

To the Honorable the Judges of the Fayette Circuit Court in  
Chancery sitting Humbly complaining shew unto your  
Honor your orator <sup>and oratrix</sup> John Henry and Milley his wife,  
That some time in the year 1785 your oratrix  
and a certain William Elliott were lawfully married:  
That subsequent thereto the said William Elliott being seized  
and possessed of a tract of land in this County, sold  
six hundred acres, part thereof to a certain George Winn, Owen  
Winn and George Shortridge, four hundred and fifty acres  
thereof to the said Winn and one hundred and fifty to  
the said Shortridge: That the said land was part of William  
Gillespie's Settlement and Preemption, which had been pur-  
chased by the said Elliott of him; and afterwards to wit  
on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1787, during the coverture of  
of your oratrix, the said Gillespie conveyed the said  
Settlement and Preemption to the said Elliott: That  
subsequent to the date of the said deed to wit, the last  
of August 1792 the said William Elliott departed this  
life, leaving your oratrix his widow, and having died  
intestate left James Elliot, Anne Stewart, Robert Elliot,  
Peggy <sup>Winn</sup> ~~Elliot~~, William Elliot, Jane Elliot & Milley  
Elliot his children & heirs at law: That the said Anne  
is married to James Stewart, and Peggy to Philip  
Winn: Your orator & oratrix pray that the said  
James Elliot, James Stewart and Anne his wife, Robert  
Elliot, Philip Winn and Peggy his wife, William  
Elliot & Jane Elliot & Milley Elliot (who is an infant  
under the age of twenty one years) may be made  
defendants hereto: That your oratrix being entitled to  
dower in the said six hundred acres of land, and your  
orator and oratrix having intermarried in July  
1795, the said George Winn and Owen contesting her said  
right, commenced <sup>some time in 1795 or 1796</sup> a suit in Chancery in the late Court  
of Quarter Sessions of Fayette County against the  
Winn of the said Elliot & your orator & oratrix  
praying for a conveyance of the land claimed by  
them, free from the incumbrance of your oratrix's  
dower