract, R. J. Neely and Sandy Delk, thence easterly to a pine, on the mill path from "Wash Hole" to Lee's mill, thence southerly along said path to a post oak, a corner for W. E. Beaman, T. H. Cross and said Elisha Lawrence, thence westerly to sweet gum, the point of beginning"

3.

Reference to which deed is hereby made for a more particular description of said property.

b. On the 27th day of May, 1902, D. B. p.
the said James Lawrence, by his deed of that date, also conveyed to the said defendant, Sandy Delk, a part of said real estate, containing three and four-fifths ($3 \frac{4}{5}$) acres, more or less, bounded and described as follows: "beginning at an iron post, a corner for this land and Elisha Lawrence's estate, standing in the Washed Hole Road thence southerly along said road, which divides this land from W. E. Beaman's land 400 feet to a pine; thence southwest along Sandy Delk's line 447 feet to a persimmon tree, in Elisha Lawrence's line; thence north 200 feet to a pine, thence same direction 600 feet to an iron post, the point of beginning. The last boundary being Elisha Lawrence's line." Reference to which deed is hereby made for a more particular description of said property. Copies of said deeds are herewith filed, marked respectively No. 3 and No. 4., and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill.

c. On the 23rd day of April, 1902, D. B. 67, p. 272, the said James Lawrence, by his deed of that date, conveyed to the said defendant, Elizabeth Spivey, of the said County of Isle of Wight, a part of said real estate, containing four and one-half ($4 \frac{1}{2}$) acres, more or less, bounded and described as follows: "beginning at a paw paw gum, on the west bank of Blackwater River, a corner for this land and that of Alfred Jones, thence easterly seven hundred and fifty feet, along said Jones' line, to an iron post driven in the ground, thence south along new line, separating this from the remainder of land belonging to the late Elisha Lawrence. This land hereby conveyed being a part of the original tract of the said Elisha Lawrence, four hundred and fifty feet to an iron

pipe driven in the ground in the R. J. Neely line, thence southwesterly along the Neely line ninety-six feet to a cypress post, thence westerly two hundred feet, to the corner of Lazarus Delk's garden, thence westerly five hundred and sixty-five feet, along said Delk's line, to holly tree, about ten feet from edge of Blackwater River, thence northerly along said River one hundred and seventy-three feet to said paw paw gum, the point of beginning". Reference to which deed is hereby made for a more particular description of said property. A copy of said deed is herewith filed marked No. 5, and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill.

d. On the 4th day of June, 1904, D. B. 69, p. 570, the said James Lawrence, by his deed of that date, conveyed to the said plaintiff, Elizabeth Cross, of the County of Norfolk, the residue of said estate, containing forty-eight (48) acres more or less, not conveyed by him by his said several deeds, situated in the County of Isle of Wight (near Franklin, in the County of Southampton), in the State of Virginia, bounded by the lands of Alfred Jones, Counsel and Beaman, being the same property which descended to the said James Lawrence, grantor of the said Elizabeth Cross, from his father, Elisha Lawrence, deceased. Reference to which deed is hereby made for a more particular description of said property. A copy of said deed is herewith filed, marked No. 6, and prayed to be taken as a part of this bill.

1111. That the said defendants are residing on the said property, of which the said Elisha Lawrence died seized, and the said Sandy Delk and Elizabeth Spivey on the parts of the same, which they purchased as aforesaid, and the said Hannah Lawrence, in the residence in which her said husband died, and in his life-time resided, and besides she has been in possession and occupied a large portion of the said real es-

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tate, of which her said husband died seized, from the time of his death to the time of the institution of this suit, and she refuses to give it up, although she was requested so to do by the plaintiff. The said plaintiff offered to assign and set apart, to the said widow, Hannah Lawrence, her said dower interest in said property, or to have the same done in a friendly and peaceful way between them, but she positively refused these offers, and she became angry and challenged the plaintiff to go to law, which indeed the plaintiff has been compelled to do, although with great reluctance. The said Hannah Lawrence contends that she is entitled to the whole of the property, purchased by the plaintiff, as aforesaid, during her life-time and that she can do with it as she deems proper. There is valuable timber on the land, a part of which the plaintiff is anxious to sell, and convert into money, yet she cannot do so as matters now stand, and the said widow said that the plaintiff would never get anything of value for her timber on the said land, and from what the plaintiff saw, and heard, she believes, and therefore charges, that the said widow intends to commit waste on said timber, and that without the interposition of this Court that the said defendant, Hannah Lawrence, will cut down, destroy and sell a large part of said timber, which is now growing on said land. The said plaintiff asks that the said widow's dower in said land, of which her said husband died seized and possessed, may be set apart and assigned her by this Court.

