

Jefferson County Circuit Court  
Case Files - Civil  
June 1864

Box 15 Folder 45

Craft, Charles A.  
Craft, John B.

<sup>vs.</sup>  
Bryant, Mary Elizabeth

### Partition

Heirs of Josiah Craft; 1,549  
acres in various locations; survey  
map

Charles A Craft and John B Craft Plaintiffs  
against

Mary Elizabeth Boyant Defendant.

In the Circuit Court. Jefferson County. Mo.  
June Term 1864.

Plaintiffs state that Josiah Craft, late of Jefferson County Missouri deceased, died seized of the following described pieces parcels or tracts of land situate and being in the said County of Jefferson Missouri, to wit,

- No 1. The Western half of United States Survey number 1981. confirmed to Claborn Thomas under Charles Gill containing three hundred and twenty acres more or less situate on the waters of Sandy creek and is the same on which the deceased resided at the time of his death.
- No 2. A tract of Eleven (11) acres of land more or less. being in Section No Fifteen Township Forty one N Range Five East. acquired by said deceased from Benjamin J. Boughton per deed dated the 24th day of May 1847. and is particularly described in said deed by metes and bounds, which deed is of record in said County in Book "I." pages 14 & 15.
- No 3. A tract of land situated on the waters of Big River in what is commonly called "the Bend of Big River, containing Four hundred and Twenty six acres, and is bounded on the North by land formerly of William Russell and on the South East by Big River and is the same land acquired by the deceased from Meredith

Prewitt by deed dated 12th Feby 1861. Recorded in said County in Book K page 175

No 4 The North West fractional quarter of the South West quarter of Section No Twelve (12) in Township No Forty one (41) N Range 3 East containing Fifty six (56) acres, acquired by said deceased from Meridith Prewitt by deed dated 12th day of February 1861.

No 5 A tract of land containing one hundred acres, being the same acquired by said deceased from James Drennen by deed dated 11th day of December 1841, and is the same acquired by said James Drennen from William Drennen by deed dated 27th March 1840, and to which deeds reference is made for a perfect description.

No 6 The East fractional half of North East quarter of Section No Twenty Two (22) in Township No Forty one (41) of Range No 5 East containing Thirty five (35) acres and Forty nine (49) hundredths of an acre and is the same tract entered by and Patented to said deceased.

No 7 Lot number Two (2) of Fractional Section number Twenty six (26) in Township number Forty one (41) of Range No Five (5) East containing Thirty four (34) acres and Twenty five (25) hundredths of an acre, and is the same tract entered by and Patented to the said deceased.

No 8 A tract of land situated on the waters of Sandy Creek containing one hundred and fifty (150) acres, being a part of Benj Johnston's survey, and is the same tract of land acquired by the deceased from Christopher V Dixon by deed dated 12th of April 1852, recorded in

said County in Book "D" page 60 & following and to which deed reference is made for a more full and perfect description.

No 9. A Tract of land containing Fifty acres be the same more or less being a part of Benj Johnston's Survey on the waters of Sandy Creek, and is the same acquired by the deceased from Gabriel J Johnston by deed dated 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1829. recorded in said County in Book "C" page 105 and following and to which deed reference is made for a more full and perfect description

No 10 A Tract or parcel of land containing Eighteen (18) acres and six (6) hundredths of an acre and is the same Tract of land acquired by the deceased from Isaac Hunt Executor of the last will of James Hunt Deceased, by deed dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1858. and to which deed reference is made for a more full and perfect description.

No 11 A Tract or parcel of land containing Twenty Two (22) acres and fifty five (55) hundredths of an acre, less one half of one acre reserved for a grave yard, being the North East corner of a Tract of land confirmed to James Stewart adjoining lot No Seven (7) of the Chouteau Claim and is the same Twenty Two acres and five hundredths of land acquired by the deceased from Isaac Hunt Executor of the last will of James Hunt Deceased.

No 12 A tract of land containing Thirty acres and forty four ( $30\frac{44}{100}$ ) hundredths of an acre, described as lot number Twenty one (21) in Survey number 1878. Township No 42 Range 57 to E. and is the same acquired by said

deceased from Isaac Hunt Executor of the last will of James Hunt deceased. by Deed dated 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1858,

No 13. The South West quarter of the North East quarter of Section number Thirty Six (36) in Township number Forty Three (43) of Range number Five (5) East containing Forty (40) acres.

No 14 A part of the North West quarter of Section number Thirty Six (36) in Township number Forty Three (43) at Range No. Five (5) East, containing Eighty (80) acres. and is the same acquired by said deceased from James Simpson and others by deed dated 14th June 1860.

No 15 The North West quarter of the North East quarter of Section number Thirty Six (36) in Township number Forty Three (43) at Range Five (5) East containing Forty (40) acres.

