

of Frederick County, and State of Maryland, Theodore S. Bantz & Cecelia Bantz his wife, Edward Bantz, & Malinda Bantz his wife, of the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, Algernon S. Bantz & Isabella Bantz his wife of the State of Missouri & Henry G. Davis & Catharine A. S. Davis his wife of the State of Virginia - in the Court here by Wm. A. Ross Esqr. solicitor & filed in Court the following Bill & Exhibits, Viz.

To the Hon. Madison Nelson, Circuit Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland, sitting in the Circuit Court, for Frederick County as a Court of Equity. The Bill of Complaint of Gideon Bantz Jr. & Julia Bantz his wife, William S. Bantz his wife, William S. Bantz & Caroline S. Bantz his wife, Elizabeth M. Ebbert, of Frederick County - State of Maryland, Theodore S. Bantz & Cecelia Bantz his wife, Edward Bantz, & Malinda Bantz his wife of the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, Algernon S. Bantz & Isabella Bantz his wife of the State of Missouri, and Henry G. Davis & Catharine A. S. Davis his wife of the State of Virginia. Respectfully sheweth, That Gideon Bantz Sr. the father of your Complainants &c. died intestate, in the month of October, in the year Eighteen Hundred and fifty four, seized, and possessed of the Lots, parts of Lots and pieces, or parcels of ground - described in the Deeds executed to said Gideon Bantz by Ezra Dole & Harriet Dole his wife, by John & M. Elfush & Theresia M. Elfush his wife, by Susan Duffin, by Peter Sowers, by Lewis Ramburg & Susan Ramburg his wife, which said Lots, and parts of Lots, are situate in Frederick-Town, in the County, and State aforesaid, and are fully described in the Office Copies of said Deeds - herewith exhibited, marked Exhibits N^o. 1. N^o. 2. N^o. 3. N^o. 4. & N^o. 5. and also seized, and possessed of all those pieces, or parts of tracts of Land, situate in the County of Frederick, State of Maryland, described in the Deeds exhibited, the said Gideon Bantz, by Daniel Bantz, and Mary E. Bantz & by William F. Johnson & wife. Office Copies of which said Deeds are herewith exhibited, marked, exhibits, N^o. 6. & N^o. 7. which exhibits. Together with all other exhibits herein after produced - your Complainants pray may be taken as a part of this their Bill of Complaint. Your Complainants further state that the Gideon Bantz Sr. resided in Frederick Town, in the County & State aforesaid at the time of his death, and left a widow named Anna Maria Bantz his surviving - and the following children - his heirs at Law, to whom said Lands descended as Coparceners, to wit, his daughter Elizabeth M. Ebberts, now a widow Gideon Bantz his eldest son, William S. Bantz, Theresia S. Bantz, Edward Bantz - Algernon S. Bantz, Catharine A. S. Bantz, Maria to Henry G. Davis, all of whom are of full age of Twenty one years, and Peter Sowers Bantz, an Infant, under the age of Twenty one years, who is now a resident of the State of Virginia. - Your Complainants charge that the Lands which descended to them, and Peter S. Bantz, as heirs at Law of Gideon Bantz Sr. are susceptible of partition - among them, but that Peter Sowers Bantz one of the heirs at Law is an Infant under the age of Twenty one years & that a partition, cannot be made among the heirs, and that it cannot be divided among them with advantage to all the parties concerned therein that your Complainants will be entitled to have the same sold, and the proceeds distributed among the respective parties in proportion to their respective Interests. To the end therefore - that the said Peter S. Bantz may answer the premises; and that a Decree may be passed for a partition of the aforesaid Real Estate among the parties aforesaid, or in case a partition thereof cannot be affected, that the same may be sold, under the direction of this Court, and the proceeds thereof distributed among the said parties - in proportion to their respective interests, and that your Complainants