5. The above described property is all of the real estate of which the said Elisha Lawrence died seized and possessed.

In consideration of the premises, the plaintiff prays that the said Hannah Lawrence, Sandy Delk and Elizabeth

Spivey, may be made parties defendants to this bill, and required to answer the same, but an answer under oath is hereby expressly waived. That the dower interest of the said Hannah Lawrence be assigned her, out of her former husband's real estate; that the said widow may be enjoined and restrained from committing waste on said property, and that an injunction may be granted, and for such further, other, and general relief, as her case requires, and to equity may seem meet. And the plaintiff will ever pray, etc. May a summons issue, etc.

E. Cross.

W. Martin
p. 2.

State of Virginia
County of Charlotte

Personally appeared before me Elizabeth Cross,
whose name is signed to the Bill in Chancery
above in my County of Charlotte, and I certify and swear
that the facts stated therein of her own know-
ledge are true and those stated in information
which she believes to be true.
Given under my hand this 3rd day of Septem-
ber 1904

W. Martin
Notary Public

Elizabeth Cross

vs.

Sandy Bell et al

Answer of H. Lawrence. Sandy
Bell & Elizabeth Spring

were made by deeds with general warranty containing covenants of title, and prior to the conveyance made by him to the plaintiff, if indeed he has made any such conveyance to the said plaintiff. These respondents say that it is necessary to have the lines on said land traced by a surveyor. They say that while a certain number of acres are mentioned in the several deeds, there are also certain lines and boundaries mentioned in said deeds which are more important and material than the statement in the said deeds contained as to the number of acres conveyed.

And now having fully answered, and denying all unlawful combination and confederation they pray that dower may be assigned the said widow out of the land conveyed to the said plaintiff, Elizebeth Cross, that the lines upon the whole tract of land be traced, that a surveyor go upon the land with the commissioners. And these respondents pray to be hence dismissed with their reasonable cost in this behalf expended. And they will ever pray, etc.

Sandy Belk

Lizzie Beth Spring
Harriet Lawrence
mick

witness

W. A. Holland

IN THE CITCUIT COURT OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY.

Hannah Laurence et als

ads

Elizebeth Cross

The joint and separate answers of Hannah Laurence, Sandy Delk, and Elizebeth Spivey to a bill in chancery exhibited against them in the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County by Elizebeth Cross.

For answer to the bill in chancery or to so much thereof as these respondents are advised it is material that they should answer, answering say;

That they deny that said Hannah Laurence ever contended that she is entitled to a fee simple in all the property in the bill and proceedings mentioned, but the said Hannah Laurence does claim that she is entitled to the home house or mansion house and curtelage until her dower is assigned according to law. They deny that the said Hannah Laurence has committed waste or intended to commit waste. They deny that she has cut any timber on said premises except for fire-wood and rails.

These respondents say that the said Elisha Laurence, the late husband of said Hannah Laurence, died as alleged but did not die seized and possessed in fee simple of 58 acres of land, but they say that he had sold a part of his land to your respondent, Sandy Delk, prior to his death. They deny that the said James Laurence conveyed to the said Elizebeth Cross 48 acres of land. At the time it is alleged he made a conveyance to the plaintiff he only had an interest in about 40 acres of land.

These respondents admit that the said Hannah Laurence, widow of Elisha Laurence is entitled to a dower in the lands of which her husband died seized and possessed, but they are advised and believe that the said dower should be assigned out of the land conveyed to the said plaintiff because the other conveyances by the said James Laurence

vs.

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SUBPOENA
IN
CHANCERY.

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To..... Rules,

Court.

B 33119

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Isle of Wight, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU that you summon *Hannah Lawrence widow of*
Elisha Lawrence deceased and Sandy Tolk and Elizabeth Spring
Grantee of James Lawrence

to appear at the Clerk's office of the *Circuit* Court of the *County* of *Isle of Wight*
at the rules to be held for the said Court, on the *First* Monday in *September* 190*4*,
to answer a bill in chancery, exhibited against *them* in our said court ~~for~~
by *Elizabeth Brass Grantee of James Lawrence*

And have then there this writ. Witness NATHANIEL F. YOUNG, Clerk of our said court, at
the court-house, the *31st* day of *August* 190*4*, and in the 129
year of the Commonwealth.

