

leaving surviving him one child, viz., Lavina E. L. Smith, an infant who arrived at the age of seven years on September 9, 1916, as his sole heir at law, and your petitioner as his widow, who since married George W. Burgees.

3. That said Earl E. Smith's undivided interest in said real estate, upon his death, descended to and is now vested in his said daughter, Lavinia E. L. Smith, subject to the widow's dower right therein of your petitioner, and as such widow it is proper and necessary for your petitioner to be made a party to this cause, wherefore she prays that an order of your Honorable Court may be passed authorizing her to be made a party defendant to the above cause.

And as in duty bound etc.,

J.F.R. Heagey
Solr. for Petitioner.

The foregoing Petition having been read and considered, it is thereupon this 6th day of June A. D. 1917, ordered by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland, sitting as a Court of Equity, and by the authority thereof, that Annie Burgess, widow of Earl E. Smith, deceased, be and she is hereby made a party defendant to the above cause.

Glenn H. Worthington.

Filed June 7, 1917.

John L.S. Aldridge, et al. " No. 9614 EQUITY.
 " In the Circuit Court for
 " Frederick County, In Equity.
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To the Honorable, the Judges of said Court:-

The answer of Annie E. Burgess, widow of Earl E. Smith, deceased, in this cause, to the Bill of complaint therein filed:

For answer to said Bill &c., this defendant consents to the sale, the immediate passage of a decree ratifying and confirming the sale, of the entire interest in the real estate mentioned in these proceedings, and is willing to accept a portion of the proceeds of the sale as by law allowed widows in lieu of dower. And she further says that her health is good, and she is 28 years of age, and that she waives the rule that the testimony shall lie in Court ten days.

Witness:- G. Wm. Burgess.

Mrs. Annie E. Burgess.
Widow.

J.F.R. Heagey
Sol. for Plffs. Filed June 15, 1917.

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To the Honorable, the Judges of said Court:-

The answer of Mrs. Annie Burgess, Guardian of Lavinia Smith, the infants defendant in the above entitled cause to the Bill of Complaint therein exhibited:-

For answer to said Bill this defendant admits the matters and facts in said Bill of Complaint to be true as therein stated except wherein inconsistent with petition &c, of Annie E. Burgess widow, therein filed.

And she further admits that she signed said contract "Exhibit A" to the Bill for and on behalf of said infant, believing it to be to the great benefit and advantage of said infant, as well as to the owners of said property, that said sale should be made at said price of eight hundred dollars to the said John L.S. Aldridge, believing that no more could be realized at a public sale. So far as she can under the law, she consents to the immediate passage of a decree ratifying and confirming said sale and waives the rule that the testimony shall lie in Court ten days.

And she further says that this defendant being an infant, cannot admit any of the matters and things in said Bill alleged, and submits her rights thereunder to the protection of this court.