

Jonas Gross, a witness of lawful age, one of the Defendants in this cause, being duly sworn and examined, deposes and says as follows:-

My name is Jonas Gross and I am 66 years of age and have lived in Frederick County all my life. I am a brother of Amanda Gross, my father's name being Henry Gross. Upon the death of my father he willed to my sister, Amanda, a small property in Middletown District, in Frederick County, Maryland, a copy of which will I have examined and find that it mentions this property specifically. This property was conveyed to my father by the heirs of Henry Miller. This I know from hearing my father tell me, but I do not remember it personally. I now examine the deed from the Miller heirs to me father and it describes the property which was willed to my sister and the property mentioned in these proceedings. My sister died on May 27, 1924, seized and possessed of this land. She left no personal estate with the exception of a few items of property in the house which are virtually of no value. She never married, but left surviving her three brothers and the children of two sisters who died before her. The brothers include myself, Josiah Gross and Nathaniel Gross, and the children of Katherine Young, who predeceased my sister, Amanda, are the following; William Young, whose wife's name is Eva Young, Carrie Windsell, whose husband's name is Henry H. Winsell, Edith Hughes, a daughter of Estate Hughes who is dead, Candace Pagan, whose husband's name is Charles B. Pagan; and the children of my other sister, Susanna Gross Wise are the following; Emma Houser, whose husband's name is Charles Houser, Rena Houser, whose husband's name is Robert Houser, Katherine Kepler, whose husband's name is Robert Kepler, Charles M. Wise, whose wife's name is Edna Wise, Joseph H. Wise, whose wife's name is Sylvia Wise, Harry G. Wise, Gertrude Duple, whose husband's name is Charles Duple, Edith Wise, Fannie Brandenburg, whose husband's name is George Brandenburg, Oliver Wise, and John Wise, whose wife's name is Lola Wise. Since the death of my sister Nathaniel Gross, my brother, has died and he left surviving him the following children and heirs at law: George Gross, William Gross and Mary Gross, his wife, Mary Ellen Smith and Harry W. Smith, her husband, Sarah C. Fish, Ada V. Knodle and Harvey Knodle, her husband, Florence Itnyer and Charles Itnyer, her husband.

The property herein mentioned is probably worth \$400.00. My sister's burial expenses have never been paid and there are probably some other small bills that she owes and I think it best that the property be sold for the purpose of paying her debts, and, of course, if there is any balance remaining I understand that it is to go to the heirs.

To the general interrogatory; Nothing further.

Jonas Gross:

John H. Beachley, a witness of lawful age, having been duly sworn deposes and says as follows; My name is John H. Beachley and I am 53 years old and reside in Middletown District, in Frederick County, Maryland, and own property lying in the same vicinity as this property, possibly two miles from it. I personally knew Amanda Gross during her lifetime and know that she owned the property which is mentioned in these proceedings which she received by will from her father. I now examine the will of Henry Gross, the father of Amanda Gross, and find that it specifically describes the land which she owned the fact was that I was a witness to the Henry Gross Will. I personally knew Henry Gross and he had six children, three boys and three girls, Jonas, Josiah and Nathaniel, and Amanda, Susanna and Katherine, I never knew Katherine very well because she left here a long time ago and spent most of her time in Ohio. I understand she had heirs there, but I never knew them. Mrs Wise died before her sister, Amanda, and left several children all of whom I know. They are; Emma Houser, whose husband's name is Charles Houser, Rena Houser, whose husband's name is Robert Houser, Katherine Kepler, whose husband's name is Robert Kepler, Charles M. Wise, whose wife's name is Edna Wise, Joseph H. Wise, whose wife's name is Sylvia Wise, Harry G. Wise, Gertrude Duple, whose husband's name is Charles Duple, Edith