At Test
N. F. Young clerk

N. F. Young clerk

vs.

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SUBPOENA
IN
CHANCERY.

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To Rules,

Court.

B 31119

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Isle of Wight, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU that you summon *Hannah Lawrence widow of*
Elisha Lawrence deceased, and Sandy Bell and Elizabeth Spivey
Grantees of James Lawrence

to appear at the Clerk's office of the *Circuit* Court of the County of *Isle of Wight*
at the rules to be held for the said Court, on the *First* Monday in *September* 1904,
to answer a bill in chancery, exhibited against *them* in our said court for
by *Elizabeth Cross Grantee of James Lawrence*

And have then there this writ. Witness NATHANIEL F. YOUNG, Clerk of our said court, at
the court-house, the *31st* day of *August* 1904, and in the 129
year of the Commonwealth.

A. D. Young
Teste A. D. Young Clerk

A. D. Young Clerk

vs.

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SUBPOENA
IN
CHANCERY.

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To..... Rules,

Court.

B 33119

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Isle of Wight, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU that you summon *Hannah Lawrence widow of*
Elisha Lawrence deceased, and Sandy Delk and Elizabeth Sperry
Grantes of James Lawrence

to appear at the Clerk's office of the *Circuit* Court of the County of *Isle of Wight*
at the rules to be held for the said Court, on the *First* Monday in *September* 1904,
to answer a bill in chancery, exhibited against *them* in our said court ~~for~~
by *Elizabeth Cross Grantes of James Lawrence*

And have then there this writ. Witness NATHANIEL F. YOUNG, Clerk of our said court, at
the court-house, the *31st* day of *August* 1904 and in the 12th
year of the Commonwealth.

A copy of
Jesse A. Young clerk

N. F. Young clerk

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Elizabeth Brass

vs.

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SUBPOENA
IN
CHANCERY.

Hannah Lawrence et al

Geo. A. Martin p. q

To First September Rules,
Six o'clock Court.

1904
B 3419

Came to hand, too
late to be executed,
Sept 30/1904

W A Edwards
Shd

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Isle of Wight, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU that you summon *Hannah Lawrence widow of Elisha Lawrence deceased and Sandy Bell and Elizabeth Spivey Grantees of James Lawrence*

to appear at the Clerk's office of the *Circuit* Court of the *County* of *Isle of Wight* at the rules to be held for the said Court, on the *First* Monday in *September* 1904, to answer a bill in chancery, exhibited against *them* in our said court ~~for~~ by *Elizabeth Brass Grantee of James Lawrence*

And have then there this writ. Witness NATHANIEL F. YOUNG, Clerk of our said court, at the court-house, the *3rd* day of *August* 1904, and in the 129 year of the Commonwealth.

N. F. Young clerk

Executed on each of the within named.
Hannah Lawrence Saddy Delk. and
Elizabeth Spicer a true copy of the
within instrument. Sept. 1904

W. B. Bradshaw Deputy
For R. A. Edwards

Elizabeth Coover

SUBPOENA
IN
CHANCERY.

vs.

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Hannah Lawrence Saddy

Rev. A. Martin

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To 2 September

Rules,

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Court.

B 3119

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Isle of Wight, Greeting:

^{again}
WE COMMAND YOU that you summon **Hannah Lawrence widow of Elisha Lawrence**
deceased and Sandy Delk and Elizabeth Spivey Grantees of James Lawrence.

to appear at the Clerk's office of the **Circuit** Court of the **County** of **Isle of Wight**
at the rules to be held for the said Court, on the **third** Monday in **Sept.** 190⁴,
to answer a bill in chancery, exhibited against **them** in our said court for
by **Elizabeth Cross Grantee of James Lawrence.**

And have then there this writ. Witness NATHANIEL F. YOUNG, Clerk of our said court, at
the court-house, the **5th.** day of **September** 190⁴, and in the 12.⁹
year of the Commonwealth.

N. F. Young clerk

E. Leussink
vs
H. Leussink

Report of Leussink
Missouri's India
Dec 1st 1905

*Elizabeth Lawrence
vs
Hannah Lawrence*

Circuit Court for the County of Isle of Wight, October 4th. 1904.

