

William B. McPherson

Wills to the Joseph

H. Ames Land at

Middlesex.

Oswell Ames, born Oct 5, 1845,  
died May 7, 1867.

Sarah Ames, born Feb 20, 1848,  
died Sept 25, 1867.

Nancy B. Joyner died  
Dec 18, 1870.

Oswell W. Ames died first, <sup>intestate,</sup> over 21 years after  
Sarah A. Ames, married S. J. Burlington, had issue  
a daughter, who was born Aug. 12, 1867, and died July 21, 1868.  
Then Sarah A. Burlington died - under age.  
Then Sarah A. Burlington's daughter died.  
Then Mrs. Nancy B. Joyner died. (A. Ames -  
Nancy B. Joyner, formerly Ames, was the mother of Oswell W. + Sarah

Nancy B. Joyner's heirs were Elijah W. Hook's children,  
[viz: Edward, Sarah, &c. &c.]  
and John J. Hook's child, Oester, who married Chas. K.  
Taylor. Margaret  
and Mary Cropper's (married Seymour Cropper) child, Susan  
Leoburn, the wife of George <sup>W.</sup> Leoburn.

Elijah W. Hook, John J. Hook + Mary Cropper were the  
brothers + sister of Nancy B. Joyner. and they all died  
before her.

Opinion.

Nancy B. Joyner's  $\frac{1}{4}$  inherited from her son Oswell, goes to her heirs at-law  
viz: Elijah W. Hook's children, John J. Hook's child and Mary Cropper's child, ~~and their~~  
~~descendants, the children to take per capita, + their descendants to take per stirpes.~~

Sarah A. Burlington's child's  $\frac{3}{4}$  ~~inherited from its mother, goes to the children~~  
~~of its great-uncle + aunt, ex parte materna, viz: to the children of Edward W. Ames,~~  
~~Elizet Mears, Elijah W. Hook, John J. Hook and Mary Cropper, and their descend-~~  
~~ants, taking their children to take per capita and their descendants to take per stirpes,~~  
~~subject however to the estate by the courtesy of S. J. Burlington. The~~  
~~child of Sarah A. Burlington having left neither brother nor sister, nor grand-father~~  
~~nor grand-mother, uncle or aunt, nor great-grandfather, nor great-grandmother,~~  
~~nor great-uncle or great-aunt, ex parte materna. The child of Sarah A.~~  
~~Burlington having died an infant, only a few months old.~~

Sarah A. Burlington's child's  $\frac{3}{4}$  <sup>th</sup> inherited from its mother, went to its  
grand-mother, Mrs. Nancy B. Joyner, subject to the life-estate by the cour-  
tesy of S. J. Burlington. [He is tenant by the courtesy of only  $\frac{1}{3}$  of said  $\frac{3}{4}$  <sup>th</sup> be-  
cause of Mrs. Nancy Joyner's dower as widow of Jos. B. Ames. 1 Rom. Dig. 85, 106, 117.]  
Upon the death of Nancy B. Joyner, that  $\frac{3}{4}$  <sup>th</sup> ~~subject to S. J. Burlington~~  
went to the children of her brothers + sister, viz: to John J. Hook's child,  
Mary Cropper's child, and Elijah W. Hook's children, per capita.

This leaves the land held at present, as follows:  $\frac{1}{2}$  to said last named  
parties now in fee; + the other  $\frac{1}{2}$  to them in fee, subject to the  
life-estate of S. J. Burlington by the courtesy.