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John Slyer Guardian of
Susanna Whetstone (and short)

vs

Mary Whetstone

Jacob Whetstone

Peter Whetstone

Daniel Whetstone

Samuel Whetstone

John Whetstone

Samuel Menter & wife

Elizabeth Menter his wife

George Reed and Catharine Reed his wife

John Bush, Peter Bush

Mary Bush, Barbara Bush

Jacob Bush, Susanna Bush

Samuel Bush, Adam Mouser

Mary Mouser, Peter Mouser & others

Petition for Partition

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit on the ninth day of July in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, John Slyer, Guardian of Susanna Whetstone (and short), Petitioner, by Franklin Adams Esquire his Attorney, filed in the Office of the Clerk of our said Court of Common Pleas, his Petition in Chancery, against Mary Whetstone, Jacob Whetstone, Peter Whetstone, Daniel Whetstone, Samuel Whetstone, John Whetstone, Samuel Menter, George Reed and Catharine Reed his wife, Elizabeth Menter his wife, John Bush, Peter Bush, Mary Bush, Barbara Bush, Jacob Bush, Susanna Bush, Samuel Bush, Adam Mouser, Mary Mouser, Peter Mouser, Jacob Mouser and Eleanor Mouser, which is in the words and figures following to wit, "To the Honorable the Court of Common Pleas of Crawford County in the State of Ohio Your Petitioner John Slyer of said County of Crawford guardian of the personal property of Susanna Whetstone who by an inquisition had before his Honor Samuel Kinney one of the Associate Judges of said Court at the courthouse

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in said County on the 20th October 1838 in pursuance of the first section of the act to provide for the safe keeping of Idiots lunatics or Insane persons the management of their affairs and for other purposes passed March 9. 1838 was found to be an Idiot & C would represent to your Honor that he recd. his said appointment from your Honor at the April term of said Court 1839 that he accepted the trust has been duly qualified and has given bail conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties as such guardian as then and there required by said Court. That the said Susanna is wholly incapable of taking care of herself that she has children who are in their infancy & helpless and that the said Susanna has not property whatever except her interest in the real Estate owned by Peter Whetstone late father at the time of his death. Your petitioner further represents that on or about the 4th June 1836. the said Peter Whetstone departed this life seized in fee of the east half of the north west quarter of section twenty two in township two south in range seventeen containing eighty acres & a part of the north East quarter of said section containing three acres it being forty rods from north to south and twelve rods from east to west and situate in the north west corner of said north east quarter all of which is situate in Crawford County aforesaid. That the said Peter Whetstone died intestate leaving behind the said Susanna one of his heirs at law Mary Whetstone his widow and wife who resides in Huron County Ohio and who is entitled to draw on said premises and the following children who according to the Statute of Descent and Distribution would each be entitled to one ninth part of said premises to wit Jacob Whetstone, Daniel Whetstone, Elizabeth married with Samuel Moulton & son Whetstone a minor who resides in Crawford County aforesaid, Peter Whetstone of Huron County Ohio and Samuel Whetstone of Meigs Co. and also the following grand children Catharine unmarried with George Reed John Bush Mary Bush Peter Bush Barbara Bush Jacob Bush Susanna Bush and Samuel Bush children and heirs at law of Mary Bush dec'd. who was a daughter of said Peter Whetstone died & who according to the Statute of Descent and Distribution would be entitled to take jointly one ninth of the interest in said premises all of whom reside in Crawford County aforesaid the last five of whom are minors. And also Mary Moulton Peter Moulton Jacob Moulton and Eleanor Moulton children and heirs at law of Catharine Moulton dec'd. who was a daughter of said Peter Whetstone dec'd. all of whom reside in Crawford County aforesaid are minors and according to the Statute of Descent and Distribution would be entitled to take jointly one ninth part of the interest in said premises which said widow and heirs of the said Peter Whetstone died. Your Petitioner prays may be made defendant to this his petition Your Petitioner further represents that during the life time of the said Peter Whetstone to wit on the 20th October 1830 or there abouts the said Peter Whetstone made advancements to lunacy of his said children which according to the express understanding and consent of all parties concerned was to be accounted for at the death of the said Peter Whetstone and were by the parties for whose benefit the same were made to be bot into a hotel pot before they could be entitled to a distribution share of the property both real and personal which should be left by said Peter Whetstone at his death, as follows to wit By deed bearing date the said 20 October 1838 he conveyed in fee to the said Mary Bush (then living) and the heirs of her body the east half of the South East quarter of section fifteen township two south range seventeen situate in Crawford County aforesaid and also gave the said Mary the sum of thirty dollars besides other sum of money and other property By deed bearing date the said 20 October 1838 with the knowledge and consent and at the direction of the said Peter Whetstone and the said Mary Bush and the heirs of her body the said Peter Whetstone may also be -

request of the said Catharine Muller (then living) he conveyed in fee to one Adam Muller (whos Crator prayes may also be made party deft. to this petition) the then has land of the said Catharine the west half of the South East quarter of section fifteen aforesaid and also gave the said Muller the sum of thirty dollarz. on the same terms. besides other sum of money and other property By deed bearing date the said 20 October 1830 he conveyed in fee to said Peter Whetstone his son the west half of the South West quarter of section twenty three in the township aforesaid containing eighty acres. And also gave the said Peter the sum of forty dollarz besides other sum of money and other property By deed bearing date the said 20th October 1830 he conveyed in fee to said Peter Whetstone the East half of the South West quarter of section twenty two in the township aforesaid containing eighty acrez and also gave the said Peter the sum of thirty dollarz besides other sum of money and other property On the said 20th October 1830 he purchased the west half of the north east quarter of section fifteen aforesaid containing eighty acrez of one Peter Stackman and paid a full consideration therefor and at the request and with the consent of the said Daniel Whetstone the said Peter Whetstone procured the said Peter Stackman to convey said property to said Daniel Whetstone in fee by deed bearing date the said 20th October 1830 and he also then and