This cause came on this day to be heard on the bill of complaint, on the joint and separate answers of the defendants, this day filed by leave of Court, with general replication thereto, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that H. R. H. Daughtrey, T. A. Williams, James A. Johnson, W. J. Bradshaw and John Beale, who are hereby appointed Commissioners for that purpose, any three of whom may act, after being duly sworn, proceed to assign to *widow of Elisha Lawrence*, deceased, by metes and bounds, having regard to quantity and value, one third of the real estate of which the said Elisha Lawrence died seized and possessed, as and for her dower, and the said Commissioners acting are hereby authorized to call to their aid any competent surveyor who may run such lines as said Commissioners may think necessary and proper. If the said widow so desires the home-house in which she and her said husband lived prior to his death, shall be included within said assignment of dower. If the said Commissioners be of opinion that dower cannot be assigned in kind in the said real estate, then they will report that fact to the Court.

A copy,

Teste, *J. Johnson* Clerk.

11/27/1905.

To the Hon R R Burto Judge of the Circuit
Court of the County of Isle of Wight County Va

We the undersigned Commissioners appointed
by the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight Co, to assign
dower to Hannah Lawrence Widow of Elisha Lawrence
deceased, Pursuant to the decree, on December the first
1905 Viewed the real estate of said Elisha Lawrence
deceased, and assigner Hannah Lawrence his widow a
dower of eleven acres of land with the dwelling
house thereon in which said Elisha Lawrence lived,

The dower being bounded as follows

Starting at an iron post on line fence between
the lands of Alfred Jones and said Elisha Lawrence's
estate, running in an easterly direction along said
fence to a chopped red oak thence to a chopped hickory
adjoining Elias Smith's land, thence to a chopped post
oak corner line adjoining the lands of Joseph Council
and others, thence in Southernly direction along
a line of chopped trees adjoining the land of Thomas
Council to a chopped black jack oak, thence in
a westernly direction along a line of chopped trees
across the land of Elisha Lawrence's estate, to a small
cedar tree at gate, thence to an iron post in
field, thence to another iron post thence in a
northerly direction to iron post at starting point.

Dec. 1st 1905

E. H. Doughtrey
J. W. Williams
John ^{his} Beale
mark

Witness
Chas R Johnson

Commissioners

State of Virginia,
Islesburgh County, } Tawik;
You E. R. H. Daughtry, T. A. Williams,
and John Beale, Commissioners
appointed by the Judge of
said County, to set off the
dower of Hannah Lawrence the
widow of Elisha Lawrence Deceased,
do swear that you will
go upon the Property of
the said Elisha Lawrence Deceased,
there estimate the Value
of said Property, then set
off one third of said
Valuation by given
the bandrup of same
as the dower for Hannah =
Lawrence the widow of
Elisha Lawrence Deceased, and then
report to said Judge such
actions.

Given under my hand
this 1st day of Decr. 1905.
Jas. H. Johnson, J.P.

1905.
Dec. 1st - Elisha Lawrence, Estate. Dr.
D E. B. H. Daughtrey, P. A. Williams.
and John Beale, Commissioners
to set off the dower of
Anna Lawrence, widow of
Elisha Lawrence, Deceased.
To 1 Day services @ $\$2\frac{50}{100}$ Each $\$7.50$

1905.
Dec. 1st - Elisha Lawrence, Estate.
To Jas. A. Johnson, J.P. Dr.
" swearing Commissioner in
same case. $\$0.75$

Elizebeth Cross

vs

Sandy Delk et als.

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DECREE.

October 3rd 1904.

To be entered.

Robert H. Hanks

Chancery Clerk
Book 216 page

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Elizebeth Cross

vs

Hannah Lawrence, widow of Elisha Lawrence deceased, Sandy Delk and Elizebeth Spivey.

This cause came on this day to be heard on the bill of complaint, on the joint and ~~separate~~ ^{*this day filed by leave of Court*} answer of the defendants, with general replication thereto, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order, and decree that E. R. H. Daughtry, T. A. Williams, James A. Johnson, W. J. Bradshaw and John Beale, who are hereby appointed commissioners for that purpose, any three of whom may act, after being first duly sworn proceed to assign to Hannah Lawrence, the widow of Elisha Lawrence deceased, by metes and bounds, having regard to quantity and value, one third of the real estate of which the said Elisha Lawrence died siezed and possessed, as and for her dower, and the said commissioners acting are hereby authorized to call to their aid any competent surveyor who may run such lines as said commissioners may think necessary and proper. If the said widow so desires, the home house in which she and her said husband lived prior to his death, shall be included within said assignment of dower. If the said commissioners be of opinion that dower cannot be assigned ^{*in kind*} in the said real estate, then they will report that fact to the court.

