

N<sup>o</sup> 2582. Equity

The State of Maryland. Frederick County to wit; At a Circuit Court of the said  
Judicial Courts of the State of Maryland. sitting as a Court of Equity. begun and  
held at the Court House, in Frederick-Town, in & for the County aforesaid, on the  
seventeenth day of May, in the year, Eighteen Hundred, and Fifty four.

Present: The Honourable Mason Nelson, Circuit Judge.

Israel C. Neal, Esq. S<sup>er</sup>g. Atty.

Edward Shriver, Ck.

Among other were the following proceedings to wit:

Phillip Culler & Ann R. Culler. Lewis Thomas & Sophia E. Thomas & Benjamin F. Dixon. William St. Dixon Henry Culler Jr. Richard J. Dixon. Adolphus W. Marriott & Joseph A. Dixon. —

Be it remembered, that heretofore to wit, on the Ninth day of October, in the year, Eighteen Hundred & fifty four. Came the said Philip Culler Ann R. Culler Lewis W. Thomas. & Sophia E. Thomas & Benjamin F. Dixon into Court lead by W. B. Luckett Esq. Solicitor & filed in Court the following - Bill & Exhibits To the Hon. M. Nelson - Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick-County, sitting as a Court of Equity. The Bill of Complaint of Philip Culler & Ann R. Culler his wife, Lewis Thomas & Sophia E. Thomas his wife & Benjamin F. Dixon of Frederick-County Shows. That some fifteen, or sixteen years ago, James Dixon departed this life, leaving a small Tract of Land, containing about Twenty eight acres, lying in Frederick-County - That said James Dixon left a widow, named Sophia Dixon, & the following Children, his heirs at Law, to wit: William St. Rich<sup>d</sup> J. Ann R. Sophia E. - Benjamin F. Joseph A. & Robert Dixon. That some Ten or twelve years ago, the said Robert Dixon departed this life, unmarried & leaving his brothers and sisters, his heirs at Law. - That said Ann R. Mannes your Orator, Philip Culler and the said Sophia E. named your Orator Lewis Thomas. - That in the year Eighteen hundred and Fifty-Seven - the said William St Dixon sold his Interest in said Land Sophia Dixon; & that in Eighteen Hundred & forty eight, the said Richard J. Dixon, sold his Interest in said Land, to said Sophia Dixon; so that at the time of her death - the said Sophia E. Dixon, owned One third of said Real Estate, your Orators, & Oratrices further show unto your Honor, that in the year eighteen hundred and Fifty four, the said Sophia E. Dixon, departed this life, leaving the above named surviving Children of Dixon, her heirs at Law, your Orators, and Oratrices further show unto your Honor, that on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 1851, the said W. St. Dixon, applied for the benefit of the insolvent Laws of Maryland, and that Henry Culler Jr. was duly appointed his Trustee, as will appear by the Clerk's Certificate, herewith filed & marked Exhibit N<sup>o</sup> 1, which together with all other exhibits - your Complainants pray - maybe taken as part of this their Bill of Complaint, your Orators further show that on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August, 1854, the said Richard J. Dixon applied for the benefit of the Insolvent laws, & that Adolphus W. Marriott, was duly appointed his Trustee as will appear by the Clerk's Certificate - herewith filed, marked Exhibit N<sup>o</sup> 2. Your Orators, and Oratrices further show - That all said parties reside in Frederick-County & all are of full age, except Joseph A. Dixon, who is an Infant. your Orators, and Oratrices, further show, That the said Real Estate is insusceptible of advantageous division & that it will be for the Interest & advantage of all parties Concerned, that it should be sold, and the proceeds thereof divided among them, But as it is, your Orators, & Oratrices, are without adequate remedy save by the aid of your Honourable Courts, To the end Therefore that the said, William St. Dixon, Henry Culler Jr. Richard J. Dixon, Adolphus W. Marriott