

Williams vs Williams 4 December 1848

Clerk's Loose Papers – Prince William County

To the worshipful County Court of Prince William County Virginia sitting in Chancery, Your orator May S. Williams widow & relict of John W. Williams deceased, respectfully sheweth unto your Worship that she was married to John W. Williams in the month of June 1839 in the County of Prince William Va. and that at the time of her said marriage to him that he was seized in fee of a tract of land lying in said county adjoining the lands of Thomas Cannon & George T. Adams & others being the same tract that was allotted to her, said his bond was one of the heirs of his father the late George Williams deceased, containing about three hundred acres. And that her said husband hath died intestate and that your said orator claims dower in said tract of land & the rents of the same & in any other lands that may be discovered to have belonged to the said John W. Williams at the time of his death in said county. Your orator says that her said husband died leaving the following children his heirs at law to wit, John W. Williams who was 21 years of age who went to the west some time since, and being on board of a steam boat to which she is informed some accident occurred, has not since been heard from; Henry F. Williams; George Williams; Delia F. Williams; Francis D. Williams & Elizabeth Williams, the two latter under the age of fourteen years & she asks that they made defendants to the bill and answer each allegation or both & grant such other & further relief as may be meet & equitable & she will comply.

May S. Williams  
Wm. F. Purcell, counsel  
for Mrs. Williams

Washington Court DC

Mrs. Mary Williams appeared before me and made oath to the forgoing bill this 29<sup>th</sup> November 1848.

Lund Washington Sr. J.P. (seal)

The joint answer of Henry F. Williams, George Williams, Delia F. Williams, Francis D. Williams & Elizabeth Williams the two latter by guardian a deitim to a bill of complaint exhibited in the County Court of Prince William County Va. by May S. Williams widow & relict of John Williams deceased.

These respondents admit that the complainant May S. Williams is the widow of their father the late John W. Williams deceased and was married at the time she aver and willing the dower as claimed by her should be allowed &c.

Henry F. Williams  
George Williams  
Delia F. Williams

Washington Court DC

This day Henry F. Williams & George Williams appeared before me and made oath that the above answer is true.

This 28 Nov 1848  
Lund Washington Sr. J.P. (seal)

May S. Williams vs Henry F. Williams &c. in Chancery

This day this cause coming on to be heard, on the bill answer of the parties herein filed, on consideration whereof the court doth order & decree that John C. Weedon, George Weedon & R. W. Weedon are hereby appointed commissioners to allot dower of the tract of land in the proceeding mentioned to May S. Williams widow of John W. Williams deceased & further to report their proceedings to this court with a view to a final decree in the proceedings mentioned.