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there gave the said Daniel the sum of ten dollars beside other large sums of money & other property. And on the said 20th October 1830 the said Peter Whetstone decd. gave the said Samuel Whetstone the sum of eighty two dollars and thirty five cents besides other and divers large sums of money and other property All of which said conveyance, deeds of gift and donations were advanced to the said money as appears by said Peter Whetstone Deced. Now your petitioner charges that that at sundry times during the life time of the said Peter Whetstone decd. the said Peter made donations to the said Mary Catharine Jacob Peter and Daniel and Samuel of which your orator prays a discovery from the said money. Your petitioner further represents that on or about the 31st March 1836 the said Samuel Whetstone and Elizabeth his wife by deed of quit claim of that date conveyed all their interest in the said East half of the north west quarter of section twenty two in township two south in range seventeen and also the said part of the north east quarter of said section containing three acres it being forty rods from north to south and twelve rods from east to west and situate in the north west quarter of said north east quarter to one John Charlton, that on or about the 4th October 1836 the said Charlton & Elizabeth his wife by deed of quit claim of that date conveyed all their interest in said property to the said Jacob Whetstone. That on or about the first January 1837 the said Daniel Whetstone and Eliza his wife by deed of quit claim of that date conveyed all their interest in said property to the said Jacob Whetstone. That on or about the 4th February 1837 the said Peter Whetstone (son of the said Peter Whetstone decd) and Susanna his wife by deed of quit claim of that date conveyed all their interest in said property to the said Jacob Whetstone. That on or about the 28th February 1837 the said George Reed and the said Catharine his wife by deed of quit claim of that date conveyed all their interest in said property to the said Jacob Whetstone. That on or about the 27 February 1837 the said Samuel Montez and Elizabeth his wife by deed of quit claim of that date conveyed all their interest in said property to the said Jacob Whetstone. And that on or about the 24 February 1838 the said Mary Whetstone widow of the said Peter Whetstone decd. by deed of quit claim of that date conveyed all her interest in said property to the said Jacob Whetstone. Petition represents that the said Jacob Whetstone is intitled to receive all the interest in said property which in equity belongs to the Mary Whetstone widow of said Peter Whetstone decd. and of the said Peter Whetstone (son) Daniel Whetstone Samuel Whetstone Elizabeth inter married with Samuel Montez and Catharine inter married with the said George Reed. Your Petitioner prays that a writ of Summons may issue to each of said defendants commanding them under a penalty to answer under their corporal oaths to all the matter and things herein contained and that on the hearing of this petition he prays that the interest of the said Susanna Whetstone his ward in the said real Estate may be parted to her and sold for the purpose of raising funds to supply the immediate necessities of the said Susanna Whetstone and her children and your petitioner further prays for such further other and different relief in the premises as to your Honor may seem most and proper and as in duty bound will ever pray &c

Franklin Adams attorney for Petitioner

And therefore the following Subpoena is Chancery issued from the Clerk Office aforesaid directed and delivered to the Sheriff of our said County to wit, The State of Ohio, Crawford County U.S. To the Sheriff of the County aforesaid Greeting We command you that you summon Jacob Whetstone, Daniel Whetstone, John Whetstone, Samuel Montez & Elizabeth Montez his wife, George Reed and Catharine Reed his wife, John Bush Peter Bush, Mary Bush Barbara Bush Jacob Bush Susanna Bush, Samuel Bush Adam Master Mary Master Peter Master Jacob Master and Eleanor Master to appear before the Judges of our Court of Common Pleas at the Court House on the 25th day of November next to answer a petition

in Chancery exhibited against them and others by John Alfon Guardian of Susanna Whetstone an idiot and that they shall in no wise omit under the penalty of one thousand dollars, and have you then thow this writ. Witness my hand and the seal of our said Court this 9th day of July A.D. 1839.

J. Morris Clerk by John Mardonall Depl.

And afterwards to wit at the November Term of our said Court A.D. 1839. came the Sheriff (by his Deputy) to whom the aforesaid writ was directed and delivered and made return of the same with the following endorsement thereon to wit, "Served this writ on all of the within named defendants by leaving a certified copy of this writ with each of them Sept 20. 1839. R Andrew Deputy" And also the following Subpoena In Chancery was issued to the Sheriff of Miami County, W.M. "The State of Ohio, Crawford County, Ohio, as the Sheriff of the County of Miami Greeting We command you that you summon Samuel Whetstone to appear before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas at the Court House on the 25th day of November next to answer a petition in Chancery exhibited against him and others by John Alfon Guardian of Susanna Whetstone an idiot and they

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he shall in no case omit under the penalty of one thousand dollars, and have you then seal this writ, Witness my hand
and the seal of our said Court this 9th day of July A.D. 1839. J. Powers Clerk by John Hendricks Esq.
And afterwards to wit at the November Term of our said Court A.D. 1839, cause the Sheriff of Meigs County to whom
the aforesaid writ was directed and delivered, made return thereof with the following endorsement thereon to wit, "I delivered
unto the person named on this writ a copy of said writ the 28th day of August 1839 Thos W. Young Sheriff of Meigs County Ohio
And also the following Subpoena in Chancery was issued to the Sheriff of Meigs County to wit, "The State of Ohio, Crawford
County, U.S. To the Sheriff of the County of Meigs Greeting: We command you that you summon Peter
Whetstone to appear before the Judges of our Court of Common Pleas at the Court House on the 25th day of term
next to answer a petition in Chancery exhibited against him and others by John Sifer Guardian of Susanna
Whetstone an idiot and this he shall in no case omit under the penalty of one thousand dollars and have you then
seal this writ. Witness my hand and the seal of our said Court this 9th day of July A.D. 1839. J. Powers Clerk by John Hendricks Esq.
And afterwards to wit at the term of our said Court last aforesaid, the Sheriff of Meigs County to whom the aforesaid
writ was directed and delivered, made return thereof with the following endorsement thereon to wit, "the witness defendant
not found in the County Sept 16th A.D. 1839

John My son Sheriff Mc Clellan"

And also the following subpoena in Chancery was issued to the Sheriff of Richland County to wit, "State of Ohio, Crawford
County, U.S. To the Sheriff of the County of Richland Greeting: We command you that you summon Mary Whetstone
to appear before the Judges of our Court of Common Pleas at the Court House on the first day of the next term to
answer a petition in Chancery exhibited against her and others by John Sifer Guardian of Susanna Whetstone and
and this she shall in no case omit under the penalty of one thousand dollars, and have you then seal this writ, Witness
my hand and the seal of our said Court this 9th day of March A.D. 1840

J. Powers Clerk

And afterwards to wit at the March Term of our said Court A.D. 1840 the Sheriff of Richland County to whom the
above subpoena was directed and delivered, made return thereof with the following endorsement thereon to wit, "State of
Ohio Richland County 56 Rec this writ March 10. 1840 and on the 14th day of March 1840 I served the same on Mary
Whetstone by serving and leaving with her a true certified copy of this writ

John McCollough Sheriff"

And afterwards to wit at the term of our said Court last aforesaid, this cause was continued until the next term of this Court
And afterwards to wit at the June Term of our said Court A.D. 1840 this cause was continued until the next term of said Court
And afterwards to wit at the November Term of our said Court A.D. 1840 this cause was continued until the next term
And afterwards to wit on the 6th day of April A.D. 1841, the said Peter Whetstone filed his answer in the words and figures
following to wit, John Sifer Guardian of Susanna Whetstone an idiot vs Mary Whetstone Jacob Whetstone Peter Whetstone
Sister In Common Pleas Crawford County Ohio Petition for Partition And the said Peter Whetstone how waives the issuing and
service of process and enters his appearance on this suit And for answer to the said Petition says that the matter and thing
therin set forth are true in substance and in fact and that he has no objection that the said Court should at their

next term grant to the petitioner the relief by him sought as well as such other relief as Justice and equity applied
to the facts of the case may seem to require Witness present Franklin Adams

