

To have the said estate assigned or admeasured to me  
 Your petitioner therefore prays the  
 Surrogate above said you will order that admeasurement may be  
 made to the said widow of her dower in the said real estate  
 above described at that three reputable & disinterested freeholders  
 may be appointed & sworn for & under the purpose of making  
 such admeasurement pursuant to the Revised Statutes in such  
 case made & provided dated Nov 13 1854

J B Colwell

For the Caroline Simon widow of Simon J Brown within named  
 petitioners You are hereby required to take notice that a  
 petition of which the annexed is a copy will be presented to the  
 Surrogate of the County of Orange at his office in the City of Orange  
 on the 17th day of February next at ten o'clock A.M. on that day  
 found as  
 Dated Nov 13 1854.

J B Colwell

Orange County Justice J B Colwell above named being  
 duly sworn deposes & says that on the 25th day of January he  
 advised on Caroline Simon the above named widow a copy of  
 the above petition and notice thereto & of which the above  
 is a copy by delivering the same to her personally  
 Simon Subjuge me  
 this 19th day of July 1855

J B Colwell

J Brown Surrogate

The people of the State of New York to Robert Simpson  
 George Blodwin & Ephraim Beardsley and greeting -  
 Whereas Justice J Colwell of the City &  
 County of Orange lately presented his petition to the Surrogate  
 of Orange County & setting forth that he became the owner by  
 virtue of a purchase at Sheriff's sale of all the right title interest  
 which Simon J Brown held claimed on the 24th day of March  
 1854 or which he subsequently acquired in a tract or parcels  
 piece or parcel of land situate in the town of Doty in the  
 County of Orange being part of Lot number 44 begun by David  
 Cabot & his heirs & described as follows: Commencing in the  
 center of the highway running through said lot at a point where  
 the same is intersected by the south line of said lot thence  
 easterly along said south line to house owned by Wilson Tucker  
 thence westerly along the north line of said Tucker's land  
 owned by Caleb Lambert thence westerly along the south  
 line of said Lambert to the center of the highway thence southerly  
 along the center of said highway to the place of beginning  
 containing about one one half acre of land in the same  
 more or less being the same premises now occupied by Peter

Simon select of said Simon Simon J Brown now deceased & also setting  
 forth that Caroline Simon is the widow of said Simon Brown now  
 deceased was entitled to dower in said real estate & that more than  
 a year had elapsed since the death of her said husband that no proceeding  
 had been had by or in her behalf to have her said dower assigned or admeasured  
 and to her praying for an order that such admeasurement be made

And whereas to said Justice J Colwell has this  
 day and the 19th day of February 1855 appeared in Court before the said  
 Surrogate held in the City of Orange & made satisfactory proof  
 of the lawful service of a copy of said petition & notice of said  
 application in the premises on the said Caroline Simon & the said  
 Caroline Simon having also appeared in pursuance of said notice where-  
 upon the said Surrogate did order that admeasurement of the dower  
 of said widow be made in the real estate above described in  
 pursuance of the prayer of said petition and that for an appoint Robert  
 Simpson George Blodwin & Ephraim Beardsley three reputable & dis-  
 interested freeholders Commissioners to make such admeasurement

Therefore the said Surrogate do hereby in  
 pursuance of the power in me vested by law appoint you  
 the said Robert Simpson George Blodwin & Ephraim Beardsley  
 Commissioners to admeasure lay off & apportion as may be the one third part  
 of the lands above described to the said Caroline Simon for her dower thereon  
 and in making such admeasurement you are to take in view any  
 permanent improvements made upon the lands embraced in said order  
 having her guarantee of no more or other improvements since the death of the  
 said Simon J Brown & if practicable shall award such improvements  
 within the part of the lands not allotted to said widow & if not practica-  
 ble so to award the same you are to make a deduction from the  
 lands allotted to said widow proportioned to the benefit she will  
 derive from such part of said improvements as shall be included in  
 the partition assigned her, you are also to make a full & complete  
 report of your proceedings with the quantity courses & distances of  
 the lands admeasured & allotted by you to said widow with  
 a description of the posts stones or other permanent measurements  
 through the stems of your charges to the said Surrogate & may employ said  
 Surrogate with necessary expenses to aid you in such admeasurement  
 the said report to be made by you to the said Surrogate at his office  
 in the City of Orange on the 9th day of April next at ten o'clock in  
 the forenoon of that day

Given under my hand & seal of office at the  
 City of Orange the 19th day of February A.D. 1855  
 J Brown Surrogate

Robert Simpson appointed Commissioner by the Surrogate of said  
 County a copy & being sworn to execute do swear that we  
 will faithfully and honestly & impartially discharge the duty  
 & execute the trust reposed in us by said appointment