No 16. The one equal undivided half of the South West fractional quarter of Section number Thirty (30) in Township number Forty (40) of Range 3. East, containing Eighty seven acres and four hundredths of an acre for mining and smelting purposes only. with the right of roads, ways and waters necessary for the full enjoyment of said mining and smelting ~~purposes~~ <sup>privileges</sup>

that said land is not necessary to pay the debts of the said deceased,

Plaintiffs further state. that said Josiah Craft deceased, at his <sup>death</sup> left surviving him the following

named Children and their descendants to whom his  
estate descended, to wit, the plaintiffs who are his sons  
and the defendant who is the child of a daughter of  
the deceased, who married Thomas L. Bryant, that said  
Bryant and his said wife, the daughter of  
the deceased, are both dead, leaving the defend-  
ant the surviving child.

Therefore state that they are owners and  
are entitled to an estate of inheritance with the defend-  
ant as tenants in common of the lands and premises  
aforesaid in the following shares and proportions  
the plaintiffs are each the owners of one third part  
thereof and the defendant is entitled to the remain-  
ing one third part.

Plaintiffs pray for partition and division of said  
lands among the parties interested therein accor-  
ding to their several shares and interests as herein  
set forth, and for a sale thereof, if it shall appear,  
that partition cannot be made without great prej-  
udice to the said owners,

Plaintiffs further state that said defendant is a

To the above named Defendant Mary  
Elizabeth Bryant,

You will please take notice that a suit  
has been instituted in the Circuit Court of the  
County of Jefferson in the State of Missouri, for  
a Partition and division of all the lands of which  
Josiah Craft dec<sup>d</sup> died seized, and that the  
foregoing petition will be presented to the said Circuit  
Court for that purpose on the first day of the next  
Term of said court to be begun and held at Hillsboro  
on the second Monday after the fourth Monday  
of May next, or as soon thereafter as a hearing

Charles A. Craft.

John B. Craft.

By John B. Hetcher their atty.

1864.

I Robert. E. Logan a free white male  
person above the age of twenty one years a disinterested  
and competent witness the matter of the partition

of the lands of Josiah Craft deceased, do hereby  
certify that I did on the sixteenth day of March  
1864. at the County of Whitesides in the State of  
Illinois deliver to the defendant Mary Elizabeth  
Bryant, a true copy of the foregoing Petition and  
notice,

Robert E. Logan

Sheriff of Whiteside County  
State of Illinois  
and sworn

Signed by the said Robert E. Logan

to before me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1864

In Testimony whereof I hereto set  
my hand and affix my official  
seal.



A. Harrington Clerk  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
of Whiteside County Illinois

2157  
Charles & Cora (and)  
John B Cora.

M.

Mary Elizabeth Poyant.

Petition for Partition.

Original

Filed April 4<sup>th</sup> 1864

Edward Henry

Charles A. Craft, and }  
John B. Craft, — Plaintiffs }  
Against }  
Mary Elizabeth Bryant, — Defendant, }  
In the Circuit Court of }  
Jefferson County Missouri }

Mary Elizabeth Bryant, a minor, by her Guardian ad litem, Abner Green, appointed by the Court, for Answer to the above Petition of Plaintiffs, states that she has no information or knowledge sufficient to form a belief, as to the rights & interests of the parties, plaintiffs to the lands described in said petition & the several allegations therein, but believes she is entitled in fee to one third part of all the lands, described in said petition, — and she asks the Court to protect her rights & interests in said property accordingly.

Mary Elizabeth Bryant,  
By Abner Green, her  
Guardian ad litem,

State of Missouri In the Circuit Court  
County of Jefferson } May 18<sup>th</sup> AD 1865.

Among other proceedings the following re-  
mains of Record in Said Court, viz:

Charles A. Craft and  
John B. Craft Plaintiffs } Petition for  
Against } Partition  
Mary E. Bryant Defendant }

Now at this day comes  
Said plaintiffs by their attorney, and this cause com-  
ing on to be heard upon the petition of Said plain-  
tiffs, and the answer of the Guardian ad Litem  
of Defendant, the Court doth find that Said  
plaintiffs and Said defendant are owners and  
tenants in common of the following described  
Real Estate Situate in Jefferson County Missouri;  
to wit The West half of United States  
Survey, Number 9981, confirmed to Claiborne  
Thomas, under Charles Gill, containing Three  
hundred and twenty acres, more or less, Sit-  
uate on the waters of Sandy Creek, and is  
the same on which the deceased resided at  
the time of his death. A tract of Eleven (11)  
acres of land more or less, being in Section  
Number fifteen, Township Forty one North of  
Range Five East, acquired by Said deceased,  
from Benjamin J. Boughton, per deed dated

the 24th day of May 1847, and is particularly described in Said deed by meets and bounds, which deed is of record in Said County in Book I pages 14 and 15. A tract of land Situated on the waters of Big River in what is commonly called the bend of Big River, containing Four hundred and twenty six acres, and is bounded on the North by land formerly of William Russell, and on the South East, by Big River, and is the same acquired by the deceased from Merideth Prewitt, by deed dated 12th day of February 1861, Recorded in Said County in Book R page 175. The North West fractional quarter of the South West quarter of Section 12 in Township Number Forty one (41) North of Range Three East, containing Fifty Six acres, acquired by Said deceased from Merideth Prewitt, by deed dated 12th day of February 1861. A tract of land containing one hundred acres, being the same acquired by Said deceased from James Drennen, by deed dated 11th day of December 1841, and is the same acquired by Said James Drennen from William Drennen, by deed dated 27th day of March 1840, and to which deeds reference is made for a perfect description. The East fractional half of the North East quarter of Section Number 22 in Township Number Forty one (41) of Range Number 5 East, containing thirty five