Peter ^{his} ~~mark~~ Whetstone

And afterwards came William Fisher Guardian ad litem for the infant defendants and filed his answer in the words and
figures following to wit, "John Fisher Guardian of Susanna Whetstone an idiot & Mary Whetstone & others William Fish-
er Guardian ad litem for the infant defendants John Whetstone Peter Bach Barbara Bach Jacob Bach Susanna
Bach Samuel Bach Mary Mouser Peter Mouser Jacob Mouser and Eleanor Mouser come and for pleat to the peti-
tion filed in this suit says that of the matters and things therein contained he knows nothing and that the said infant de-
fendants being of tender age he places them under the protection of the Court and prays that no fact effecting their
trust be allowed against them without full proof William Fisher Guardian ad litem for the infant defendants
John Whetstone Peter Bach Barbara Bach Jacob Bach Susanna Bach Samuel Bach Mary Mouser
Peter Mouser Jacob Mouser & Eleanor Mouser

And afterwards to wit at the April Term of our said Court A.D. 1841. this cause was continued under advisement -
And afterwards to wit at the June term of our said Court A.D. 1841. It was ordered by the Court that this cause be
referred to James B. Barwell Master Commissioner in Chancery of this Court and that the said Master be author-

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ized to take proofs and be required to report at the next Term of this Court particularly upon the following points 1st the value of each lot if any conveyed by Peter Whetstone Dec'd. to each of the Defendants by way of advancement the value to have reference to the time of the conveyance, and also what other if any advancements were made by the said Peter Whetstone to the Defendants And the present value of the lands of which the said Peter Whetstone died seized from the amount in value of any property which is now owned by the said Susanna Whetstone And thereupon on motion of the Court by Mr Adams Council for the petitioners it is ordered that a dedimus potestatum issue in this cause to take the depositions of sundry persons in the town of Newry in this County to be directed to Abby B. Samill Master Commissioner of this Court and it is further ordered that the defendants within ten days file with the Clerk of this Court the name of an agent resident in said County to whom notice of the time and place of executing said dedimus potestatum may be given And it is further ordered that the service of such notice upon such agent three days previous to the execution of said dedimus shall be deemed good service upon the defendants And it is further ordered that if the ~~defendants~~ fail to file with the Clerk the name of such agent by the time aforesaid then said dedimus potestatum may issue ex parte -

And afterwards a certificate was filed in the words and figures following to wit "John Slipper Guardian of Susanna Whetstone an esq't Mrs Mary Whetstone & others In the Name of Crawford County Ohio Petition for Partition We heirs at law of Peter Whetstone deceased late of said County hereby certify that it is our wish that entire partition be made of the lands of which the said Peter Whetstone died seized Oct 21, 1841

Jacob Whetstone
Samuel Menter
Elizabeth Menter
Peter Bush
Mary Bush

And afterwards to sit on the 21st day of October in the year A.D. 1841, a deodamus potestatum issued from the Clerk's Office
of our Court aforesaid, which reads in the words and figures following to wit: "The State of Ohio Crawford County, the 21st
Sabz, B. Garwill Master Commissioner in Chancery of the Court of Common Pleas of said County testifying. Know you
that we in confidence of your prudence and fidelity here appoint you and by these presents do give to you full power
and authority to examine and take the depositions of witnesses in a certain Chancery Cause pending in our Court of
Common Pleas within and for the said County of Crawford, wherein John Slifer Guardian of Susan Whetstone
an idiot is Plaintiff and Mary Whetstone and others are defendants. And therefore we command you that at cer-
tain days and places to be appointed by you, the agent of the plaintiff having due notice of the time and place of
taking the same if the said Plaintiff shall name such agent residing in said County of Crawford and serve
upon the attorney of said John Slifer Guardian of the said Susan Whetstone a memorandum of the name and res-
idence of such agent, that you cause such witness as may be required by the said John Slifer or his agents
to be brought before you, and then and there examine each of them on their separate and respective corporal
oaths first taken before you and that you reduce such examination to writing and return the same together with
this and closed up under your seal into our said Court with all convenient speed Witness Sabz B. Garwill
Clerk of said Court, and the seal of the said Court of Common Pleas this 21st day of October 1841, A.D. B. Garwill Clerk.
The execution of this Commission appears in certain schedules hereto annexed. Sabz B. Garwill Master Commissioner.
And thereupon on the same day certain depositions were taken which read in the words and figures following to wit. Depo-
sitions of Witnesses produced above and examined on the Twenty first day of October A.D. 1841, at the Court House
in the Town of Bucyrus at the Office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas before Sabz B. Garwill Master
Commissioner in Chancery, by virtue of a Commission issued from the Court of Common Pleas of Crawford County
in the State of Ohio, to me directed for the examination of witnesses, in a certain Chancery Cause pending in said
Court wherein John Slifer Guardian of Susanna Whetstone an idiot is plaintiff and Mary Whetstone, Jacob
Whetstone, Peter Whetstone, Daniel Whetstone, Samuel Whetstone, John Whetstone, Samuel Menter and Eliz-
abeth Menter his wife George Reed and Catharine Reed his wife, John Rask, Peter Rask, Mary Rask Bar-
bara Rask, Jacob Rask, Susanna Rask, Samuel Rask, Adam Kusser, Mary Kusser, Peter Kusser
Jacob Kusser and Eleanor Kusser are respondents. John J. Strong of Crawford County in the State of Ohio

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being produced sworn and examined on behalf of the Plaintiff deposes and says, I was acquainted with Peter Whetstone deceased mentioned in the petition filed in this cause, He has been dead about two years. I was acquainted with his family. The paper herewith exhibited marked A and attached to this deposition gives a correct statement of the life of the said Peter Whetstone. The names of his children were Jacob Peter Samuel John Daniel Elizabeth Catharine Susanna and Mary. The said Elizabeth is intermarried with Samuel Muster, the said Catharine was intermarried with Adam Muster. He is dead and left four children named Mary Peter Jacob and Eleanor, the said Mary was intermarried with Jacob Bush. She is dead and left eight children, named Catharine who is now intermarried with George Reed John Mary Peter Barbara Jacob Susanna and Samuel, Jacob was Administrator of the said Peter Whetstone dec'd and have made final settlement Among the papers which fell into my hands as Administrator was the one hereto attached marked B, which was represented to me by the Widow of the dec'd as being a memorandum made out by Chas Chamberlain now deceased at the instance and request of the said Peter Whetstone in his life time for the purpose of showing the advancements he had made to summary of his Children, A few weeks after the death of the said Peter Whetstone the time the personal property of the Estate was appraised the Children being all present. (this was previous to the death of Catharine and Mary) I exhibited this memorandum and read it out in the presence and hearing of the whole of them, they all attested to its correctness and admitted it to be good evidence the following advancements had been made by the said Peter Whetstone up to the 29 March 1833 To the said Mary Bush \$130.00 To the said Catharine Muster 133.00 To the said Jacob Whetstone 136.00 To the said Peter Whetstone (son) 146.00 To the said Daniel Whetstone 110.00 To the said Samuel Whetstone 32.85 It was generally understood in the neighbourhood that the above named Children to whom advancements are made with the exception of Samuel had received a large part of what they got on hand, In the distribution of the personal Estate made by me, an equal division was made without reference to what any of them had received by way of advancement. I have lived and still live about one mile from the farm of which Peter Whetstone died seized during the last fifteen years, and consider the ^{farm} subject to the above Estate of the said Mary Whetstone to be worth at the present time two hundred and fifty dollars. The said Susanna Whetstone received an equal division with the other heirs of the personal property of the Estate of Peter Whetstone dec'd which was between fourteen and fifteen dollars. This was about three years ago she has no other property to my knowledge. The said Susanna has two illegitimate children, they both died two or three months ago. I am of the opinion from my knowledge of the situation of the property that if the interest of the said Susanna be sold without partition there will necessarily be a great sacrifice. At the time of the appraisement of the personal property above referred to all of the Children of the said Peter Whetstone dec'd whose names appear on exhibit marked A were men and women under over twenty one years of age. In the year 1830, Wild Sandy in the neighborhood of the farm of which Peter Whetstone died seized were worth their entrance price which was one dollar and twenty five cents per acre.