Elizebeth Cross #
vs #
Sandy Delk et als #
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D E C R E E .

October 5th, 1904.

To be entered.

Robert R. Runtz

Clauery Order

Book No 6 p. 376

Elizebeth Cross #
vs #
Sandy Delk et als #
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This cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers form-
erly read, and by consent of parties in term entered of record, it is
ordered that the papers in this cause may be submitted to the Judge
of this court ~~in vacation~~ *in vacation* for such decissions and decrees therein as
might be made in term

E. Crosse

v. J. L. Cuy

H. Lawrence et al

Final
Decree

Enter March 5, 1906
Robert R. Hunt

an iron post in field, thence to another iron post, thence in a northerly direction to iron post at starting point.", ~~The~~ Court doth approve and confirm said report, and doth adjudge, order and decree that the said Hannah Lawrence shall be seized for and during the term of her natural life, of the land so allotted to her as aforesaid, as and for her dower, in her said husband's estate, by the Commissioners aforesaid, according to the metes and bounds in said report designated.

And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that the costs of this suit shall be paid by the parties thereto, in proportion to their respective interests in said property, *of which said Elisha Lawrence and his wife,* to be determined by the Clerk of this Court, and the said Clerk shall tax the costs to be paid by the respective parties to this suit. And nothing further remaining to be done in this suit, it is directed that it be removed from the docket.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF ISLE OF WIGHT,
IN VACATION ON THE 5 DAY OF ^{March} JANUARY, 1906.

Elizabeth Cross, grantee of
James Lawrence,

vs.

Hannah Lawrence, widow of
Elisha Lawrence, deceased,
et al.
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This cause came on this day to be again heard upon the papers formerly read, and the report of E. R. H. Daughtrey, T. A. Williams and John Beale, three of the Commissioners appointed to allot to the defendant, Hannah Lawrence, her dower in the land of her late husband, Elisha Lawrence, deceased, which has been filed more than ten days, and to which report no exception has been filed, and was argued by counsel.

On consideration whereof, it appearing to the Court that by the allotment of the said Commissioners, dower was assigned to the said Hannah Lawrence in the lands whereof her said husband was seized of an estate of inheritance during the coverture between them according to the metes and bounds following, namely: "Eleven (11) acres of land, with the dwelling house thereon, in which said Elisha Lawrence lived, starting at an iron post on the line fence between the land of Alfred Jones and said Elisha Lawrence's estate, running in an easterly direction along said fence to a chopped red oak, thence to a chopped hickory, adjoining Silas Smith's land, thence to a chopped post oak corner line, adjoining the lands of Joseph Council and others, thence in a southerly direction along a line of chopped trees adjoining the land of Thomas Council to a chopped black jack oak, thence in a westerly direction along a line of chopped trees, across the land of Elisha Lawrence's estate, to a small cedar tree at gate, thence to

J. H. Bogart, et ux.

TO) B.&S.

Alfred Jones & Elisha Lawrence.

A COPY:

Filed Sept. 5th 1904

Exhibit No 1

Given under my hand this 28th. day of September 1878.

Joel H. Cutchins N. P.

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Isle of Wight
County the 2nd. day of April 1883. This deed from Bogart and
wife to Jones and Lawrence was admitted to record upon the an-
nexed certificate certificate of J. H. Cutchin a Notary Public.

TESTE: N. P. Young, Clerk.

1 Copy,

TESTE: A. J. Young Clerk.

This Deed made this 28th⁴ day of September 1878 between John H. Bogart and Mary E. his wife grantors, of the county of Southampton State of Virginia of the first part, and Alfred Jones and Elisha Lawrence of the county of Isle of Wight and State of Virginia grantees, WITNESSETH: That in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars to them (the said John H. Bogart and Mary E. his wife) paid. They do grant, bargain and sell and convey with general warranty unto the said Alfred Jones and Elisha Lawrence grantees aforesaid the following real property, to-wit: A Certain parcel or tract of land lying in the aforesaid County of Isle of Wight, State of Virginia, and bounded as follows by the Black Water River on the West, The lands of Chas. Holland and others on the other side, is near the Sea Board and Roanoke Rail Road and containing by estimation one hundred acres more or less, it being the tract of land conveyed by John R. Kilby (Comr) by deed dated 29th. day of August 1871 unto the said John H. Bryant and to which deed reference is hereby made and the said grantors do bind themselves to make any further assurances necessary to convey an undisputed title to said land together with all rights ways and appurtenances thereto belonging.

