

State of North Carolina} Superior Court
Person County} December 5th, 1882

Eliza A. Stanfield, Addison Bradsher, Susan }
Hargis and her husband O. V. Hargis, D. Y. }
Bradsher, ^{Nancy} ~~Nancie~~ O. Bradsher, James O. }
Bradsher and Joseph Bradsher }

Against }

Martha Stafford & her husband Thomas }
Stafford & the children of Elizabeth }
Bradsher, dcd. }

The petition of Eliza A. Stanfield, Addison Bradsher, Susie Hargis
and her husband O. V. Hargis, D. Y. Bradsher, Nancie O. Bradsher and Joseph Bradsher,
Respectfully Sheweth unto your honor. Naami

1st That James O. Bradsher late of Said County and State is dead leaving no last will
and testament. And that he left surviving him Nancy O. Bradsher his wife who has since
died and also your petitioners Eliza A. Stanfield, Addison Bradsher, Susie Hargis, D. Y.
Bradsher, ^{Nancy} ~~Nancie~~ O. Bradsher, James O. Bradsher, Joseph Bradsher, Martha Stafford and
Elizabeth Bradsher (the last Elizabeth Bradsher has since died and leaves surviving her
children whose names are not known to your petitioners, his children and only heirs at law
upon whom his real estate descended as *tenants in common* equally to be divided between
them and being entitled to one ninth.

2nd And your petitioners would further shew that the said intestate at the time of his
death was seized in fee of a tract of land in the county aforesaid adjoining the lands of
Stephen Garret, John & George Holsomback, C. S. Winstead and others containing 138
2/10 acres by survey.

3rd And your petitioners further shew that they desire to have partition of said land
made against them according to their respective rights and intents therein but that owing
to the size of said tract of land the number and connections of the tenants interested
therein, the nature and quality of the soil and other causes it is impossible that actual
partition thereof can be made without serious injury to the parties interested. Your
petitioners therefore pray your honor to order a sale of said land at such time as your
Honor shall deem just and reasonable and that the proceeds of the sale may be divided
among them according to their respective shares and interests therein.

To the end therefore that the said defendants may answer the ? that said land may by a
decree of your honor, be sold at such times [sic] as your honor shall deem just and

reasonable and that the proceeds of said sale may be divided among your petitioners and the daid defendants according to their respective interest in said land and my be paid to or secured for them respectively according to law.

And your petitioners further pray that an order of publication be made so that Martha Stafford and her husband Thomas Stafford and also the children of Elizabeth Bradsher who are entitled to their mother's interest in said land all of whom are now residents of this State notifying them of this petition and directing them to appear and answer for ? as they think proper. And that a commission? ?? (bottom line is illegible, but a commission is to be appointed to survey the land) acquainted with the tract of land described in the foregoing petition and that the facts in the petition of their own knowledge are true and these upon information and belief they believe to be true. Sworn and Subscribed to before me this the 5th day of Dec. 1882.

Sworn & subscribed to
before me this day

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Probate Judge & CSC

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Outer writing: Eliza A. Stanfield
and others

vs.

Martha Stafford Et al

Complaint