John G. Strong

John Charlton of Crawford County on the State of Ohio being produced sworn and examined on behalf of the Plaintiff deposes and says, I have lived for the last 13 years on land adjoining the farm of which Peter Whetstone dec'd mentioned in the petition filed

in this case died seized, I was well acquainted with him and his whole family. The above statement contained in the deposition of John G. Stough in reference to the family connection of the said Peter Whetstone deceased is correct. Sometime about the year 1832 I had a conversation with the said Peter Whetstone deceased in reference to his Lands, which he said he had intended for his children as their portion of his property. I enquired of him whether he had written receipts from those children to whom he had given land he said he had not. I then told him if he did not take receipt, that when he died, they would come in with the children to whom he had given nothing for the equal share of the same property. He replied that he would make out papers to prove that. I know that Jacob Harland & Mary his wife, Adam Meisser & Catharine his wife Jacob Whetstone Peter Whetstone and Daniel Whetstone respectively took possession of the lands mentioned in the petition filed in this cause. These are the same lands about which the said Peter Whetstone & myself were conversing. These lands were then unimproved and were worth one hundred dollars each. There was a plenty of land in the neighborhood for entry at that time at that price. I was present at the appraisement of the personal property of the Estate of Peter Whetstone deceased, and saw Mr. Stough produce the paper

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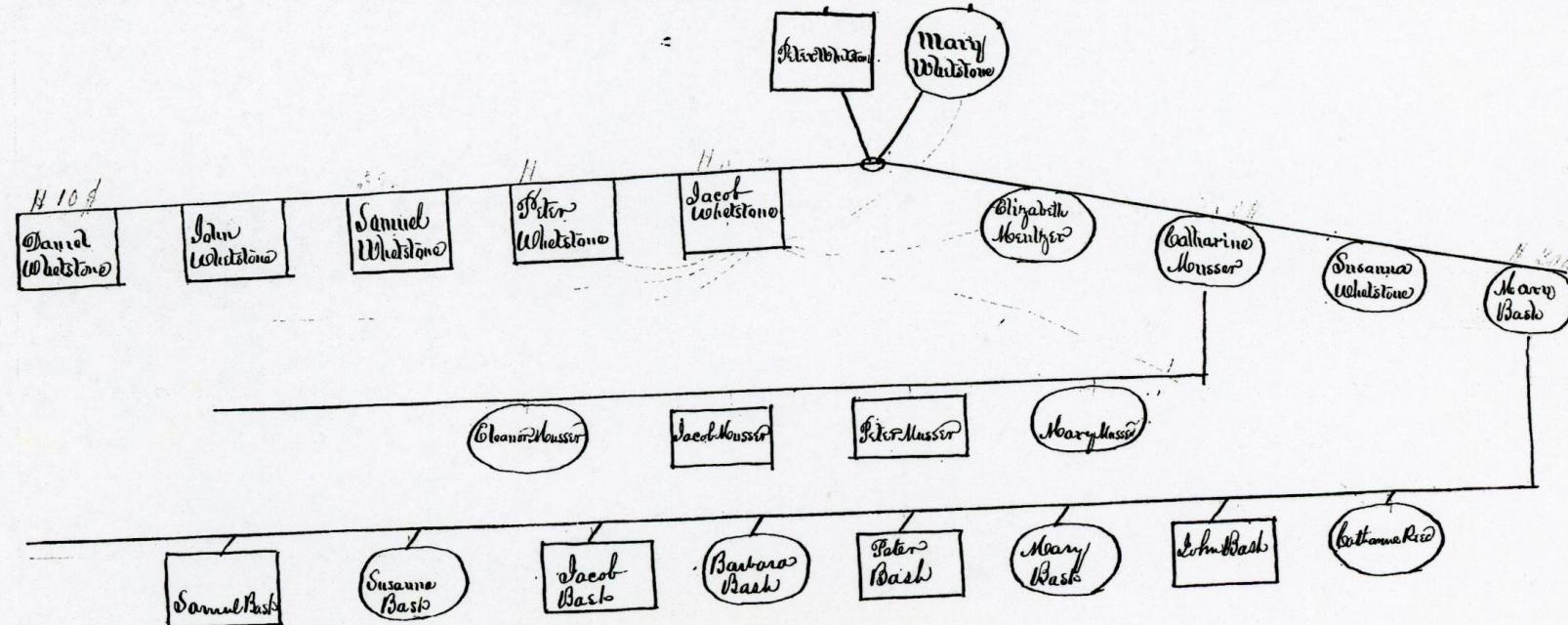
attached to these depositions & marked B and have been read to the children of Peter Whetstone, all of whom are present, they each admitted that they had received advancement as stated in that paper. The conveyances for these lands were not executed until the grantees were over twenty one years of age, I see the farm of which Peter Whetstone died seized pretty much every day and consider it now worth twelve hundred and fifty dollars subject to the down estate of the said Mary Whetstone, In the conversation above referred to Peter Whetstone decl. informed me that he had allowed his children for whom he had purchased land to make the selections to suit themselves and that he then went and entered the land so selected John Charlton -

I, Abel B. Danville Master Commissioner in Chancery do hereby certify, that the above named John B. Stough and John Charlton were by me sworn to testify the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth and that the foregoing depositions by them respectively taken and were reduced to writing by M. J. Jones and were taken at the time and place mentioned above -

Bueyng Oct 21st 1842,

Abel B. Danville Master Commissioner

Exhibit A



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Exhibit "B"