Witness the following signatures and seals.

The words "on the other"	J. H. Bogart,	(SEAL).
were interlined before signing.	Mary E. Bogart,	(SEAL).

State of Virginia,

County of Southampton TO-WIT:

I, Joel H. Cutchin a Notary Public for the County of Southampton, State of Virginia do certify that Mary E. Bogart the wife of J. H. Bogart, whose names are signed to the writing above and bearing date 28th. September 1878 has this day personally appeared before me in my county aforesaid and having the writing above fully explained to her, privily and apart from her husband, The said Mary E. Bogart declared that she had willingly executed the same and does not wish to retract it and I do further certify that J. H. Bogart has this day acknowledged the same before me.

Alfred Jones, and wife,

TO) B. & S.

Elisha Lawrence.

A COPY:

Julius Sept. 5th 1904

Exhibit No 2

State of Virginia, Southampton County, To wit:

I, L. R. Edwards a notary public in and for the said County and State, do hereby certify that Alfred Jones whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date the 18th. day of April 1887, has personally acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid; and I further certify that Elizabeth Jones the wife of ^{also} the said Alfred Jones whose name is signed to the said writing bearing date aforesaid has also personally appeared before me in my county and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband the said Alfred Jones, and having said writing fully explained to her she the said Elizabeth Jones acknowledged the said writing to be her act and deed, declared that she had willingly executed the same and says that she does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 18th. day of April/1888.

L. R. Edwards. N. P.

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County the 19th. day of April 1888. This deed was received and with the certificate annexed, admitted to record.

TESTE: N. P. Young, Clerk.

By G. M. Cooke, D. C.

A Copy,

TESTE:

N. P. Young

Clerk.

This deed amde this 18th. day of April in the year one thousand Eight Hundred and eighty Seven, between Alfred Jones and Elizabeth his wife of the County of Isle of Wight and State of Virginia parties of the first part and Elisha Lawrence of the same place party of the second part: WITNESSETH: That whereas the above mentioned parties to this deed did buy and own jointly a tract of land in the County of Isle of Wight and State of Virginia, and being desirous of dividing the same in equal parts did on the 8th. day of Nov. 1886, came the same to be surveyed and divided. NOW THEREFORE: the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of all the rights title and interest which the said Eli. Lawrence and Hannah his wife parties of the second part have or may have in and to the Northern half of the Above mentioned tract of land on which the said parties of the first part now reside, have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain, sell, convey and confirm with general warranty unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns all that piece or parcel of land situated in the county of Isle of wight and State of Virginia, and bounded by the lands of R. J. & W. Neely A. T. Lee, Wiley Council, Alfred Jones and the Black Water River more particularly described as follows: Beginning on the Black Water River at a gum a corner for this tract and Alfred Jones, thence S 74 E 6 chains to ask a corner for R.J.&W.Neely, thence N. 54 E 4.80 ch., thence S. 73 1/2 E 8ch. to pine, Thence S 37 E 8.25 ch. to large pine, thence S. ⁴⁰ W 2.90ch. to S. gum, th. S. 22 E 3.75 ch. to water oak, thence S 17 E 9.40 ch. to mill path, th. N 27. E. 5.50 N. 11 1/2 E 4.50 N. 25 E 6.50 N. 29 1/2 E 9.20, N. 35 1/4 E 6.70 N. 77 1/2 W 8.50 N. 26 W. 11.40 to corner for this tract and Alfred Jones on Wiley Council, thence along the dividing line S 54 1/2 ^W to the beginning containing (58) fifty eight acres to-gether with all the estate right, title and interest of the said party of the first part, in and to the same. In witness whereoff the said party of the first part have hereunto set ~~that~~ their hands and seals this day and year above written.

Alfred Jones,
Elizabeth X Jones
per mark

(SEAL)
(SEAL)

James Lawrence,

To) B.&.S.

Sandy Delk,

A COPY:

Filed Sept 5th 1904

Exhibit no 3

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight
County this 8th. day of March, 1902, this deed was received and
with the certificate annexed, admitted to record.

TESTE: N. F. Young, Clerk.

