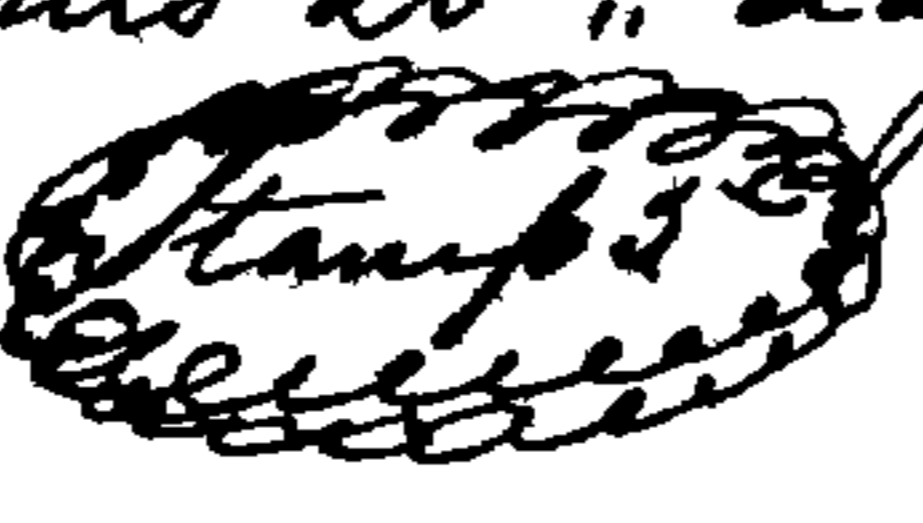
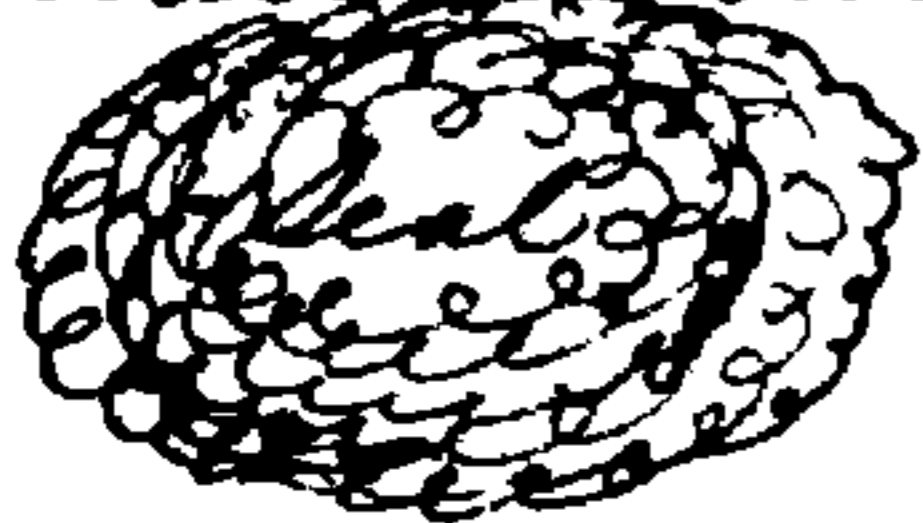


Court for Frederick County, Maryland to Thomas H. Hammond on the estate of Philip Hammond, late of Frederick County, deceased, the said Thomas H. Hammond having given Bond with Richard S. Hammond and Nicholas W. Hammond, sureties in the sum of Thirty two Thousand Dollars current money for the due performance of his said Administration & In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand, and affix the seal of Office, this 20th day of March 1866.



Test. J. H. McLean
Register of Wills for Frederick Co.

Decree

Jane C. Hammond

No 3277 Equity

vs
Thomas H. Hammond et al

Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity.
This Cause standing ready for a hearing and being submitted, the Bill, Answers, and all other proceedings, were by the Court read and considered. It is therefore this 28th day of April in the year Eighteen hundred and sixty six, by me Madison Nelson, Circuit Judge for the Fourth Judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland, and by the authority of the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity ordered, adjudged, and decreed, that the Complainant is entitled to Dower in all the lands and tenements in the proceedings mentioned, which are now held by the defendants & And to the end that this Court may be enabled to make a just assignment of her Dower in the aforesaid lands and tenements, It is ordered that a Commission issue to Harry W. Dorsey, Dorsey Waters, Oliver P. Harding, Benjamin Maynard, and Nathan Maynard of Frederick County State of Maryland, authorizing them or any three of them, to go upon, walk over, survey, lay off and designate, one third part of the of the said premises, as and for the Dower of the said Complainant in the same, and that the Commissioners be directed in the Commission to make out a plat and certificate, Exhibiting an accurate description of the third part or Dower, so by them laid out, and the said Commissioners shall make return of their proceedings to this Court as soon as may be, subject to its further order upon the same, and to the said Commissioners there shall be annexed the usual oaths of Office.

Madison Nelson

Return with Plat.

Commissioners

Frederick County, State of Maryland, to Harry W. Dorsey, Dorsey Waters, Oliver P. Harding, Benjamin Maynard, and Nathan Maynard, Gentlemen, of Frederick County, Greeting
Whereas, Jane C. Hammond, widow of Philip Hammond, late of Frederick County deceased, has obtained a Decree in our Circuit Court, sitting as a Court of Equity, authorizing a Commission to be issued, to lay off her Dower in the lands and tenements of the said Philip Hammond deceased, of which he was seized in fee, during coverture, and now in the possession of defendants, or either of them; And it being suggested to the Court here, that you are substantial, good and capable free-holders, in the said County of Frederick, and the Court having great confidence in your prudence and integrity, have therefore assigned, appointed and Commissioned you, or any three of you, to go upon, walk over, survey, lay off, and designate, one third part of said premises, as and for the Dower of the said Jane C. Hammond in the same as follows, "All that part of a Tract of Land called 'Norris Purchase' situate, lying, and being in Frederick County aforesaid, and which are fully described in two deeds of Conveyance from William W. Walker and wife, and Mary Wood and others to the said Philip Hammond, which said deeds are filed in this Cause as Exhibits Nos 1 and 2 to the Bill of Complaint," (You, or any three of you having first taken the oaths hereunto annexed, and giving to all the parties concerned notice thereof, and make return to this Court, under your hands and seals, of your judgment, and make out a plat and certificate in writing, giving an accurate description of the third part, or Dower, so by you laid out, which you are also to return to this Court as soon as may be, for its