[illegible] of the said Johnson Harding deceased and the [illegible]
[illegible] of the lands in said petition described that the
said Harriet Harding was married to the said
Johnson Harding and that the said Johnson Harding
died seized and possessed of the premises
[illegible] that the said Johnson Harding
died intestate in the said County that the said Johnson
Harding departed this life in the twenty first day of
September one thousand eight hundred and forty eight
being seized at the time of his death of the said lands
and that the said lands are situate lying in the said County
upon which said Proofs were taken in the presence of
the Attorney of the said Harriet Harding and in
the absence of the said Johnson Harding Calvin Spencer
& Ebenezer Jacobs Guardians appointed they having
made default [illegible] the Surrogate after
hearing read the Proofs and affidavits
to him made and the Premises aforesaid doth make
an order that admeasurement of the dower of the
said Harriet Harding be made of the lands of
the said Johnson Harding her late husband
accordingly with in the said Petition and herein
described being the one third part thereof and that
Daniel Pitts and Clark
Miller three respectable and disinterested freeholders
be appointed Commissioners for the purpose
of making such admeasurement

Whereupon the Surrogate at request in pursu-
ance of the power in me vested by an revised Stat-
utes of this State in such case made and pro-
vided do hereby appoint you the said Simeon Mul-
ler Daniel Pitts & Clark Miller Commissioners
to admeasure and lay off as speedily as may
be the one third part of the said lands above men-
tioned and described to the said Harriet Harding
for her dower thereof and in making such
admeasurement you are to take in view any pre-
manent improvement made upon the said lands and
premises by the said heirs and owners of the said lands
or any other owner since the death of the said Johnson
Harding and if practicable to award such
improvement to and in that part one allotted to
the said Harriet Harding and if not practicable
so to award the same then make a deduction from the
said lands and premises allotted to her proportionately to the benefit
she will derive from such part of the said premises as shall
be included in the portion assigned to her hereby re-
quiring you to make a full and ample report

of your proceedings with the quantity courses and dis-
tances of the said lands and premises allotted to the said
Harriet Harding with a description of the posts stones
and other permanent monuments thereof and the items of
your charges to my Court on this Twentieth day of
May next

Given under my hand & seal of office
at Goshen in the said County of Orange
this twenty fourth day of April the
thousand eight hundred & thirty nine

L S.

J. Torrey Surrogate

At a Surrogates Court held at Goshen, in the county of
Orange, on the 24th day of April 1839 before Joseph Torrey
Surrogate.

In matter of the Dower of Harriet Harding, Widow of Johnson
S. Harding, Deceased.

George D. Mullin of Bethel in said county of
Orange, being duly sworn, deposes & says that he served the petition
and notice of application of Harriet Harding, Widow of Johnson
S. Harding deceased for Dower of the real estate of the said deceased
on Calvin Mullin & Calvin Cady & Ebenezer Jacobs, Guardians
for the minor heirs of the said deceased, on the third day
of April instant. That this deponent was present at the
time of the marriage of the said Johnson S. Harding, with the
said Harriet Harding the applicant above named. That it
appears from the deed in possession of the deceased, at the time
of his decease & also of one which has come into the hands
of this deponent since the decease of the said Johnson S.
Harding that the said deceased had at the time of his dece-
= ase a title in fee & about three hundred sixty four acres
& forty seven hundredths of land, being part of lots fifty
three, fifty four, sixty four, sixty five, sixty, sixty seven
& sixty eight in Town number Two of Cornwallis patent
(now Cady Creek Orange county) that the said Johnson S.
Harding died seized of the same in fee & was in actual pos-
= session of said premises at the time of his decease. That the
above named guardians are the guardians for all of the
heirs of the said deceased & that no other person claims
any interest in said lands to the knowledge of this deponent
that said premises are situated in the county of Orange
& further says not.

George D. Mullin

Subscribed & sworn this
24th day of April 1839
Joseph Torrey Surrogate