By Albert S. Johnson Deputy.

A. Copy.

TESTE: N. F. Young Clerk.

This Deed, made this 27th. day of February, 1902, between James Lawrence of the County of Isle of Wight, State of Virginia of the first grantor, and Sandy Delk of said County and State of second part, grantee.

WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part, (grantor) in consideration of the sum of Sixty Dollars unto him in hand paid by the said grantee the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, doth hereby grant, convey, bargain and sell with general warranty unto the said Sandy Delk grantor aforesaid, the following real property, to-wit: His the said grantors interest in that portion of the tract a parcel of land of which Elisha Lawrence (the father of the said grantor) died seized and possessed, lying and situate in said county ⁿad State and described and bounded (as to part conveyed) as follows: beginning at a sweet gum in said Elisha Lawrence's field a corner for this tract, R. J. Neely and Sandy Delk, thence Easterly to a pine on the Mill path from "Wahh Hole" to Lee's Mill, thence Southerly along said path to a post oak, a corner for W.E. Beamon, T. H. Cross and said Elisha Lawrence, thence Westerly to sweet gum, the point of beginning and containing Six Acres, more or less, together with all appurtenances and improvements thereunto belonging.

And the said grantor covenants that he has the right to make this conveyance that he is the rightful owner of same and that he will make any further assurances necessary to convey unto said grantee an undisputed title to same.

Witness the following signature and seal.

James Lawrence. (SEAL).

Virginia, Southampton County, To-wit:

I, L. R. Edwards, a Notary Public for said county and State do certify that James Lawrence, whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date the 27th. day of February 1902, has acknowledged the same before me in said county.

Given under my hand this 27th. day of Feb. 1902.

L. R. Edwards, Notary Public.

James Lawrence

To } B.S.

Samuel Delk

A copy

to record this

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Exhibit No 4

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State of Virginia, Southampton County, to-wit:

I, C. J. Edwards, a Notary Public for and in the County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that James Lawrence whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date the 27th. day of May, 1902, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 27th day of May, 1902.

C. J. Edwards, N. P.

In the Clerk's Office of the County Court of the County of Isle of Wight this 30th. day of May, 1902, this deed was received and with the certificate annexed, admitted to record.

TESTE: N. F. Young, Clerk.

By, Albert S. Johnson, Deputy.

A Copy,

TESTE: A. F. Young Clerk.

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James Lawrence,

To) B. & S.

Sandy Delk.

This deed, made this 27th. day of May, 1902, between James Lawrence, party of the first part, grantor, and Sandy Delk, party of the second part, grantee, both of the County of Isle of Wight, State of Virginia.

Witnesseth: That tha said grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) to him in hand paid by the said grantee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, doth hereby grant, convey, bargain and sell, with General Warranty unto the said grantee, the following real property, to-wit: All that certain lot or parcel of land lying and situate in the county and sate aforesaid, containing 3 4/5 acres, more or less, and bounded as follows: Beginning at an iron post, a corner for this land and Elisha Lawrence's estate, standing in the Washed Hole Road thence Southeasterly along said road which divides this land from W. E. Beamon's land 400 feet to a pine; thence Southwest along Sandy Delk's line 447 feet to a persimmon tree in Elisha Lawrence's line, thence North 200 feet to a pine, thence same direction 600 feet to an iron post the point of beginning, the last boundary being along Elisha Lawrence's line. It being a part of the land inherited by said James Lawrence from his Father Elisha Lawrence.

The said grantor covenants with the said grantee, that he has the right to make this conveyance; that he has done no act to encumber the said property; that he will make any further assurances necessary to convey an undisputed title to the same.

Witness the following signature and seals.

James Lawrence, (SEAL).

James Lawrence .

To) B.&.S.

Elizabeth Spivey.

A COPY:

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Exhibit No 5

Virginia, Southampton County, to-wit:

I. L. R. Edwards, a Notary Public in and for said County and State do hereby certify that James Lawrence, whose name is ~~xx~~ signed to the writing above bearing date the 23rd. day of April 1902, has acknowledged the same before me in my said county.

Given under my hand this 23rd. day of April, 1902.

L. R. Edwards, N. P.

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County this 25th. day of April, 1902, this deed was received and with the certificate annexed, admitted to record.

TESTE: N. F. Young, Clerk.

By Albert S. Johnson D.C

A Copy,

TESTE:

N. F. Young

Clerk.

