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WILLIAM MEAD  
ESTATE

1842

HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA



John Pagland  
vs  
William Mead (et al)

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Petition  
for assignment of  
Dower & partition  
of Real estate.

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J. Kearney Atty  
for Compt.



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John O'Connell  
vs }

Elizabeth Head & Co  
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Report of Commission

Commission for

John O'Connell 2 days - \$3.00

Elizabeth Head 3 " - 4.50

John O'Connell 3 " - 7.35

in Court & Survey

John O'Connell & Co

November 10<sup>th</sup> 1855

L. D. Parker & Co



John Ragland

vs

Elizabeth Mead et al

In Hendricks probate  
Court Nov Term 1825.

Partition

We the Commissioners appointed in this cause, to assign dower to Elizabeth Mead, widow of William Mead late of Hendricks county, deceased, in the following real estate, situate in the County of Hendricks and State of Indiana to wit The East half of the North East quarter of Section One in Township Fifteen North, of Range two West; And the North West fractional quarter of Section Six in Township Fifteen North of Range one West, and also to make partition of the same lands, subject to said dower estate, between John Ragland, William Mead, Katherine Mead, and Elizabeth Mead, and having been duly sworn, upon actual view of the premises, do assign to the said Elizabeth Mead for her dower estate, so much of said lands as is contained within the following limits, to wit, Commencing 40 rods East of the Southwest corner of the piece of land first above described and running thence North with section bearing 66 rods; Thence East, (crossing the Northwest fractional quarter of Section 6 Town 15 North of Range one West) 133 rods & 12 links; Thence South, 65 rods & 14 links to the Southeast corner of said fr q; Thence West, 93 rods & 12 links to the Range line; Thence South 11 links; Thence West 40 rods to the place of beginning, containing fifty five acres. And we also set off and assign to the said John Ragland, in severally for his share of said lands, so much thereof as is contained within the following limits, to wit, Commencing at the Southwest corner of said tract of land; Thence East 80 rods to the Range line; thence North 11 links; thence East 28 rods & 14 links; Thence North 172 rods & 9 links to the Township line



Thence West with said Township line One hundred & eight rods & four links to the North West corner of said tract of land; Thence South 172 rods and 9 links to the place of beginning <sup>and known upon the plat hereunto annexed by Lot No 1</sup> containing 118 Acres & 1162 rods. And we do also set off and assign to the said Elizabeth Mead (who is a minor) in Severalty, for her share of said lands, so much thereof as is contained within the following limits, to wit, Commencing at the South East corner of the last of land last above described Thence East 21 rods & 16 links; Thence North 172 rods and 9 links to the Township line; Thence West 21 rods and 13 links to Haglands line; Thence South with said line 172 rods & 9 links to the place of beginning containing 23 Acres & 64 rods. And designated upon said plat by being Lot No 2.

And we do also set off and assign to the said Katherine Mead, (who is also a minor) in Severalty, for her share of said lands, so much thereof as is contained in the following limits to wit. Commencing at the South East corner of the last above described piece (Lot No 2) and running East 21 rods & 16 links; Thence North 172 rods & 9 links to the Township line; Thence West 21 rods & 13 links to the N.E. corner of Lot No 2; Thence South 172 <sup>rods</sup> & 9 links to the place of beginning, containing 23 Acres & 64 rods. And known on said plat by being Lot No 3.

And we do also set off and assign to the said William Mead (who is also a minor) in Severalty for his share of said lands, so much thereof as is contained in the following limits, to wit, commencing at the South East corner of the last above described piece of land (Lot No 3) and running thence East 21 rods & 16 links to the South East corner of said tract of land; Thence North 172 rods & 9 links to the Township line; Thence West 21 rods & 13 links to

