

in Frederick City, State of Maryland, to his mother, Elizabeth Fischer, during her life and on her death said Real Estate, to be sold by his executors, and the proceeds distributed equally among his four sisters Miranda Shipman, Margaret Gombare Ann Eliza Cauliflower, and Sarah Devan. That he sold part of said Real Estate in 1847, to John A. Steiner, and in November 1851 purchased it again & paid said Steiner part of the purchase money. That he died, in February 1852, without having revoked said last will, or paid said Steiner, the Balance of said purchase money. The Bill further states that said will was duly admitted to probate, and Recorded in the Office of the Register of wills of Washington County in the District of Columbia. That letters Testamentary were granted to Harriet Fischer and George J. Fischer, who were named Executors in said will. That the residue of said purchase money was paid to said Steiner by one of said executors. That the debts of said testator have been paid, or if not paid, the personal Estate is sufficient to pay the same. That Harriet Fischer, claims as widow, and Harriet Ann Gantzinger, wife of William C. Gantzinger, claims as only child & heir at law, said last named real Estate, and that said Steiner, in consequence of said conflicting claims has not yet, conveyed the same, and refuses to do so, unless by order of the Court, for his protection. The Bill further states that said Elizabeth Fischer, Miranda Shipman, Margaret Gombare, Ann Eliza Cauliflower, and Sarah Devan, are entitled to said Real Estate, in accordance with the provisions of said will. But that the executors refuse to give possession thereof. that said executors have received since the death of William Fischer a large amount of rents & profits from said Real Estate, which they refuse to account for, or pay over, to said Elizabeth Fischer, who claims the same: The Bill then alleges that said Harriet Fischer, Harriet Ann Gantzinger & William Ann Gantzinger reside in Washington D.C. out of the State of Maryland. It is thereupon ordered & adjudged that the Complainants cause a copy of this order to be published, once a week, for one month, in some Newspaper published in Frederick, before the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 1854, & thereby give notice to said absent defendants of the object & substance of this bill & warn them, to be & appear in this Court, in person, or by solicitor, on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 1854, to answer the premises & show cause, if any they have why a decree should not pass as prayed.

June 13<sup>th</sup> 1854

Edw. Shivers Ck. of the Circuit For Frederick County.

The following answer was filed, June 16, 1854.

The separate answer of John A. Steiner, one of the defendants, to the Bill of Complaint of Joseph Devan & Sarah his wife, William F. Cauliflower, and Ann Eliza his wife & others, as Complainants, filed against this defendant, and others, being No. 2561, on the Equity Docket of the Circuit Court, for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity. This defendant for answer to said Bill of Complaint, says he admits that some time in the month of July, 1847 he purchased of William Fischer of Washington City, D.C. a lot of ground, situate on the North Side of East Patrick Street, in Frederick City, which is truly & accurately described in the paper filed with said Bill of Complaint, marked exhibit A.B. and the said exhibit is a true, and Certified Copy of the deed of conveyance for said lot, from said William Fischer to this defendant. This defendant further answering, admits, that some time in the month of November 1851, he sold said lot to said William Fischer, and received from him four hundred dollars, in part of the purchase money, and that said