(35) acres, and forty nine (49) hundredths of an acre, and is the same tract of land entered by, and Patented to Said deceased. Lot number Two (2) of Fractional Section number Twenty Six (26) in Township number Forty one (41) of Range No Five East containing Thirty four (34) acres, and Twenty five (25) hundredths of an acre, and is the same tract entered by, and Patented to Said deceased. A tract of land situated on the waters of Sandy Creek containing one hundred and fifty (150) acres, being a part of Benjamin Johnston's Survey, and is the same tract of land acquired by the deceased from Christopher T. Dixon, by deed dated 19th day of April 1852, Recorded in Said County in Book L page 60, and following, and to which deed reference is made for a more full and perfect description. A tract of land containing Fifty acres, be the same more or less, being a part of Benjamin Johnston's Survey on the waters of Sandy Creek, and is the same acquired by the deceased from Gabriel J. Johnston, by deed dated 20th day of August 1829, recorded in Said County in Book C page 105, and following, and to which deed reference is had for a more full and perfect description. A tract or parcel of land containing Eighteen (18) acres and Six (6) hundredths of an acre, and is the same tract of land acquired from Isaac Hunt, Executor of James Hunt deceased, by deed

dated the 22 day of June 1858, and to which  
deed reference is made for a more full description.  
A tract or parcel of land containing Twenty two  
(22) acres and fifty five (55) hundredths of an  
acre, less one half of one acre reserved for a  
grave yard, being the North East corner of a tract  
of land confirmed to James Stuart, adjoining  
lot No. seven (7) of Choteau claim, and is the  
same Twenty two acres and five hundredths of land  
acquired by the deceased from Isaac Hunt, Executor  
of the last will of James Hunt deceased. A tract of  
land containing Thirty acres and forty four (44)  
hundredths of an acre, described as lot No. Twenty  
one (21) in Survey number 1878, Township No 42  
Range 5 & 6 East, and is the same acquired by said  
deceased from Isaac Hunt, Executor of the last will  
of James Hunt, deceased by deed dated 22 day  
of June 1858. The South West quarter of the North  
East quarter of Section number Thirty Six (36) in  
Township No Forty three (43) of Range number  
Five East containing Forty (40) acres. A part  
of the North West quarter of Section number  
Thirty Six (36) in Township number Forty  
three (43) N. Range No Five (5) East contain-  
ing Eighty (80) acres, and is the same acqui-  
-red by said deceased from James Simpson  
and others by deed dated 14th June, 1860. The  
North West quarter of the North East quarter of

Section Thirty Six (36) in Township number Forty  
Three (43) N. Range Five (5) East containing Forty  
(40) acres. The one equal undivided half of  
the South West fractional quarter of Section  
number Thirty in Township number Forty  
(40) of Range (3) East containing Eight Seven  
acres and four hundredths of an acre, for  
mining and smelting purposes only, with  
the right of woods, ways, and waters necessary  
for the full enjoyment of said mining and  
smelting privileges, in the following shares  
and proportions, the plaintiffs are each en-  
titled to, and the owner of one third part thereof  
and the defendant is entitled to the remaining  
one third part. It is therefore considered  
by the Court, that partition and division of  
said lands be ordered and adjudged between  
the parties according to their respective rights  
and interests therein, as herein set forth by  
the Court; and the Court doth appoint David  
W. Bryant, Isaac D. Baker, and William S.  
Jewett, Commissioners, to make partition  
and division of the lands and premises af-  
oresaid, according to the respective rights,  
and interests of the parties so adjudged, and  
as ascertained by the Court; designating the  
several shares and portions by meets and  
bounds, quantity and quality, relatively con-  
sidered by them, and make report of

their proceedings herein to this Court at the  
next term thereof, to be begun and held  
at Hillsboro, on the second Monday in  
November next.

A true copy from the Record.

In Testimony whereof  
I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed the Seal  
of said Court, this 30th  
day of August 1865.  
Samuel H. Rippy Clerk

To My dear son David  
Stonemason Boston 1835

Charles A. Craft  
John D. Smith  
as Editors &c.  
Mary E. Bryant

Letter to the publishers

David A. Smith  
David A. Smith  
Mary E. Bryant

State of Missouri } In The Circuit Court  
County of Jefferson } May 18<sup>th</sup> AD 1865.