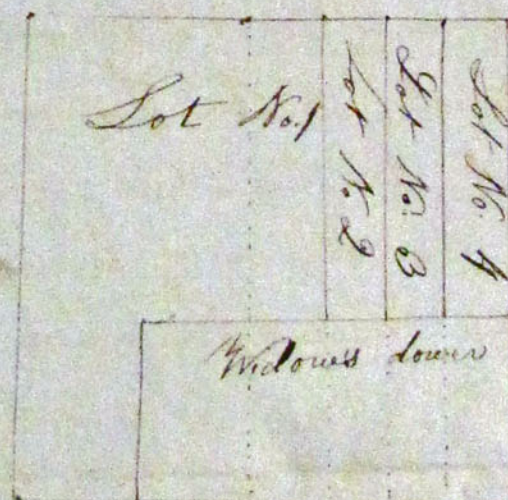


the N.E. corner of Lot No 3: Thence South to the place  
of beginning 172 rods & 9 links, containing 23 acres  
and 64 rods. and known and designated on  
said plat by Lot No 4

Given under our hands  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 1845. The foregoing  
division & partition was made according to the  
of said ~~Survey~~ <sup>Survey</sup>, ~~thereof~~ <sup>thereto</sup> made by Robert Rayon  
the <sup>then</sup> County Surveyor, as it is said.

D. M. Gregg  
Joh. Hobbie  
James Green

A Plat of the above described  
Lands.





John Ragland  
vs & Petitioner  
William Mead et al

for assignment of  
Dower & partition of  
Real estate —

Reciper for Sum.

Filed in my office  
July 19<sup>th</sup> 1845.

J. M. Lugg, Clerk



In the Probate Court of Windham  
County, August Term 1868.

John Hayland

vs

Petition for assignment of Dower & partition  
of Real Estate.  
William Mead, Catherine Mead, & }  
Elizabeth Mead Junr. and }  
Elizabeth Mead widow & }  
relict of William Mead decd. }

The clerk of said  
Court will please issue a summons in the  
above entitled cause, returnable the first  
day of the next term.

J. W. Harvey Atty  
for petitioners



John Ragland  
vs  $\frac{2}{3}$  Petition  
William Mead  
Catharine Mead  
Elizabeth Mead heirs  
et al - and  
Elizabeth Mead widow  
of William Mead decd.

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for Assignment of  
Dower & partition of  
Real estate -

Filed in open Court  
August 11<sup>th</sup> 1861  
J. D. Parker Clk.

J. Kearney, Atty for  
Petitioner



State of Indiana In the Probate Court of Hendricks  
Hendricks County County- August Term 1845.

To the Honorable  
the Judge of the Probate Court of Hendricks County.

Your petitioner John Ragland of the County of  
Hendricks in the State of Indiana would respectfully  
represent unto your Honor, that Sometime in the  
year eighteen hundred and forty two one William  
Mead departed this life, seized in fee of the  
following real estate Situate in said County of  
Hendricks, to wit, The east half of the North east  
quarter of section one in Township fifteen North of  
Range two west. And the North west fractional quarter  
of section six in Township fifteen North of Range  
one west. Containing altogether One hundred & eighty  
four acres and eight hundredths of an  
acre - And your petitioner further Shews unto  
your honor that said William Mead left the  
following named persons his heirs at law to wit  
Peter Mead, Rhoda Mead, now Rhoda Osborn  
wife of Alexander Osborn, Femina Mead, now  
Femina Kadwell wife of William Kadwell ~~late~~  
Mary Mead now Mary Bryant wife of Gabriel  
Bryant, and Adam Mead, all over the age  
of twenty one years And also William Mead  
Mead of about twenty years of age, Catharine  
Mead of about seventeen years of age and  
Elizabeth Mead of about the age of twelve years.

And your petitioner further Shews that upon  
the decease of said William Mead as aforesaid  
the before mentioned heirs of said William  
became the legal owners of said lands as heirs  
of said William Mead deceased, subject to the  
Dower right of Elizabeth Mead widow and  
relict of said William Mead deceased, in said  
lands.