This Deed, of bargain and sale made this 23rd. day of April 1902, between James Lawrence of the county of Isle of Wight and State of Virginia, of the first part, grantor, and Elizabeth Spivey of the said county and State of the second part grantee.

WITNESSETH: That the said grantor in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars unto him in hand paid by said grantee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, doth hereby grant, convey, bargain and sell with general Warranty unto the said Elizabeth Spivey, grantee, aforesaid the following real property, to-wit: a certain parcel or lot of land lying and situate in said County and State and described and bounded as follows: beginning at a pawpaw gum on the West bank of Black Water River a corner for this land and that of Alfred Jones thence Easterly seven hundred and fifty feet along said Jones line to an iron pipe driven in ~~in~~ the ground, thence South along new line separating this from remainder of land belonging to late Elisha Lawrence, this land ~~land~~ hereby conveyed being a part of the original tract of the said Elisha Lawrence, four hundred and fifty feet to an iron pipe driven in the ground, in the R. J Neely line, thence Southwesterly along the Neely line ninety six feet to a cypress post, thence Northerly two hundred feet to the corner of Lazarus Delk's garden thence Westerly four hundred and sixty five feet along said Delk's line to Holy tree about ten feet from edge of Black Water River/ thence Northerly along said River one hundred and seventy three feet to said paw paw gum the point of beginning and containing Four and Half Acres, more or less, sale made in bulk but not per acre. And said grantor covenants with said grantee that he will make any further assurances necessary to convey to said grantee an undisputed title to said land, together with all appurtenances and improvements thereto belonging.

Witness the following signature and seal.

James Lawrence. (SEAL).

James Lawrence

Do } B.S.

Elizabeth Cross

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James Lawrence, x
To. , § Bargain and Sale.)
Elizabeth Cross, x

This Deed made this 4th. day of June A. D. 1904,
between James Lawrence of the first part and Elizabeth Cross of
the second part. WITNESSETH: That in consideration of the sum
of forty dollars the said James Lawrence doth grant with general
Warranty unto the said Elizabeth Cross the following property
to-wit: All that certain piece or parcel of land, containing
forty-eight acres, more or less, situate in Isle of Wight County
(near Franklin, in the County of Southampton) in the State of
Virginia; bounded by the lands of Alfred Jones, Council and Bea-
man; being the same property which descended to the said party of
the first from his father, Elisha Lawrence, deceased.

Witness the following signature and seal.

James. Lawrence. (SEAL)

County of Norfolk- To-Wit:

I/ G. A. Martin, a Notary Public for the county afore-
said, in the State of Virginia, do certify that James Lawrence,
whose name is isgned to the writing above, bearing date on the
4th. day of June, 1904, has acknowledged the same before me in my
County aforesaid.

Given under my hand this the 4th. day of June, 1904.

G. A. Martin, Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 4th. day o
of Feb. 1905.

In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight Coun-
ty, this 17th. day of June, 1904, at 1:30 o'clock P. M. , this
Deed was received and with the certificate annexed, admitted to
record.

TESTE: N. F. Young, Clerk.

By, Peyton R. Turner, D. C.

A Copy,

TESTE:

N. F. Young Clerk.

Cross etc.,

vs.

Lawrence, etc.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 30th, 1905.

Judge R. R. Prentiss,

Suffolk, Va.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose Report of Commissioners, and draft of decree in said cause. I also enclose letters from the Clerk of Isle of Wight County and Mr. Holland's stenographer. The decree for assignment of the widow's dower was entered by consent, on the 4th of October, 1904 and I have been urging the Commissioners to make the assignment, but they failed to do so until the first of this month. The Clerk forwarded the said report to me, and, as it is a vacation case, I should have immediately applied for a decree of confirmation, but, unfortunately, Mr. Holland was taken ill and I could not do so. Thinking he had recovered, I wrote him this week, enclosing said decree for his consent. I now find he is very ill, and not likely to recover for a long time, consequently, I can wait no longer, and must ask your Honor to direct the decree to be entered, and forwarded to the Clerk. I see no reason why it should not be entered, and it was a matter of delicacy only that prevented me from asking it to be done, as the report was filed for a sufficient time. I am unacquainted with the land in question, and do not know the merits of the assignment, but I am willing to trust the judgment of the Commissioners. I have been greatly troubled by my client, in urging said assignment, and I am trying to close the matter immediately.

I extend the compliments of the season.

Yours truly,

