

of said William of William, were as follows William who died in Ohio, and whether he left heirs or devisees is unknown & you named to Joseph Workman, & son E. intermarried to Nathaniel Gresson. Jane married to Joseph Hunter Stoney married Doctor Hull of Ohio Maxwell Shields, Mary married to some one whose name is unknown. Catharine married to some one whose name is unknown, and Mary Jane married to some one whose name is unknown all of which said children of said William except the said Jefferson of Frederick County lived beyond the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland; but where these orators cannot ascertain or know, otherwise than as already stated by them. Your orators further shew, and charge that all of the eleven children of said William Shields deceased, except Ebenezer Shields removed beyond the limits of the State of Maryland, and have deceased beyond the jurisdiction of this State, and that it is not known to these complainants, nor after diligent enquiry have they been able to ascertain otherwise than as herein before stated what children, and heirs, or devisees they have left, nor where they reside; and that they have not been found within the State of Maryland, except as above stated. Your orators further shew, that the said William Shields & Mary Shields, afterwards married to William Blair, in their life time, and in the life time of the said John Shields, Executor as aforesaid transferred, surrendered & conveyed, to the said John Shields as Executor, for divers good & valuable considerations, all their right, Title Interest & claim of & to their distributive shares of said Real Estate of the said William Shields their father, and to any part of the proceeds of any sales thereof, which might be had, and that the same therewith by the express stipulation of their said conveyances became & were merged into the general fund, for the benefit of the remaining heirs, and devisees according to their said original propuations thereof, under said will of their father, your orators further charge that the said John Shields as executor as aforesaid, in his life time never took any other or further steps in the execution of the said Trusts on said Real Estate, in the aforementioned deeds described, than the assumption of the legal title by means of said conveyance & reconveyance, and by the purchase of the Interest therein of the said William & Mary for the benefit of the other brothers, and sisters & that the said Trust remained unexecuted at the time of his decease, as aforesaid & since his decease still remain utterly unexecuted, and no benefit or advantage of the same to the parties respectively entitled had since been derived your orators further charge, that Jefferson Shields of Frederick County, the son of William who is entitled as assignee of the Three children of John.