

To the worshipping Court of Brunswick County in Chancery sit-  
ting Humbly complaining their yams worships your Orators  
Saml<sup>r</sup> Matthews, Matthew, & John Matthews, that some  
time in the year their Father John Matthews depar-  
ted this life, seized & possessed of a valuable real & per-  
sonal estate - that he died intestate, & the persons  
entitled to his estate are your Orators and a certain  
Saml<sup>r</sup> Matthews who has also qualified as Adm<sup>r</sup>. on  
the s<sup>d</sup> estate & who is named Defend<sup>r</sup> hereto. that  
the said intestate in his life time advanced to your  
Orators as well as the Defendant sundry & divers kinds  
of property all which your Orators are willing & desirous  
to bring into Hotch-pot according to Law. that the  
Land left by the said Intestate does not amount in  
value to One hundred Dollars & more, yr. Orators  
therefore pray that the said land may be sold &  
the proceeds thereof divided - Yr. Orators state that they  
have often applied to the defendant for the purposes aforesaid  
but he refuses to submit to a division of the property  
aforesaid. In tender consideration &c. To the end &c.  
That your worships may decree & order a division  
of the property aforesaid & grant such relief as equity  
dictates - May it please &c.

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To the worshipping Court of Brunswick County in Chancery  
sitting - The answer of Saml<sup>r</sup> Matthews to the foregoing  
bill - This defendant having &c. for answer saith  
that he admits the allegations herein contained  
to be true & has no objection to any decree the  
Court may think proper to make -

It is decreed & ordered that Richard Coleman, Robert  
Hastings, Creed Hastings and Edw<sup>d</sup> J. Farley  
or any three do sell on 12 mo. credit to the highest bid-  
der the land whereof John Matthews died seized & do di-



-vide the proceeds of such sale equally between the  
Compt<sup>ts</sup> & Dep<sup>t</sup>. & that the said Commissioner, do also  
divide equally between the Compt<sup>ts</sup> & the dep<sup>t</sup> the personal  
property wherof John Matthews died possessed, the said  
Compt<sup>ts</sup> & defendant bringing into Hotchkiss Pot. all  
& every species of property or the value thereof  
Advanced to them by the said John Matthews in  
his life time - & make report &c. —

Matthews.

to } B. S. S. S.

Matthews.

1809 May 6th for up

Debr. rept. ret<sup>d</sup> 1/2 Conf<sup>d</sup>.

The list of property given in by Luke Stearns as follows

George . . . . . \$ 60.0.0  
Pleasant and Child  
Alick . . . . . } 65.0.0  
Simon . . . . . 40.0.0  
Bucher . . . . . 35.0.0  
James a Child . . . . . 15.0.0  
1 Mare . . . . . 25.0.0  
1 Work Horse . . . . . 10.0.0  
1 Bed and Furniture . . . . . 7.10.0  
2 Cows and Calves . . . . . 5.0.0  
1 Sow and Pigg . . . . . 2.0.0  
Half dozen Chairs . . . . . 0.18.0

\$ 265. 8 .

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Fanny and Child drawn in division 75.0.0  
340. 8 .

To receive from Stearns Stearns } . . . . . 2.6  
\$ 340.10.6

The list of property given in by Matthew Matthews as follows

Stephen . . . . .	£ 80. 0. 0
Annex . . . . .	45. 0. 0
Nancy . . . . .	45. 0. 0
Davy . . . . .	45. 0. 0
Henry . . . . .	27. 0. 0
Jordan . . . . .	25. 0. 0
Mema . . . . .	9. 0. 0
2 Beds and Furniture	15. 0. 0
1 Horse . . . . .	15. 0. 0
1 Mare . . . . .	6. 0. 0
2 Cows and Calves . . . . .	4. 10. 0
Half dozen Chairs . . . . .	18. 0. 0
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	£ 317. 8. 0

Negroes drawn in division

Jenny . . . . .	5. 0. 0
James . . . . .	20. 0. 0

To pay to the different legates

£ 342. 8. 0
1. 17. 6
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£ 340. 10. 6



The list of Property given in by John Mathews as follows

Stephen	£ 70.0.0
Judy	30.0.0
Duglis	40.0.0
Nancy	55.0.0
1 Mare	20.0.0
2 young steers	4.16.0
2 Cows and Calves	4.10.0
1 Bed and furniture	4.10.0
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	£ 261.16.0

Negros drawn in division

Bob	30.0.0
Jack	30.0.0
Stephen	18.0.0
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	£ 339.16.0

To receive from Mathews Mathews in

	14.6
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	£ 340.10.6

Tom	\$100.00.00
Roady	70.00.00
Bob	30.00.00
Jenny	5.00.00
Fanny and Child	75.00.00
Spack	30.00.00
Spencer	60.00.00
James	20.00.00
Stephen	18.00.00
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	\$136.00.00

The dower in Land and Negroes as follows

100 acres Land

Tom a fellow	\$100.00.00
Roady	70.00.00
To pay	<hr/>
	\$170.00.00
	34.00.00
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	\$136.00.00

The list of property given in by Saml. Matthews as follows

Joe. . . . .	\$ 85. 0. 0 -
Samner . . . . .	60. 0. 0 -
Daniel . . . . .	45. 0. 0 -
Lucy . . . . .	60. 0. 0 -
1 Horse . . . . .	22. 0. 0 -
1 Bed and Furniture	7. 10. 0 -
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	\$ 279. 10. 0 -

Spencer drawn in division . . . . .	60. 0. 0 -
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	339. 10. 0 -
To receive from Matthew Matthews	1. 0. 6
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	\$ 340. 10. 6

We the under signed Commissioners have by the consent of all parties divided the Estate of John Matthews Dec<sup>d</sup> as is stated and have also agreed to order sold the Lands the <sup>said</sup> Matthews did possess of and have taken bond and security for the same in four separate Bonds giving each legatee in proportion given from under our hands and seals day of 1809 -

Robert Shacking 

Wm H Harris 

Rich<sup>d</sup> Coleman 