

Probate, NC, Northampton, Robert Bryan 1853

State of North Carolina

To the sheriff of Northampton County, greeting;

You are hereby commanded that you cause it to be made known to **WILLIE BRYANT** that he be before the next County Court of pleas and quarter sessions, to be held for Northampton County, at the town of Jackson, on the first Monday of September next and Lead answer or demurrer to the petition of **CATHERINE BRYANT** for dower, which said petition has been filed in our said court, or the case will be heard ex parte and an order made for her to have dower in the land mentioned in her petition.

Herein fail not and have you then and there this writ.

Witness, **JOHN B. ODOM**, Clerk of our said Court, head office, the first Monday of June A. D. 1853 and in the 77th year of American independence issued the 14th day of June 1853.

JOHN B. ODOM, Clerk of Court

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CATHERINE BRYANT

VS

**WILLIE BRYANT &
JAMES H. BRYANT**

To September Court 1853

To hand the 21st June 1853.

Executed the 21st of July 1853.

RICHARD H. GARNER, sheriff
by **L. F. SMITH**, deputy sheriff

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Sheriff fees for laying off **CATHERINE BRYAN** dower.

To summoning 24 jurors at \$0.20	\$4.80
1 day attendance	\$1.50
Total	\$6.30

The following jury charge for their service **BRYANT LASSITER, MORRIS FUTRELL,** whole fees & **JOSEPH B. JOYNER** half fees.

ROBERT BAUM summoned but objected to by **JAMES H. BRYANT,** charged a fee but did not serve.

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CATHERINE BRYAN Widow of **ROBERT BRYAN** deceased

To **R. H. GARNER**, sheriff

by **L. F. SMITH**, deputy sheriff

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To 1 day service	\$1.50
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Scale 40 poles to an inch

The above figure represents the area of seventeen acres of land surveyed and a lot it off to **CATHERINE BRYAN**, widow of **ROBERT BRYAN**, deceased as her dower the third of the land of said deceased **BRYAN** late of Northampton County North Carolina metes and bounds as follow to wit:

Beginning at a corner Pine standing near a ditch, the line of **WILLIE BRYAN** about 49 yards off the public road running thence South 48 degrees west 39 poles to a corner Peach tree. Thence South 4½ East 84 polls to a corner Red Oak in said **WILLIE BRYAN**'s line, then by his line North 39 East 47 poles to the run of Fork Branch. Then down the side into a ditch. Then down said it to the first station.

Given under my hand this 5th day of December A. D. 1853

JOEL CONNER "CDR"

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CATHERINE BRYAN's Dower
Surveyors fees \$4

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June County Court 1853

To the justices of the county court of Northampton.

The petition of **CATHERINE BRYANT** against **WILLIE BRYANT** and **JAMES H. BRYANT** shows to your worships that about the year ... **ROBERT BRYANT** late of Northampton County departed this life, seized and possessed of the land below described, intestate leaving your petitioner, his widow, and the following children as his heirs at law, to wit: **WILLIAM A. BRYANT**, **JOSEPH BRYANT**, and **ROBERT BRYANT**, the two ladder orphans subsequently died while of tender years, leaving the said **WILLIAM A. BRYANT**, their only brother, entitled to their shares, subject to a life right, in the same, in your petitioner.

She further shows, to your worships, that the said land, consisted of about fifty one acres, upon which her said husband resided, and adjoins the lands of **JOEL CONNOR**, **ROBERT PARKER**, **DARIUS BRYANT**, and others, and that the said **WILLIAM BRYANT** sold a part of the said land supposed to be about 35 Acres to the defendant **JAMES H. BRYANT** who now holds the same, and the residue to one **BLAKE BRYANT**, since deceased, under whose will it came to **ELIZABETH**, wife of **JESSIE RUTLAND**, who by deed conveyed to the defendant, **WILLIE BRYANT**, who now has the same in possession.

Your petitioner is advised that she is entitled to have one third of the said lands set apart and allotted to her for her life as dower, but the defendants have refused to allot her the same though requested to do so - and she therefore prays that ... hereof with subpoenas may issue to them, and that they may answer the premises, and that a decree may be made to have dower allotted to her in the said land, and that for such other and further relief as her case may require.

And as in Duty bound she will ever pray & c.

THOMAS BRAGG, Sol.

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