

our helpful County Court of Senenbure in Chancery
being humbly complaining unto the Court your orators and
orators William Matthews, Robert Matthews John Matthews
Daury Matthews James Matthews, Jeremiah Matthews, Lewis Matthews
Bushman Wynn and Elizabeth his wife Jack Gish and Sally his wife
Danice Epperson Junr and Susannah his wife that William Matthews
the father of your orator and orators departed this life Inured and
left beside them one other child Polley Matthews who is an infant and
Susannah Matthews who was his widow that ~~Thomas~~ ~~Matthews~~ has qualified
as his administrator in due form and took possession of his estate
that he has sold all the purchase part thereof and retains possession
of the slaves belonging thereto who ought now to distribute them between
the distributees of his estate they therefore pray that commissioners may
be appointed who shall be authorized to sell the slaves belonging thereto
as they cannot be divided in kind and divide the proceeds thereof
according to the rights of the complainants their Infant child and
~~the widow~~ who together with the said Thomas ~~Matthews~~ they pray
~~that they may be~~ ~~Compelled~~ ~~to answer~~
the facts herein charged and they will pray

The answer of Polley Matthews an infant by Thomas organ
her guardian and next kind to be in Chancery exhibited by
William Matthews and others distributees of William Matthews
in this Court against herself and others answering the bill says
that she submits the propriety of the division prayed for to the
Court and if they think the prayer of the bill ought to be
granted she is willing to submit to such decree as they shall
think proper to make having answered the bill pray to be
dismissed

To the Worshipful Court of Lunenburg County

This is to certify to your Worships that we are willing you should decree the sale of the Negroes belonging to the estate of William Matthews dec'd and that the Commissioners appointed in the said decree be directed to pay the Administrator of the said decedent out of the money arising from the said sale, what each legatee may be due the said decedent's estate, or discount the same out of our respective parts. Also if it should be necessary, that they pay the said sum a sufficiency to discharge any remaining debts.

Decemr. 17 1807

Test

James Crowder

Susanna ^{her} Matthews
mark

Spiffin Ogden actor
for Mattheys

Dwight Matthews

Jesse Matthews

John Matthews

Jeremiah Matthews

Daniel Epperson Sur.
who intermarried with Susan Mattheys

Buckner Winn who inter
married with Elizabeth Mattheys

Robert Matthews

Mark Ship

Lancaster January Court 1808

William Matthews, Robert Matthews, John Matthews
Timothy Matthews, ^{Matthews} James Matthews, Jeremiah Matthews
Louis Matthews, Beckner Winn, and Elizabeth his wife
Black Ship, and Sally his wife, Darius Apperson Senr.
and Susanna his wife, Complainants

against

Polley Matthews, an infant of William Matthews
decd. by Thomas Organ her executor, & next friend,
and Susanna Matthews, the executrix of said deceased
and Thomas Adams, administrator of said William
Matthews, decd. Defendants.

In Chancery

Service of Subpoena being acknowledged, by consent of
parties this cause came on to be heard upon the bill
decreed, and order, that James Blibbitt, Thomas Organ,
David Harrison, Amos Wyatt, or any three of them be
appointed commissioners, to sell the Slaves belonging to
the estate of the said William Matthews decd. upon a
certified ~~return~~ day of December next, after giving
public notice of the time, and place of such sale, and
that they take bond with sufficient security from the pur-
chasers thereof, and that they pay over to the admini-
strator a sufficient sum of money, for the payment
of the remaining debts, due from the estate of his intestate
to his creditors; and that they divide the residue equally
between the complainants, and the infant defendant
after allotting to the widow her dower thereof, to be held
by her during her life only; and that in such division
the debts due from the distributees to the administrators
and the debts for which the estate stands bound, as their
security, the Commissioners shall take into estimation
and charge such distributees, with such debts, as a pay-
ment so far as they will go for their proportion of the
residue of the said Slaves; and that they take
bond with security to be approved of by the said court
that the widow at her death, or her representatives, will
refuse to the said estate her part of the residue of the
said Slaves, and that they take bond Security from the
complainants, and the guardian of the infant defendant
to refuse their proportionable part of any debts which may
hereafter appear to be due from the said estate which
may remain unpaid. & that they make reports of them, providing

Matthews &
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to
of Matthews &
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above for 1811

W. H. M. 1811
See my notebook
for introductory
details

12 March 1808
Cmnd for Report

14 May 1808
Cmnd for Report

13 Dec 1808
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12 November 1808
Cmnd for Report

11 March 1809
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13 May 1809
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Deere amended in this Petition or
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Is this
FOR WIT?

It is Deere of all others

apart in this Sent,
Cmnd for Report & Deere accordingly

(changed to Deere as above)

Memo: This report is recorded
in the Will book for 1811

the 3rd of 1811