Among other proceedings the following  
remains of record in said Court viz:

Charles A. Craft and  
John B. Craft, Plaintiffs } Petition for  
Against } Partition  
Mary E. Bryant Defendant

Now at this day  
comes said plaintiffs, by their attorney, and  
this cause coming on to be heard upon the  
petition of said plaintiffs and the answer  
of the Guardian, ad Litem of Defendant,  
the Court doth find that said plaintiffs  
and said defendants are owners and ten-  
ants in common of the following described  
Real Estate situate in Jefferson County  
Missouri "To wit" The west half of United  
States Survey, Number 1981, confirmed to  
Claborne, Thomas, under Charles Gill,  
containing three hundred and twenty  
acres, more or less, situate on the waters  
of Sandy Creek, and is the same on which  
the deceased resided at the time of his  
death, A tract of Eleven (11) acres of land  
more or less, being in section Number  
fifteen, Township Forty one North of

Range Five East, acquired by said deceased, from Benjamin Boughton, per deed dated the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1847, and is particularly described in said deed by meets and bounds which deed is of record in said County in Book "I" pages 14 and 15. A tract of land situated on the waters of Big River in what is commonly called the bend of Big River, containing four hundred and twenty six acres, and is bounded on the North by land formerly of William Russell. And on the South East, by Big River, and is the same acquired by the deceased from Meredith Prewitt, by deed dated 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 1861, recorded in said County in Book "C" page 175. The Northwest fractional quarter of the South west quarter of section 12 in Township Number Forty one (41) North of Range Three East containing Fifty six acres, acquired by said deceased from Meredith Prewitt, by deed dated 12 day of February 1861. A tract of land containing one hundred acres, being the same acquired by said deceased from James Drennan, by deed dated 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 1841, and is the same acquired by said James Drennan from William Drennan, by deed dated 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1840, and to which deeds reference is made for a perfect description. The East fractional half of the North East quarter of section Number 22 in Township Number

Forty one (41) of Range Number 5 East containing thirty five (35) acres, and forty nine (49) hundredths of an acre, and is the same tract of land entered by, and Patented to said deceased, Lot Number Two (2) of Fractional section Number Twenty six (26) in Township Number Forty one (41) of Range No. Five East containing thirty four (34) acres, and twenty five (25) hundredths of an acre, and is the same tract entered by, and Patented to said deceased, A tract of land situated on the waters of Sandy Creek containing one hundred and fifty (150) acres, being a part of Benjamin Johnston's survey, and is the same tract of land acquired by the deceased from Christopher V. Dixon by deed dated 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1852, Recorded in said County in Book "I" page 60 and following and to which deed reference is made for a more full and perfect description, A tract of land containing Fifty arpens, be the same more or less, being a part of Benjamin Johnston's Survey on the waters of Sandy Creek, and is the same acquired by the deceased from Gabriel J. Johnston, by deed dated 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1827, Recorded in said County in Book "C" page 105, and following, and to which deed reference is had for a more full and perfect description. A tract or parcel of land containing Eighteen (18) acres, and six (6) hundredths of an acre, and is the same

Tract of land acquired from Isaac Hunt,  
Executor of James Hunt deceased, by deed dated  
the 22<sup>d</sup> day of June 1858, and to which deed refer-  
ence is made for a more full description. A  
tract or parcel of land containing Twenty Two  
(22) acres, and fifty five (55) hundredths of an acre,  
less one half of one acre, reserved for a Grave-  
yard, being the North East corner of a tract  
of land confirmed to James Stewart, adjoining  
lot No. Seven (7) of Chotaun Claim, and is the  
same Twenty Two acres, and <sup>fifty</sup> five hundredths  
of land acquired by the deceased from  
Isaac Hunt, Executor of the last will of  
James Hunt deceased. A tract of land con-  
taining Thirty acres and forty four (44)  
hundredths of an acre, described as lot No.  
Twenty one (21) in Survey Number 1878 Town-  
ship No 42 Range 546 East, and is the same  
acquired by said deceased from Isaac Hunt  
Executor of the last will of James Hunt, deceased  
by deed dated 22<sup>d</sup> day of June 1858. The south  
west quarter of the North East quarter of  
section Number Thirty six (36) in Township  
No. Forty Three (43) of Range number Five East  
containing Forty (40) acres. A part of the  
North West quarter of section Number Thirty  
six (36) in Township Number Forty Three (43)  
N. Range No. Five (5) East containing eighty

(80) Acres, and is the same acquired by said deceased from James Simpson and others by deed dated 14th June 1860. The North West quarter of the North East quarter of Section Thirty six (36) in Township Number Forty Three (43) N. Range Five (5) East containing Forty (40) Acres, The one equal undivided half of the South West fractional quarter of Section Number Thirty in Township Number Forty (40) of Range (3) East containing Eighty seven acres and four hundredths of an acre, for Mining and Smelting purposes only, with the right of roads, ways, and waters necessary for the full enjoyment of said Mining and Smelting privileges, in the following shares and proportions, The plaintiffs are each entitled to, and the owners of one third part thereof and the defendant is entitled to the remaining one third part. It is therefore considered by the Court, that partition and division of said lands be ordered and adjudged between the parties according to their respective rights and interests therein, as herein set forth by the Court; and the Court doth appoint David W. Bryant, Isaac S. Baker, and William S. Jewell