March the 29th 1833 Mary Whetstone Dr. to Peter Whetstone to one hundred and thirty dollars it bearing so much of his Estate March the 29th 1833 Catharine Whetstone Dr. to Peter Whetstone to one hundred and thirty three dollars it bearing so much of her Estate March the 29th 1833 Jacob Whetstone Dr. to Peter Whetstone to one hundred and thirty dollars or bearing so much of his Estate March the 29th 1833 Peter Jr. Whetstone Farmer Dr. to Peter Whetstone to one hundred and forty dollars or bearing so much of his Estate March the 29th 1833 Daniel Whetstone Dr. to Peter Whetstone to one hundred and ten dollar or bearing so much of his Estate March the 29th 1833 Samuel Whetstone Dr. to Peter Whetstone to thirty two dollars and 85 cents or bearing so much of his Estate 3

And afterwardz to wit on the 25th day of October A.D. 1841. Saby B. Carroll Master Commissioner filed his report which is in the words and figures following to wit. "John Slyer Guardian of Susan Whetstone an idiot vs. Mary Whetstone & others in C.M. Pleas of Crawford County Ohio. An Partition Report of Saby B. Carroll Master Commissioner in Chancery, to whom this cause was referred at the June Term 1841. From the proof and evidence adduced in this cause it appears that on the 80th Oct. 1838 an enquiry was had before Samuel Knisely one of the Associate Judges of this Court, by virtue of which the said Susanna Whetstone was duly proved to be an Idiot, that at the April Term of this Court 1839 the said John Slyer was duly appointed guardian of the said Susanna and that he was duly qualified & entered upon the duties of said trust, that the said Susanna has no property or rights or action other than her interest as heir in the lands of which the said Peter Whetstone her father died seized, that on the fourth of June 1836 the said Peter Whetstone departed this life intestate seized in fee of the tract of land as stated in the petition in this cause filed and that he left the said Mary Whetstone his widow & the other defendants with the said Susanna as his heirs at law, that said Peter Whetstone did, during his life time to wit on the 20th Oct. 1830 make sundry conveyances of real Estate to his children by way of advancement as follows, A half quarter section of land in said County to his daughter Mary Bass by way of advancement to the said Mary, worth at the time one hundred dollars, A half quarter section of land in said County to Adam Meister by way of advancement to his daughter Catharine Meister deed worth at the time one hundred dollars.

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A half quarter section of land in said County to the said Peter Whetstone son, by way of advancement to the said Peter Worth at the time One hundred dollars, A half quarter section of land in said County to the said Jacob Whetstone by way of advancement to the said Jacob Worth at the time One hundred dollars, A half quarter section of land in said County to the said Daniel Whetstone by way of advancement to the said Daniel Worth at the time one hundred dollars. It also appears from said proofs and exhibits that up to the 29th March 1833, the said Peter Whetstone dec'd had made sundry other advancements to his Children or Chattel property, to wit to the said Mary ^{Barb} thirty dollars, to the said Catharine Mauzer Thirty three dollars, to the said Jacob Whetstone Thirty dollars, to the said Peter Whetstone (son) forty dollars to the said Daniel Whetstone ten dollars, & to the said Samuel Whetstone thirty two dollars and eighty five cents. It further appears that the personal property of the said Peter Whetstone dec'd has been fully administered upon and that in the distribution of the personal property, each of the heirs of the said Peter Whetstone dec'd received an equal proportion thereof without reference to the advancement of personal property that had previously been made to sundry of them. The amount for which in the opinion of the undersigned, the heirs of the said Peter Whetstone should be charged with advancements is as follows to wit, Mary Barb Decd Oct 20 1830 For lands conveyed to her and her heirs \$10,000 Catharine Mauzer 1830 Oct 20 For lands conveyed to Adam Mauzer her husband \$10,000 Jacob Whetstone 1830 Oct 20 For lands conveyed to him \$10,000 Daniel Whetstone 1830 Oct 20 For lands conveyed to him \$10,000 Amount of advancements \$50,000 It further appears from said proofs and exhibits that the said Mary Barb and the said Catharine Mauzer children and heirs as well as the said Peter Whetstone dec'd, have departed this life, leaving the children represented in the said petition. It further appears from the said proof and exhibit that on the 31st of March 1836 the said Samuel Whetstone and Elizabeth his wife by deed of conveyance of that date conveyed to the said Jacob Whetstone the interest descended to the said Samuel in the said lands. And that on the 31st January 1837 the said Daniel Whetstone and Esther his wife by deed of conveyance of that date conveyed to the said Jacob Whetstone the interest descended to the said Daniel in the said lands. And that on the 4th day of February 1837 the said Peter Whetstone (son) and Susanna his wife by deed of conveyance of that date conveyed to the said Jacob Whetstone the interest descended to the said Peter in the said lands, and that on the 28th day of February 1837 Samuel Mauzer and Elizabeth Mauzer his wife by deed of conveyance of that date conveyed to the said Jacob Whetstone the interest descended to the said Elizabeth in the said lands. And that on the 28th of February 1837 the said George Reed and Catharine his wife by deed of conveyance of that date conveyed to the said Jacob Whetstone the interest descended to the said Catharine by way of her deceased mother Mary Barb daughter of said Peter Whetstone dec'd. And that on the 24th February 1838 the said Mary Whetstone by deed of conveyance of that date conveyed to the said Jacob Whetstone her rights of dower in the said lands. It further appears that the present value of the real estate

of which the said Peter Whetstone died seized as twelve hundred and fifty dollars from all of which it appears
that the relative proportions of the interests of the said defendants in the said real Estate are as follow that is to
say 1st Jacob Whetstone His own Share after deducting the advancements made to him \$ 94.44 Catherine Reed
Share after deducting the advancements made to her mother 11.80 Samuel Whetstone
194.44

Daniel Whetstone's Share after deducting the advancements made to him

Peter Whetstone " " " " " 94.44

Eliza Montgomerie Share 194.44 \$ 684.00

2 Susanna Whetstone Share \$ 194.45

3 John Whetstone " 194.45

4 John Bash 11.81

5 Mary Bash 11.81

6 Peter Bash 11.81

7 Barbara Bash 11.81
amt carried over \$ 436.14

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Amt. of the shares of those to whom advancements had been made

Amount Recd over —

8 Jacob Bach

\$684.00

\$436.14

11.81

9 Susanna Bach

11.81

10 Samuel Bach

11.81

11 Mary Müsser

23.61

12 Peter Müsser

23.61

13 Jacob Müsser

23.61

14 Elenor Müsser

23.61

566.00

Total Value of real Estate

\$1250.00

The fractional shares of each are as follows

1 Jacob Whitstone beside the down of Mary Whitstone

684.00
1250.00

2 Susanna Whitstone share subject to down

194.45
1250.00

3 John Whitstone

" do

194.45
1250.00

4 John Bach

" do

11.81
1250.00

5 Mary Bach

" do

11.81
1250.00

6 Peter Bach

" do

11.81
1250.00

7 Barbara Bach

" do

11.81
1250.00

8 Jacob Bach

" do

11.81
1250.00

9 Susanna Bach

" do

11.81
1250.00

10 Samuel Bach

" do

11.80
1250.00

11 Mary Müsser

" do

23.61
1250.00

12 Peter Müsser

" do

23.61
1250.00

13 Jacob Müsser

" do

23.61
1250.00

14 Elenor Müsser

" do

23.61
1250.00

All of which is respectfully submitted

October 25th 1841.

