

Thomas Tingle died in Craven County, NC in 1832, intestate. His widow, Zilpha Tingle petitioned the court for dower rights:

"ZILPHA TINGLE vs. The Heirs at Law of THOMAS TINGLE decd, Petition for Dower Filed Nov. Term 1832. JOSEPH & PEGGY of age. SILVESTER BROWN (?) apptd special guardn. to Wm., JANE, DAVID, ZACCARIAH & MARIA. Service accepted.

S. Brown

J.M.B. " (cover; contents below)

"State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter

Craven County Sessions; November Term

a.d. 1832. ____

To the Worshipful the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for Craven County; The petition of ZILPHA TINGLE most respectfully showeth unto your Worships, that THOMAS TINGLE late of the County of Craven, on the day of (blank) A.D. 1832 departed this life intestate leaving him Survivors your Petitioner his widow, and five (crossed out) seven children viz JOSEPH, PEGGY ELIZABETH, WILLIAM, JANE, DAVID, ZACCARIAH, and MARIA, his heirs at law, the five last of whom are minors, without a guardian, or guardians. ____ Your Petitioner further showeth unto your Worships, that the said THOMAS TINGLE, died seised (?) and possd. of a tract of land lying and being in the County of Craven, on the west side of Goose Creek, adjoining the lands of ESAU TINGLE, THOMAS BRINSON, and DANIEL BRINSON, which said tract of land, has descended and come to JOSEPH TINGLE, PEGGY ELIZABETH TINGLE, WILLIAM P. TINGLE, JANE TINGLE, DAVIS TINGLE, ZACCARIAH TINGLE & MARIA TINGLE the children and heirs at law of the said THOMAS TINGLE. Your Petitioner further showeth unto your Worships that she is ad__ed, and believes, that she is entitled to Dowery in the aforesaid tract of land of which her husband the said THOMAS TINGLE died Seised (?). ____

To the land therefor that the same may be allotted to her; Your Petitioner prays your Worships that copies of this petition together with writs of subpoena may issue to the aforesaid children, and heirs at law of the said THOMAS TINGLE, Commanding them at a given day, and under a certain penalty, to make their appearance in this Worshipful Court, and show cause if any they have why Dower in the aforesaid tract of land, should not be allotted and set apart to your Petitioner; and that your Worships, would grant to your petitioners such other and further relief in the the premises, as the nature of her care may require, according to the act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and your Petitioner will ever pray __. JAMES W. BRYAN Lol. pro pet____"

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