Commissioners, to make partition and division of the lands and premises aforesaid, according to the respective rights and interests of the parties so adjudged, and as ascertained by the Court, designating the several shares and portions by meets and bounds, quantity and quality relatively considered by them, and make report of their proceedings herein to this Court at the next Term thereof, to be begun and held at Hillsboro, on the second Monday in November next.

A True Copy from the Record.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 1865.

Samuel B. Peppy  
Clerk Circuit Court

At Jefferson Co Court  
September Term 1865-

2157

Charles A. Smith  
John O. Smith  
vs  
Partition &c  
Mary E. Bryant

Isaac O. Baker  
David M. Bryant } Comrs.  
Wm. S. Jewett

John Williams Depy. Clerk  
Fees 21.25-

Filed Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1865.  
Camm. & Ophry CLK

I Extended the Within in Jefferson County Mo.  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1865 By reading the  
Same in the Presence and hearing of D. W. Bryant &  
Wm. S. Jewett and by Delivering Isaac O. Baker  
a true copy thereof  
L. C. Fletcher Sheriff  
by John Williams Depy

The the undersigned having been appointed by the  
 Circuit Court of this county (at the May Term thereof)  
 as commissioners to make partition and division of the  
 lands and premises, of which said land dies seignior  
 and of which Elias St. Croix, Junr. W. Croix and Mary C.  
 Barrant ~~are~~ are heirs at law, do hereby solemnly swear  
 that we will faithfully execute the trust reposed  
 in us.

|                                                                                                  |                  |                                             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Given To and subscribed<br>before me this 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct. 1865<br>Wm. McCallister<br>J. P. | 1<br>1<br>1<br>1 | Wm. W. Jewett<br>J. J. Baker<br>J. W. Hyman |
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State of Missouri }  
County of Jefferson } p.

Charles A. Craft and } Partition in Circuit Court  
John B. Craft } at Nov. Term 1865,  
vs. }  
Mary C. Bryant }

To the Honourable Circuit Court of  
of Jefferson County.

We Isaac S. Baker. D. W. Bryant  
and Wm. S. Jewett Commissioners appointed by the Circuit  
Court of Jefferson County, at the May term thereof for the  
year 1865. To make partition, and division, between,  
plaintiffs and defendant, of the Land mentioned and  
described in the order of Said Court, appointing us Commis-  
sioners as aforesaid, a copy of which is hereto annexed and  
proposed to be taken as a part of this report. Would respec-  
tfully report unto Said Court, that after having been  
duly sworn as Law directs, the affidavit taken by us  
being herewith returned and made a part of this report.  
We proceeded to attend to the duties assigned to us,  
under Said order and have made the following  
partition and division, of Said lands, among and  
between Chas. A. Craft and John B. Craft, and  
Mary C. Bryant, they being all the parties, both  
plaintiffs and defendant, in above entitled cause.  
To wit:

1<sup>st</sup> To Mary C. Bryant we do hereby assign the following  
lands. Part of Survey (964) being the same land

Acquired by Josiah Craft of Merideth Prewitt as per deed dated July 12<sup>th</sup> 1861 and recorded in Book (R) page 175, containing (426) acres. (more or less).

Also North West fractional quarter of South West quarter and the South half of the north west quarter of Section (12) twelve, Town 41 of Range 3 east, containing 56 acres and acquired same as above.

Also Lot No. 31 in Chouteau claim, and acquired by Josiah Craft from Isaac Hunt as per deed dated June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1858, and recorded in Book O page 444, containing  $30\frac{44}{100}$  acres.

Also The South part of Survey 1981, containing 90 acres and bounded as follows: Beginning at S.W. corner thereof, which is a line stone  $24 \times 14 \times 3$ ; Marked X from which a black oak 11 in diameter bears North  $52^\circ$  East, 52 lks, and a black oak 10 in dia, S  $48^\circ$  W, 66 lks, thence N.  $10^\circ 5'$  E, 11 chains 89 lks to the corner frac., Sec. 22 & 27, which is a sand stone  $14 \times 10 \times 5$  marked X from which a black jack 7 in S  $76^\circ$  W, 56 lks, and a post oak 18 in N.  $86^\circ$  W, 100 lks, thence N.  $8^\circ 15'$  E, 27.40<sup>th</sup> to a line stone  $39 \times 10 \times 4$  thence S  $82\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  E, 23.10, to a sand stone  $20 \times 14 \times 3$ , from which

thence S  $8^\circ 55'$  E, 39.29, to a sand stone in small ravine, from which an elm 10 in dia, N  $7^\circ$  W, 42 lks, and a post 6 in N.  $84^\circ$  E, 30 lks, thence N  $82\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  W, 189 lks to sand stone  $21 \times 14 \times 3$  marked X for corner fractional sections 26 & 27, from which post oak 10 in S  $28^\circ$  E, 27 lks, and post 12 in dia S  $22\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  W 51 lks, thence N.  $82\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  W, 21.09 lks to beginning corner.