J. B. Sarwill Master Commissioner -

And afterwards to wit at the October term of our said Court A.D. 1841 On Motion to the Court by Mr Adams Counsel for the petitioner it is ordered that William Fisher be appointed guardian ad litem for the said infant defendant John Whetstone Peter Bash Barbara Bash, Jacob Bash, Susanna Bash, Samuel Bash, Mary Meader, Peter Miller Jacob Meader and Eleanor Meader and therupon the said William Fisher appeared in open Court accepted said appointment and filed his answer as such Guardian ad litem

And afterward to wit at the Term of our said Court last aforesaid, This cause came on to be heard on the petition the answer of William Fisher Guardian ad litem of said infant defendant the answer of Peter Whetstone the Master Commissioner report and the prop and exhibit adduced in the cause by the Plaintiff The Court having examined said Bill answer report prop and exhibit and being fully advised in the premises do find that the facts alleged in said petition are true as there stated That the dower of the said Mary Whetstone in the said premises has been conveyed to the said Jacob Whetstone and that the respective shares of the defendant in said premises subject to said Dower are as followz to wit,

1st Jacob Whetstone subject to the dower Estate aforesaid
2nd Susanna Whetstone Share subject to said Dower Estate
3rd John Whetstone " do " "
4 John Bash " do " "
5 Mary Bash " do " "
6 Peter Bash " do " "
7 Barbara Bash " do " "

	<u>68400</u>	parts
	<u>125000</u>	
1 st	<u>19445</u>	"
2 nd	<u>19445</u>	"
3 rd	<u>125000</u>	"
4	<u>1181</u>	"
5	<u>1181</u>	"
6	<u>1181</u>	"
7	<u>1181</u>	"

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8 Jacob Bark	share subject to sd. down Estate	$\frac{1181}{125000}$	parts
9 Susanna Bark	" do " "	$\frac{1181}{125000}$	"
10 Samuel Bark	" do " "	$\frac{1180}{125000}$	"
11 Mary Mouser	" do " "	$\frac{2361}{125000}$	"
12 Peter Mouser	" do " "	$\frac{2361}{125000}$	"
13 Jacob Mouser	" do " "	$\frac{2361}{125000}$	"
14 Elenor Mouser	" do " "	$\frac{2361}{125000}$	"

Whereas it is ordered that by the oaths of William Fitzsimmons, George Sauck and Samuel Negry one full and equal third part of the land in said petition described be assigned and set off to the said Jacob Whetstone as the down estate of said Mary Whetstone and that by the like oaths of the said William Fitzsimmons, George Sauck and Samuel Negry partition be made of said land subject to said down estate in the following proportion to wit, One thirty-eight thousandths and four hundred one hundred and twenty-five thousandths parts, and to the said Susanna Whetstone nineteen thousand four hundred and forty-five one hundred and twenty-five thousandths parts and to the said John Whetstone nineteen thousand four hundred and forty-five one hundred and twenty-five thousandths parts, and to the said John Bark eleven hundred and eighty-one one hundred and twenty-five thousandths parts, and to the said Mary Bark eleven hundred and eighty-one one hundred and twenty-five thousandths parts, And to the said Peter Bark eleven hundred and eighty-one one hundred and twenty-five thousandths parts And to the said Barbara Bark eleven hundred and eighty-one one hundred and twenty-five thousandths parts, And to the said Jacob Bark eleven hundred and eighty-one one hundred and twenty-five thousandths parts, And to the said Susanna Bark eleven hundred and eighty-one one hundred and twenty-five thousandths parts, And to the said Samuel Bark eleven hundred and eighty-one one hundred and twenty-five thousandths parts, And to the said Mary Mouser twenty three hundred and sixty one one hundred and twenty-five thousandths parts, And to the said Peter Mouser twenty three hundred and sixty one one hundred and twenty-five thousandths parts, And to the said Jacob Mouser twenty three hundred and sixty one one hundred and twenty-five thousandths parts, And to the said Elenor Mouser twenty three hundred and sixty one one hundred and twenty-five thousandths parts, And it is further ordered that a writ of partition issue to the Sheriff of Crawford County commanding him to cause said down to be assigned and said partition to be made accordingly.

And thereupon on the first day of December A.D. 1841, a writ of Partition issued from the Clerk office of
our said Court aforesaid, which reads in the following words and figure, to wit: "The State of Ohio Crawford-
County, &c. To the Sheriff of said County Greeting Whereas at a Court of Common Pleas of said County October
term thereof to wit on the 29th day of October, 1841, the following order was made by said Court to wit"

John Shaffer Guardian of { Petition for Partition

Susanna Whetstone an idiot }

As { This cause came on to be heard on the petition the answer of William Fisher-
Guardian ad litem of said infant defendant, the answer of Peter Whetstone
Mary Whetstone do they { the Master Commission's report and the proof and exhibits adduced in the
cause by the plaintiff. The Court having examined said Bill answer, report, proof and exhibits and being fully advised
in the premises do find that the facts alleged in said petition are true as therestated. That the share of the said-
Mary Whetstone in the said premises has been conveyed to the said Jacob Whetstone and that the respective
shares of the defendants in said premises subject to said conveyance are as follow to wit

1st Jacob Whetstone subject to the above Estate aforesaid

684
125000 parts

2nd Susanna Whetstone share subject to said above Estate

19445
125000 "

3rd John Whetstone " do " " "

19445
125000 "

4th John Bush " do " " "

1181
125000 "

5th Mary Bush " do " " "

1181
125000 "

6th Peter Bush " do " " "

1181
125000 "

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1st Barbara Bach share subject to said Slave Estate
 8th Jacob Bach " do " " "
 9th Sargma Bach " do " " "
 10th Samuel Bach " do " " "
 11th Mary Mufser " do " " "
 12th Peter Mufser " do " " "
 13th Jacob Mufser " do " " "
 14th Eleanor Mufser " do " " "

<u>1181</u>	<u>125000</u>	parts
<u>1181</u>	<u>125000</u>	"
<u>1181</u>	<u>125000</u>	"
<u>1180</u>	<u>125000</u>	"
<u>3361</u>	<u>125000</u>	"
<u>2361</u>	<u>125000</u>	"

