

Jefferson County Circuit Court
Case Files - Civil
November 1857, No. 22

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Riggs, Lucy

v.

Harness, John
Riggs, Sophia, alias
Scott, Sophia

Dower

77 acres in SIXTYFOUR as widow
of John Riggs

Lucy Riggs
Nancy Riggs

vs
John Harms

Sophia Riggs alias Sophia Scott.

In the Circuit Court
of Jefferson County,

Plaintiff states that she is the widow of John Riggs deceased of said County, who died about the first of January 1856. That said deceased was the owner of and seized of the following tract of land during the existence of her marriage with said Riggs and to which she has not relinquished her right of dower to wit the undivided two thirds of a part of the west half of North West quarter of Section 13 Township 42 Range 4 East being the same land conveyed by Theron Lewis to Mary William & Elizabeth Scott by deed dated June 8th 1848 containing security seven acres.

Plaintiff further states that the defendants are in the possession of, and claim an interest, in said land and have deforced her of her dower therein.

Plaintiff then further says that she is entitled to a dower of one third of said undivided two thirds of said tract of land during her natural life, and prays the Court that dower therein may be assigned her and judgment therefor be given against said defendants and for damages.

P. Pipkin atty
for Plaintiff

Lucy
Nancy Riggs on oath states that.

The foregoing petition and the matters therein
as stated she believes to be true.

Sworn to & subscribed

before me this 24th day

of Sept 1857 - as witness

my hand & seal notarial

Edmund H. Norton

Notary Public

in & for the County of Brown

Lucy Briggs

to the Supreme Court

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22nd Oct 5th 1857

Edw. J. Hooley, JR.

Lucy Riggs
 vs
 John Harner, Sophia Riggs
 alias Sophia Scott. } In the Circuit Court
 of Jefferson County

Plaintiff States that she is the widow of John Riggs, deceased late of said County, who died about the first of January 1856, that said deceased was the owner of and seized of the following tract of land, during the existence of her marriage with said Riggs, and to which she has not relinquished her right of dower, to wit the undivided two thirds of a part of the West half of North West quarter of Section 13 Township 42, Range 4 East, being the same land conveyed by Thornton Jarvis to Mary, William & Elizabeth Scott, by deed dated June 8th 1848, containing Seventy Seven acres; Plaintiff further States, that the defendants are in the possession of and claim an interest, in said land and have deforced her of her dower therein. Plaintiff therefore says, that she is entitled to a dower of one third of said undivided two thirds of said tract of land during her natural life, and prays the Court that dower therein may be assigned her and Judgment therefor be given against said defendants and for damages.

P. Pipkin atty for Plaintiff
 Lucy Riggs, on oath States that the foregoing petition and the matters therein as stated she believes to be true. }

Lucy Riggs
 Sworn to & Subscribed before me, this 24th day of
 Sept. 1857 As witness my hand and seal Notary
 Public in and for Lee County Iowa.
 Francis H. Hootton Notary

Endorsed

Filed Oct 5th 1857. Elias D. Honey, Clerk

A true copy of the original petition
and affidavit on file in my office

In Testimony whereof I hereto
set my hand and affix the
Seal of said Court at office this
Sixth day of October A.D. 1857

Chas J. Money Clerk

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, SS.

The State of Missouri.

To the Sheriff of the County of Jefferson--Greeting:

We command you, that you summon John Harnes and
Sophia Riggs alias Sophia Scott

----- if they be
found in your County, that they be and appear before the Hon.
Judge of our Circuit Court, on the first day of the next term thereof,
to be begun and held at the town of Hillsboro, within and for the
County of Jefferson, on the fourth Monday of November
next, then and there to answer unto Lucy Riggs

upon her original petition, a copy whereof is herunto annexed and
accompanies this writ—and have you then there this writ.

Elias F. Honey

Witness, ~~THO. C. FLETCHER~~ Clerk of our said Circuit
Court, with the seal thereof hereto affixed, at
office, in Hillsboro, this Seventh
day of Octr A. D. 1857

Elias F. Honey
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT.

I Executed the within writ at the county of Jefferson on the 14th Day of October 1857 by Delivering to John Harney a true copy of the within writ and the annexed petition (as furnished by the clerk) and also on the same day by reading the within writ in the presence and hearing of Sophia Riggs alias Sophia Scott

Augustine Wiley Sheriff

No 22

1593

Jefferson Circuit Court

November Term 1857

Lucy Riggs

vs } Summons

John Harney &

Sophia Riggs alias Sophia Scott

Sheriff's fees

\$ 2.00

Dismissed May 1858

Ch.

Lucy Rugg

vs.

John Ware, & Sophia Rugg

In the Circuit Court
Term 1857.

Defendants, Come and move
the court to rule said Plaintiff to give security
for costs in the above entitled cause - for the
following reasons,
1st said Plaintiff is a non resident of the
State of Indiana,
& 2nd said ~~Bill~~ is insolvent,

Green. & Metcher
for Defs,

Lucy Riggs
vs.
Mrs Warner &
Sophia Riggs

motion to rule
pff to secy for
costs.

Filed Nov 24th 1857
Elias J Honeycutt

Sustained rule on pff

Lucy Riggs	}	In the Circuit Court Jefferson County,
vs.		
John Warness,		
Sophia Riggs, (alias)		
Sophia Scott,		

This Defendant, John Warness, for answer to the above suit, states that he has no knowledge sufficient to form a belief, whether the said Lucy Riggs is the lawful widow of John Riggs or not, and therefore he requires strict proof.

This Defendant further states that he has been informed & believes, and therefore charges, that, if the plaintiff ever was lawfully married ~~married~~ to said John Riggs (which he denies) she afterwards left him and eloped with an adulterer, and has lived in adultery ever since, and that said John Riggs was never afterwards reconciled to her. He therefore denies that Plaintiff is entitled to a dower of one third of the land described in plaintiff's petition for life, - or to any interest in said Land whatever. And having answered all material, he asks to be discharged with costs, &c.

3 Abner Green
Atty for Deft.

John Harnes. On oath states that the foregoing answer
and the matters therein as stated are true to the best of
his knowledge & belief }
Sworn to and subscribed } ^{his} John Harnes
before me July 25th 1858 Elias J. Hooney Clerk

In Jefferson Circuit
Court

Lucy Riggs

vs.
John Harnes
& Sophia Riggs

Answer of
John Harnes

Filed July 25th 1858
Elias J. Hooney Clerk