Also Lot No. 2 Fractional Section 26, T. 41, R. 5, E. containing  $34\frac{25}{100}$  being the same land entered and patented to Josiah Craft.

Also a Mining Privilege as per deed dated April 4<sup>th</sup> 1846, and recorded in Book H, page 157, from Elijah Means & wife to Josiah Craft.

To John B. Craft, the following lands to wit:  
 The North part of Claiborne Thomas tract, being Survey,  
 1981. and is a part of the same land acquired by  
 Josiah Craft from Phos Mattingly & wife as per deed,  
 dated June 23<sup>d</sup> 1827, and is recorded in Book C. page  
 3 and following; Containing 284<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Acres and is bounded  
 as follows, Commencing at the N.W. corner of said Survey  
 which is a limestone 21x11x5 marked X, from which a white  
 oak 11<sup>in</sup> N 31<sup>o</sup> W. 54<sup>lks</sup> and a post oak 14<sup>in</sup> S 12<sup>o</sup> E. 75<sup>lks</sup>  
 thence S 81<sup>o</sup> 34' E. 41<sup>ch</sup> 33<sup>lks</sup> to limestone 18x12x2 with X, from  
 which a post oak 15<sup>in</sup> N. 41<sup>o</sup> W. 76<sup>lks</sup> and a cedar 7<sup>in</sup> S 39<sup>o</sup>  
 W. 35<sup>lks</sup> thence S 8<sup>o</sup> 07' W. 36<sup>ch</sup> 35<sup>lks</sup> to a limestone, from which  
 a bur oak 12<sup>in</sup> S. 40<sup>o</sup> E. 29<sup>lks</sup>, and a bur oak 24<sup>in</sup> N. 53<sup>o</sup> W.  
 71<sup>lks</sup>, thence North 87<sup>o</sup> 1/2 W. 22<sup>ch</sup> 51<sup>lks</sup> to a limestone, from which  
 a Sugar tree 22<sup>in</sup> S 30<sup>o</sup> W. 8<sup>lks</sup> and a Chingopin oak, 16<sup>in</sup>  
 N. 46<sup>o</sup> W. 55<sup>lks</sup>, thence S 8<sup>o</sup> 55' W. 73<sup>ch</sup> 44<sup>lks</sup> to a sand stone 20x14x3  
 from which,

thence N. 82<sup>o</sup> 1/2 W. 23<sup>ch</sup> 10<sup>lks</sup> to a limestone 39x10x4.  
 from which

thence N 8<sup>o</sup> 13' E. 55<sup>ch</sup> 55<sup>lks</sup> to limestone in a field  
 for corner of fractional sections 15 and 22, thence S. 89<sup>o</sup> 20' E.  
 14<sup>ch</sup> 15<sup>lks</sup> to a limestone set in a pile of stone, from which a Chingopin  
 oak 4<sup>in</sup> N 77<sup>o</sup> 1/2 W. 33<sup>lks</sup>, and a Chingopin oak  
 5<sup>in</sup> S. 34<sup>o</sup> E. 8<sup>lks</sup>, thence North 87<sup>o</sup> 1/4 E. 13<sup>ch</sup> 46<sup>lks</sup> to a limestone for  
 S.E. corner of Survey 1940, from which a walnut 8<sup>in</sup> S. 49<sup>o</sup> E. 56<sup>lks</sup>  
 and an ash 16<sup>in</sup> S 81<sup>o</sup> W. 42<sup>lks</sup>, thence N. 44<sup>o</sup> 40' W. 40<sup>ch</sup> 38<sup>lks</sup> to  
 the beginning corner.

Also, The east fractional half of the N.E. fractional

Quarter of Section 22, Town 41, Range 5 East.  
Containing  $35\frac{49}{100}$  acres. being the same land entered,  
by and patented to Josiah Craft.

To Charles A. Craft. the following lands  
viz: a part of Survey 1940, containing 170 acres being  
the same land acquired by Josiah Craft from J. J. Johnston  
as per deed dated August 20<sup>th</sup> 1829, and recorded in Book  
C page 105, and from C. V. Dixon as per deed dated April  
12<sup>th</sup> 1853, and recorded in Book II page 60, and to which  
deeds reference is made, and is bounded as follows. Beginning  
at the N. E. corner of said Survey, at a limestone, from which  
a white oak 8<sup>in</sup> S, 30, W. 42<sup>lks</sup> and a white oak 12<sup>in</sup> N. E. C.  
9<sup>lks</sup> thence South 83, 06 W. 34, 74. <sup>ch. lks</sup> to a limestone on west side  
of a lane, thence South 42, 2, E. 49, 46. <sup>ch. lks</sup> to a limestone, thence  
N 83, 06, E. 35, 03. <sup>ch. lks</sup> to a lime stone at the South East corner of  
said Survey, which a walnut 8<sup>in</sup> S, 49, E. 56<sup>lks</sup> and an  
ash 16<sup>in</sup> S 81, W 42<sup>lks</sup>, thence 4, 40. W. 40, 38. <sup>ch. lks</sup> to north  
west corner of Survey 1981, thence north 5, W. 9, 08. <sup>ch. lks</sup> to the  
beginning corner.

Also a part of S. E. fractional quarter of Section 15,  
Town 41, Range 5, containing  $11\frac{50}{100}$  acres, and is the same  
land acquired by Josiah Craft from B. J. Boughton as per  
deed dated May 24<sup>th</sup> 1847, and is recorded in Book A, page  
14, to which reference is made, and is bounded as follows.  
Commencing at corner of fractional Sections 15 and 22 on  
the westerly boundary of Survey 1981, thence N. 8<sup>lks</sup> East  
along said boundary line 11, 57. <sup>ch. lks</sup> to corner of fractional Sec.  
15 on the southerly boundary of Survey 1940. which is a

Lime Stone  $15 \times 6 \times 6$  marked X from which a  
white oak  $9\frac{1}{2}$  in S.  $46^\circ$  W. 14 lks. and a black oak  $28\frac{1}{2}$  in  
S.  $86^\circ$  E. 67 lks. Thence South  $83^\circ 06'$  W.  $11,90\frac{1}{2}$  lks. to a stone  
 $15 \times 10 \times 6$  at root of a black oak marked J. Craft;  
thence South  $2\frac{1}{4}^\circ$  E.  $9,95\frac{1}{2}$  lks. to a lime stone on line  
between Sections 15 and 22, from which a hickory  $7\frac{1}{2}$  in  
S.  $56^\circ$  W. 14 lks. and a hickory  $7\frac{1}{2}$  in N.  $70^\circ$  W. 15 lks.  
thence  $89^\circ 20'$  E. 9,78 lks. to beginning corner.

Also part of Survey 1981. containing  $11\frac{5}{100}$  acres  
being a part of the land acquired by Josiah Craft  
from Chas. Mattingly and Wife as per deed dated June  
23<sup>rd</sup> 1827, and recorded in Book C, page 3, and  
is bounded as follows, viz: Beginning at corner of  
fractional Sections 15 and 22, thence with the westerly  
boundary line of said Survey, N.  $8\frac{1}{4}^\circ$  E. 11,57 lks. to the  
corner of fractional Section 15 on the southerly boundary  
of Survey 1940, thence North  $83^\circ 06'$  E. 14,53 chains, to  
the South East corner of said Survey 1940, thence  
S.  $8\frac{1}{4}^\circ$  W. 13,46 chains, to a limestone set in a pile of stones,  
from which a Chingupin  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in in diameter bears N.  $77\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  W.  
33 lks. and a Chingupin  $3\frac{1}{2}$  in S.  $34^\circ$  E. 8 links, thence  
North  $89^\circ 20'$  W. 14,15 chains to beginning corner.

Also Lot No. 7 of Chouteau Claim, and is the  
same land acquired by Josiah Craft from Isaac Hunt  
as per deed dated June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1858, and recorded in  
Book, O, page 444.

Also a part of the James Stewart Survey  
containing  $22\frac{55}{100}$  acres. For further description see  
above mentioned deed.

Also, The South West quarter of N. E. quarter,  
and east half of East half of North West quarter, of  
Section 36, Town 43, Range 3 E. containing 80 acres,  
and acquired by Josiah Craft from James  
Simpson and others, as per deed dated June 14<sup>th</sup> 1860  
and recorded in Book 2, page 369, and to which  
reference is made.

Also a tract of land acquired by Josiah  
Craft from James Drennen as per deed dated  
December 11<sup>th</sup> 1841, and recorded in Book E, page 309,  
containing 100 acres.

In making above partition we have taken  
into consideration quality as well as quantity, and  
where new lines or boundaries have been made or estab-  
lished, we have been particular in describing them,  
and furnish plot of same, as a part of this report.

There are several of above mentioned tracts  
that are described only by reference to former deeds,  
as we had not time to obtain the necessary field  
notes, plots, &c and make survey of them.

We have not made partition of the North  
West quarter of North East quarter of Section 36,  
Town 43, of Range 3 East, as we find no title to  
the same to Josiah Craft.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted,  
Gillsboro, Jeff. Co., Me. }  
November 16<sup>th</sup> 1865 }

Wm. L. Jewett.

D. W. Bryant

J. S. Baker

Commissioners

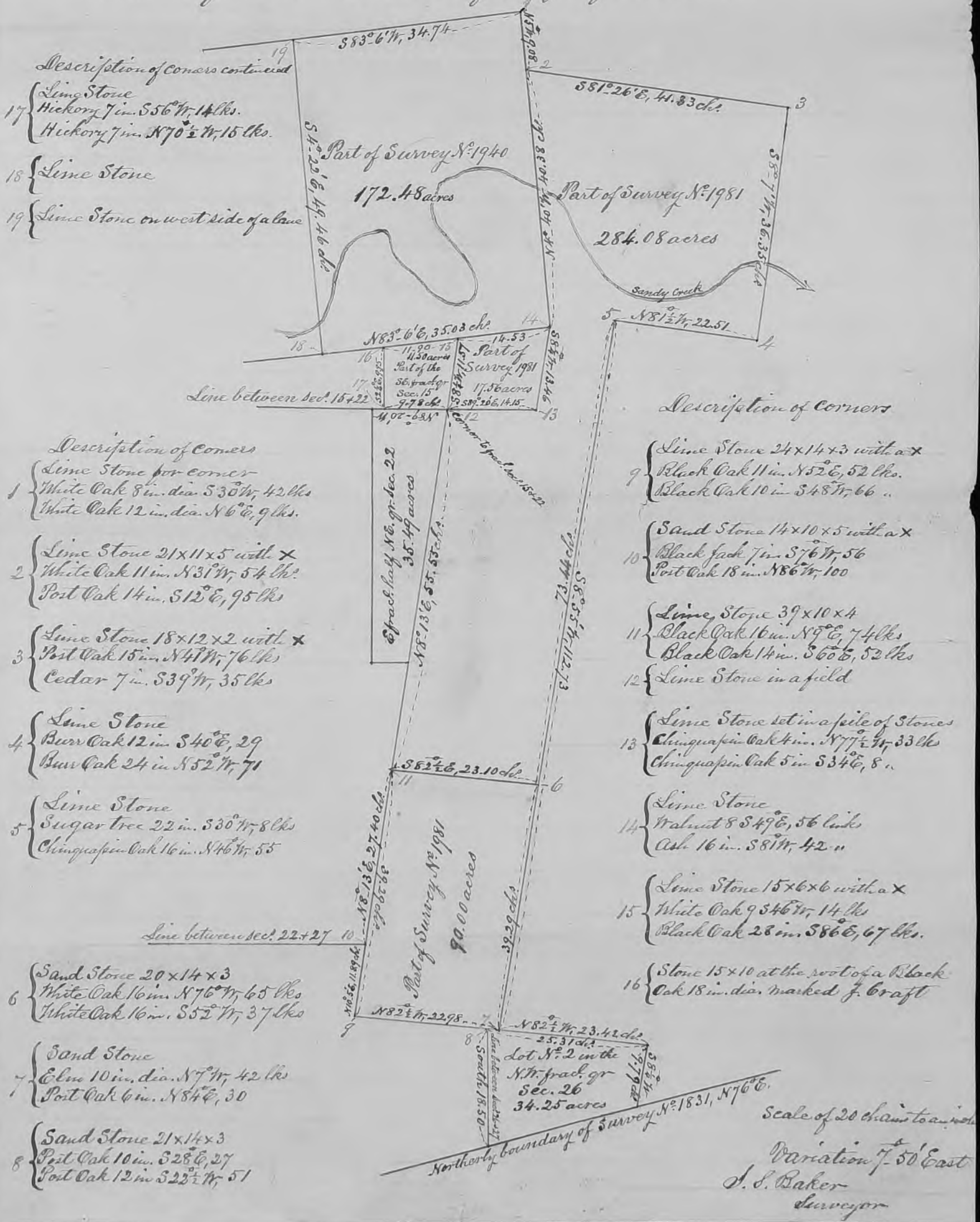
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County of Jefferson } Be it remembered, that  
on this 16th day of November A.D. 1865. personally appeared  
before me the undersigned Clerk of the Jefferson County  
Circuit Court, William S. Jewett, D. W. Bryant, and  
Isaac S. Baker, who are personally known to me to  
be the same persons whose names are subscribed  
to the foregoing report, and acknowledged the same  
to be their act and deed for the uses and purposes  
therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed the  
Seal of said Court, the day and  
year last aforesaid.

Samuel A. Reppy Clerk

Plat of lands belonging to the estate of Josiah Craft deceased  
in Township 41 North, Range 5 East; being part of Survey N<sup>o</sup> 1981  
confirmed to Claiborne Thomas under Charles Gill; - part of Survey  
N<sup>o</sup> 1940 confirmed to Benjamin Johnston; - part of the S.E. frac. gr.  
of section 15; - All of the East frac. half of the N.E. frac. gr. of section 22;  
And all of Lot N<sup>o</sup> 2 in the N.W. frac. gr. of section 26.



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Jas. B. Kraft  
N. S. Kraft  
Morris G. Kraft  
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James J. Kraft  
D. M. Kraft  
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