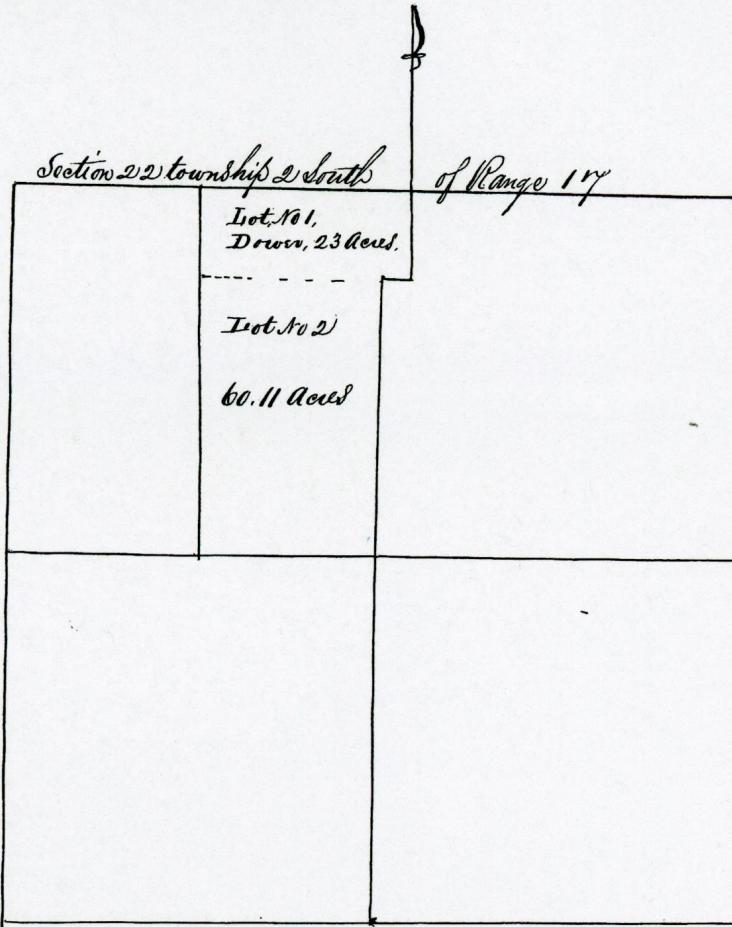
Therefore it is ordered that by the oaths of William Fitzsimmons George Gauck and Samuel Moyes one full equal third part of the land in said petition described be assigned and set off to the said Jacob Whetstone as the dower of said Mary Whetstone and that by the like oaths of said William Fitzsimmons George Gauck and Samuel Moyes partition be made of said land subject to the Slave Estate in the following proportion, to wit, One fifty eight thousand and four hundred one hundred and twenty five thousandths parts, And to the said Susanna Whetstone nineteen thous and four hundred and forty one hundred and twenty five thousandths parts. And to the said John Whetstone nineteen thous and four hundred and forty five one hundred and twenty four thousandths parts. And to the said John Bach eleven hundred and eighty one one hundred and twenty four thousandths parts. And to the said Mary Bach eleven hundred and eighty one one hundred and twenty four thousandths parts. And to the said Peter Bach eleven hundred and eighty one one hundred and twenty four thousandths parts. And to the said Barbara Bach eleven hundred and eighty one one hundred and twenty five thousandths parts. And to the said Jacob Bach eleven hundred and eighty one one hundred and twenty four thousandths parts. And to the said Sargma Bach eleven hundred and eighty one one hundred and twenty four thousandths parts. And to the said Samuel Bach eleven hundred and eighty one one hundred and twenty four thousandths parts. And to the said Mary Mufser twenty three hundred and sixty one one hundred and twenty four thousandths parts. And to the said Peter Mufser twenty three hundred and sixty one one hundred and twenty four thousandths parts. And to the said Jacob Mufser twenty three hundred and sixty one one hundred and twenty four thousandths parts. And to the said Eleanor Mufser twenty three hundred and sixty one one hundred and twenty four thousandths parts. And it is further ordered that a writ of partition issue to the Sheriff of Crawford County commanding him to cause said dower to be assigned and said partition to be made accordingly.

The land mentioned in said petition is described as follow to wit, the east half of the north west quarter of section twenty two in township two (2) South of range seventeen (17) Situate in said County and containing eighty acres be the same more or less And also a part of the north east quarter of said Section twenty two (22) containing three acres or being forty rods from north to south and bounded from east to west & situate in the north east corner of said ~~quarter~~^{north east} - You are therefore hereby commanded to proceed according to law to have said land surveyed and partition made as in the foregoing order mentioned and your proceedings in the premises you distinctly certify under your hands to the next term of said Court Witness Jabez P. Samuels Clerk of said Court and the seal of said Court this first day of December A.D. 1841 J. P. Samuels Clerk
By John Elder Deputy Clerk

And afterwards to wit

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And afterwards to wit on the 1st day of April A.D. 1842 the Commissioners report was filed in the Office of the Clerk of our said Court which is as follows to wit:



Plat of lands belonging to the Estate of Peter Whetstone deceased. Showing the disposition made therewith by William Higginson, Samuel Mayes and George Shantz Commissioners by virtue of a writ of Partition returned 1st Dec. 1841 by the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Crawford County Ohio -

Field notes of the survey made by William Fitz-Summons Surveyor of Crawford County Ohio, on the 22nd day of March 1842 of the lands belonging to the Estate of Peter Whetstone decd.

Divided into lot 1 & 2 as exhibited by the above plat. the north East corner of each lot is the starting point

Lot No 1.		Lot No 2	
S. 87° W.	91.92 poles	S 87° W.	80.08 poles
S 3° E	40.00 "	S 3° E	119.88 "
N 87° E	92.08 "	N 87° E	80.32 "
N 3° W	40.00 "	N 3° W	120.00 "
Containing 23 acres		Containing 6.11 Acres	
Assigned to Jacob Whetstone as the down's Estate		Not divisible but the whole including lot No 1 appears subject to down at one thousand dollars	
of Mary Whetstone			

I hereby certify the above field notes & plat to be correct & true as surveyed by me as above stated the 22nd March 1842

W^m Fitz-Summons Surveyor C.C.O.

John Shipe, Guardian of { Partition, In Com. Pleas Crawford County Ohio
 Susanna Whetstone an idiot } We the Commissioners appointed in this cause to assign to Jacob Whetstone the down's
 vs late of Mary Whetstone widow of Peter Whetstone late of said County decd. in the real estate
 Mary Whetstone & others } late described in the petition filed and the writ of partition issued in this cause and
 also to make partition of the same lands subject to said down's Estate between the per-
 sons for that purpose named in the said writ of partition having been duly sum up on actual view of the

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premises do assign to the said Jacob Whetstone as the down Estate of the said Mary Whetstone so much of said land as is contained in lot one (1) in the foregoing plat and field note which ahere made a part of this report said down Estate is bounded as follows to wit commencing at the north east corner thereof which is a point on the north line of section twenty two in township two south of range 1^W, twelve rods east of the north quarter post of said section and running thence south 87° West 91.92 poles to a post, thence south 30° East 40. poles to a post, thence south 87° East 92.08 poles to a post, thence north 30° West 40 poles to the place of beginning containing tuncly three acres less or more And upon further view of the premises we are of opinion that said land cannot be divided without manifest injury to the same and whereupon we do estimate the value thereof subject to said down Estate at one thousand dollars, the balance of said lands other than the part in which the said down Estate is assigned is bounded as follow, commencing at the north east corner thereof which is a point on the east boundary line of the west half of said section 40 poles south of the north quarter post of said section & running thence south 87° West 80.08 poles to a post, thence south 30° E. 119.88 poles to a post, thence north 87° East 80.32 poles to a post thence north 30° West 40 poles to the place of beginning containing 60.11 acres less or more.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of March A.D. 1842

William H. Simmons
Samuel Myers } Commissioners
George Sauck }

And afterwards to wit at the April Term of our Said Court A.D. 1842 On motion to the Court by Mr Adam Council for the petitioner and upon producing the proceedings of the Sheriff and the report and proceedings of the Commissioner hereinbefore appointed and the same being examined it is ordered that said proceedings and report be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed and thereupon neither of the parties electing to take said Estate at the valuation thereof as returned by said Commissioner on motion of the petitioner It is ordered that said Estate subject to the demands thereto of Mary Whetstone heretofore assigned to Jacob Whetstone be sold at public Auction by the Sheriff of said County of Crawford according to the Statute in such case made and provided - And this cause is continued

(And thereupon on the 20th day of May A.D. 1842 an Order of Sale issued from the Clerks Office of said Court which was as in the words and figures following to wit) The State of Ohio, Crawford County, U.S. To the Sheriff of said County greeting - Whereas at the April Term of the Court of Common Pleas of said County to wit on the 12th day of April A.D. 1842 the following order was made by said Court to wit,

John Shipe Guardian of *Susana Whetstone* Petition for Partition

On motion to the Court by Mr Adam Council for the petitioner and upon producing the proceedings of the Sheriff and the report and proceedings of the Commissioner hereinbefore appointed and the same being examined It is ordered that said proceedings and report be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed and thereupon neither of the parties electing to take said Estate at the valuation thereof as returned by said Commissioner on motion of the petitioner It is ordered that said Estate subject to the demands thereto of Mary Whetstone heretofore assigned to Jacob Whetstone be sold at public Auction by the Sheriff of said County of Crawford according to the Statute in such case made and provided, and this cause is continued - "as appears to us of the court" You are therefore hereby commanded that you proceed according to law to sell the following real Estate subject to the above Estate aforesaid - to wit - "The East half of the north west quarter of section twenty two in township Two (2) south of range seventeen (17) situated in said County and containing eighty acres be the same less or more; And also a part of the north east quarter of said section twenty two (22) containing three acres it being forty rods from north to south and twelve rods from east to west and situated in the north west corner of said north east quarter - And have the money arising from such sale before our said Court on the first day of their next Term - And having on them there this and together with your proceedings in the premises Witness J.B. Sarwill Clerk of said Court at the Court House in Bucyrus in said County the 20th day of May A.D. 1842

J.B. Sarwill Clerk

And afterwards to wit at the July Term of our said Court A.D. 1842, the Sheriff to whom the foregoing writ was directed and delivered made the following return thereof to wit "In obedience to the command of this writ on the fourth day of July A.D. 1842 between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. & 4 o'clock P.M. of said day at the door of the Court House in Bucyrus in Crawford

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County Ohio I offer & the above described premises for sale by public proclamation & outcry & then and there sell the same to Jacob Whetstone for the sum of six hundred & sixty seven dollars that sum being more than two thirds the appraised value of said premises and the said Jacob Whetstone being the highest & best bidder therefor having previously given notice of said time and place of sale by publishing an advertisement a copy of which is hereto attached and made a part of this return for more than thirty days & four weeks successively in the Democratic Republican a weekly newspaper printed published and in general circulation in the said County of Crawford James S. Marples Esq. Sheriff few Copy to printer, 25 Boundage 13,34 The State of Ohio Crawford County ss Thomas J. Orr of lawful age makes oath & says that a notice a copy of which is hereto attached was published more than 30 days and four weeks successively previous to the 4 July 1842 in the Democratic Republican a weekly newspaper printed published and in general circulation in the said County of Crawford (Printer fees \$2.00) Thomas J. Orr
Subscribed and sworn to before me this
7th July 1842 I.C. Steen, J.P. fees 12½

Sheriff's Sale,

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed from the Court of Common Pleas of Crawford County, Ohio, I shall on the 4th day of July A.D. 1842 between the hours of 10 o'clock AM and 4 o'clock PM, of said day, at the door of the Court House in said County offer for sale by public proclamation and outcry the following real Estate, to wit: the east half of the northwest quarter of section twenty two (22) in township two (2) south of range seventeen (17) situated in said County and containing eighty acres less or more, and also a part of the north east quarter of said section twenty two (22) containing three acres it being forty rods from north to south and twelve rods from east to west and situate in the northwest corner of said north east quarter, subject to the Dow Estate therein of Mary Whetstone heretofore assigned to Jacob Whetstone, said real estate will be sold as belonging to the Estate of Peter Whetstone late of said County deceased, May 30, 1841.

James S. Keay Sheriff of said County

And now to wit, at a Court of Common Pleas begun and held at the Court House in the town of Bucyrus within and for our said County of Crawford, by and before the Honorable Ogles Brown President Judge and the Honorable Reagh Welch Samuel Knisely and Andrew Hails Associate Judges of the same Court on Monday the eleventh day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two - On motion to the Court by Mr. Adams Counsel for the parties, and upon producing the proceedings of the Sheriff and the sale by him made in pursuance of a former order of this Court and the same being examined, It is ordered that said proceedings be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed and thereupon it appearing that the consideration money of said Estate has been paid by said purchaser into the hands of the Sheriff it is ordered that the Sheriff execute and deliver to the said purchaser a deed in fee simple for said Estate. And it is further ordered that out of the same consideration money the said Sheriff pay the cost and expenses of this suit amounting to seventy eight dollars and Seventy cents a part of which is the sum of thirty five dollars allowed to Franklin Adams for his professional service rendered in this Suit and that he distribute the residue thereof between the said parties in the following proportion to wit:

\$321.91

" the Guardian of Susanna Whetstone	91.57
" John Whetstone	91.57
" John Bash	5.56
" Mary Bash	5.56
" Peter Bash	5.56
" Barbara Bash	5.56
" Jacob Bash	5.56
" Susanna Bash	5.56
" Samuel Bash	5.56
" Mary Meader	11.12
" Peter Meader	11.11
" Jacob Meader	11.11
" Eleanor Meader	11.11
	\$588.30

At a Court of Common Pleas, begun and held at the Court House, in the Town of Bucyrus, within and for the County of Crawford, in the State of Ohio, on Monday the ninth day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred, and forty, Present, The Honorable Ozius Bowen President, and Hugh Welch, Samuel Russell, and Andrew Taitor Esquires, Associate Judges, and James L. Harper Sheriff, and J. House Clerk of said Court.