

Charles W. Hoffman and Nora B. Hoffman, his wife; Ruth Hoffman Cornelius and James R. Cornelius, her husband; Charlotte Hoffman scarf and J. Philip Scarf, her husband; Jerome J. Hoffman, Jr., and Mildred Hoffman, his wife, and Margaret Hoffman Paxson and Harold K. Paxson, her husband,  
Complainants.

" No. 17613 Equity  
" In the Circuit  
" Court for  
" Frederick County,  
" Maryland, In Equity:

Vs.  
Robert A. Hoffman and Louise Hoffman, his wife,  
Harvey S. Hoffman and Mary Hoffman, his wife,  
George F. Hoffman and Alice Hoffman, his wife,  
Margaret L. Shoemaker and Arthur Shoemaker, her husband, all of Frederick County, Maryland  
Defendants.

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The bill of complaint of Charles W. Hoffman and Nora B. Hoffman, his wife; Ruth Hoffman Cornelius and James R. Cornelius, her husband; Charlotte Hoffman Scarf and J. Philip Scarf, her husband; Jerome J. Hoffman, Jr., and Mildred Hoffman, his wife, and Margaret Hoffman Paxson, and Harold K. Paxson, her husband, by their solicitor, Murray H. Fout, respectfully represents unto Your Honors:

First: That by deed dated February 3, 1926, and recorded in Liber No. 356, folio 252 etc., one of the land records for Frederick County, Maryland, a certain Annie E. Hoffman, widow, conveyed a lot or parcel of land, improved with a brick dwelling, situate, lying and being in Frederick City, Maryland known as 152 E. South Street in said City and State, unto her children, Jerome J. Hoffman, George F. Hoffman, Charles W. Hoffman, Harvey S. Hoffman, Robert A. Hoffman and Margaret L. Shoemaker, and reserved unto herself, the said Annie E. Hoffman, widow, a life estate in and to said above described real estate. A certified copy of said deed is being filed herewith marked "Exhibit Deed" and is prayed to<sup>be</sup> taken as a part hereof.

Second: That the said Annie E. Hoffman, died intestate, on or about the 13th day of January, 1953, whereby the title to said real estate vested in the children of the said Annie E. Hoffman, widow, by virtue of said Deed of Conveyance.

Third: That Jerome J. Hoffman, one of the children of the said Annie E. Hoffman named in said Deed died intestate in the year 1938, survived by his widow and four children. The widow of the said Jerome J. Hoffman having since remarried and is believed to be residing in the State of