And your petitioner further Sheweth  
unto your Honor, that he has become the legal  
owner in fee simple of the undivided five eighths  
of said lands subject to Dower as aforesaid.



in other words that your petitioner has purchased the shares of five of said heirs, to wit, Peter Mead, Rhoda Mead now Rhoda Osborn, Jemima Mead now Jemima Radwell, Mary Mead, now Mary Bryant, and Adam Mead, and has received from them the proper deeds of conveyance therefor. Your petitioner further shews that there are no debts due and demands outstanding against said estate, of William Mead deceased.

Your petitioner therefore prays your Honor to grant that the necessary writ of summons be issued against said William Mead, Catharine Mead, & Elizabeth Mead heirs at law of said William Mead deceased and also Elizabeth Mead widow and relict of said deceased, summoning them to appear and answer hereto, and grant that some suitable and discreet person ~~may~~ be appointed guardian of said minor defendants for the sole purpose of appearing for them and taking care of their interests in the said proceedings.

And will ~~will~~ your Honor ~~that~~ grant that partition of said lands be made, and appoint three disinterested freeholders residents of said County of Wendricks, not of kin to any of the parties to make partition of said Real Estate and assign and set over to said Elizabeth Mead widow of said deceased, her dower of and in said lands. And order that five eighths of said lands being the shares of the said five heirs so purchased by your petitioner as aforesaid be by said Commissioners set off together to your petitioner. And as in duty bound your petitioner will ever pray &c.

John Hagland -

J. Kearney Atty for  
Petitioner



Hendricks Probate Court  
August Term 1845

John Ragland  
vs. } Defendants  
William Mead,  
Catharine Mead &  
Elizabeth Mead &  
Elizabeth Mead (widow,

Esq. on the within named My coming  
as ordered I am commanded July 15th 1845

(Noted) J. H. H. H.

Shff fees 150  
Account 100  
Total 250

Shff fees 150

Marion for Petitioner



State of Indiana } The State of Indiana to the  
Wendricks County } Sheriff of said County, Greeting.

You are hereby Commanded to  
Summon William Mead, Catharine Mead and Eliza-  
beth Mead, jun<sup>r</sup>, and Elizabeth Mead widow and relict  
of William Mead, dec<sup>d</sup>, to be and appear before the Judge  
of the Wendricks Probate Court on the first day of his next  
term, to be holden at the Court House in Danville on the  
Second Monday in August next, then and there to answer  
the petition of John Ragland, petitioning said Court for  
the assignment of the dower of the widow of said  
deceased, and partition amongst the heirs of said de-  
ceased, of the lands of which the said William Mead  
died seized, and shew Cause if any they have or  
can shew, why the same shall not be done. Merin  
fail not. And have you then there this writ.

Witness, James M. Hugg, Clerk of the said  
Court and its Seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 1845.  
J. M. Hugg, Clerk





John Ragland  
vs  
William Mead et al

Answer of D. T. Hadley  
Guardian ad litem

Filed in open Court August  
11<sup>th</sup> 1865  
J. M. Pughes Clk.



John Rayland ~  
vs ~  
William Mead ~  
And others ~

Petition for ass't of Dower &  
partition of Real Estate —

Simon T. Hadley guardian  
ad litem for said defendants William Mead,  
Catharine Mead & Elizabeth Mead Minors within  
the age of twenty one years, for answer to said  
plaintiff's petition saith that he is entirely  
unacquainted with the matters in said plaintiff's  
petition mentioned and knows of no reason  
why the prayer of said petitioner shall not  
be granted. But in as much as said defendants  
are minors, within the age of twenty one  
years said guardian prays this Honorable  
Court to protect their interests in the proceeding.

U. T. Hadley  
Guardian ad litem

State of Indiana ~  
Wendricks County ~ ss.

Personally appeared in open  
Court Simon T. Hadley & being sworn says  
that the matters & things in the above answer  
are true as he verily believes. And further  
saith not —

Subscribed & sworn to in ~  
Open Court August 11<sup>th</sup> 1845 ~  
S. D. Parker clk ~

U. T. Hadley  
Guardian ad litem



WILLIAM MEAD  
ESTATE

1842

HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA