

To the county Court of Calloway County

Mr. undersigned commissioners appointed by you at the September Term of said Court 1853, to assign and set apart to the widow of Gerard David deceased owner in the slaves of said Estate, and divide the cost among the heirs of said Estate beg leave report that Mr. did on the 22nd day of November 1853 assign donor to the said Widow by allotting to her the slaves Henry and Jerry with the understanding that she is to pay to the heirs the sum of two hundred dollars which she agrees to do.

Mr. further report that the balance of the slaves cannot be equally divided between the heirs.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

John Sampson

John Snell

Mr. John Sampson and John Snell do swear that they did to the best of our {can't tell} appraise and allot to the Widow of Gerard W. Davis decd. (sic) her dower in the slaves of said Estate.

Sworn to [and] hereby ordered before me this 24th Nov. 1853 } John Sampson  
John Snell

I.B. Grant, Jr.

[Israel Boone Grant, Jr.]

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