

and confirmed, no cause to the contrary having been shown, though notice has been duly given and the Justice is hereby ordered to pay out the funds accordingly.

W. Nelson

No 3176 Equity

State of Maryland Frederick County etc

At a Circuit Court for the fourth Judicial Circuit of the State of Maryland sitting as a Court of Equity held at the Court House in Fredericktown on and for the County aforesaid on the 23 day of May 1863. Present The Hon. Madison Nelson Circuit Judge,

John A. Steiner Esq - Sheriff and Joseph W. L. Carty Clerk.

Among other were the following proceedings to wit

Mary Sheffer and others

Wm H. Bowler and others

It is remembered that heretofore to wit on the 15 day of August 1864. and the said Complainants in Court here sitting by Grayson Eicherberger Solicitor and filed in Court the following Bill and Exhibits, to

Bill

Exhibits No. 1

of the Honorable Madison Nelson Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity.

The petition of Mary Sheffer of said County, mother and next friend of George Philip Sheffer, Maurice Edward Sheffer and Laura Frances Sheffer, respectfully sheweth unto your Honor that as certain Daniel Sheffer departed this life intestate sometime in the month of November with the year eighteen hundred and sixty three, seized and possessed of several valuable tracts of land described and specified in the Exhibits filed herewith marked Exhibits No: 1-2-3 and 4 to which reference is hereby made, which said Exhibits with all other Exhibits your petitioner prays may be taken and considered as a part of this her petition as if her inserted in words and figures, that the said Daniel Sheffer dec leaving your petitioner as his widow and Mary Catharine Bowler wife of Wm H. Bowler, Sarah Elizabeth Hoople wife of John W. Hoople, Susan Rebecca Horne wife of Luther A. Horne, Martha Jane Hall wife of Matthias Hall and the said Geo. Philip, Maurice Edward and Laura Frances Sheffer as his only children and heirs at law, to whom said land specified in said Exhibits 1-2 and 3 descended as tenants in common, subject to the right of dower of your petitioner Mary Sheffer as the widow of said Daniel Sheffer dec? that said Geo. Philip, Maurice Edward and Laura Frances Sheffer are infants under the age of twenty one years and all the rest of said heirs at law are adults and that they all live in Frederick County,

Your petitioner still further sheweth unto your Honor that said land will not admit of division among said heirs at law without injury and loss to all of them - that the interest and advantage of said children, heirs at law and tenants in common, infants as well as adults, require and will be promoted by a sale of said land; and that your petitioner is willing said lands shall be sold, free from her right of dower, and your petitioner agreeing to receive instead thereof her proportion of the proceeds of the sale of said land. In tender consideration whereof and for that your petitioner is remediless by the strict rules of the Common law and relievable only in a Court of Equity where matters and things of this nature are properly cognizable, may it therefore please your Honor, in order that the said Wm H. Bowler and Mary Catharine his wife, John W. Hoople and Sarah Elizabeth his wife, Luther A. Horne and Susan Rebecca his wife, Matthias Hall and Martha Jane his wife, Geo. Philip Sheffer, Maurice Edward Sheffer