

Ann Rebecca Harding and H. D. Alderman of Frederick County, may full, true, direct and perfect answers make to all the charges and matters aforesaid, as fully in every respect as if the same were here again repeated and they thereunto interrogated, and may it please your Honor to order, assign and decree that the said real estate of which the said John Leather did die seized and the same, be sold by a Justice to be appointed for the benefit of the said at law of said intestate, and may it please your Honor to extend unto your Orators and Oratrix all such further and other relief in the premises as to your Honor shall seem meet.

May it please your Honor to grant unto your Orators and Oratrix the writ of Subpoena to be directed to the said Lewis R. Harding and Ann R. Harding his wife, and to H. D. Alderman, thereby commanding them at a certain day therein to be specified to be and appear before your Honor in your Honorable Court, and then and there to answer all singular the premises aforesaid and to stand to perform and abide such order and decree therein as to your Honor shall seem meet. And your Orators and Oratrix shall ever pray.

H. M. Johnson & J. W. Pease  
Solicitors for Complainant

Exhibit A

At the request of John Leather the following deed was recorded June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1845. Rec<sup>d</sup>. Stamp duty. Wm. P. Tyler Clerk.

This indenture made 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five between George Smith of the County of Frederick in the State of Maryland Trustee and Committee of John Gittinger a Justice as hereinafter mentioned of the one part and John Leather of the County and State aforesaid of the other part. Whereas by a decree of Frederick County Court sitting as a Court of Equity bearing date on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five, in No 2242 a cause in the said Court depending between John Gittinger a Justice, by George Smith his Committee and trustee complainants and Rebecca W. Gittinger and John Leather defendants the said George Smith Trustee and Committee as aforesaid was ordered and directed to convey the property in said decree mentioned and hereinafter particularly described unto the said John Leather and his heirs free of the potential right of dower of Rebecca W. Gittinger as soon as the said John Leather shall pay unto George Smith Trustee and Committee of John Gittinger as aforesaid the sum of six hundred and sixty one dollars and fifty cents with interest thereon from the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August 1845 until paid the same being the balance of purchase money due for the lands and tenements in said proceedings mentioned. And whereas the purchase money for the property hereinafter described and conveyed having been fully paid and satisfied, the said George Smith Trustee and Committee as aforesaid agrees to execute these presents in pursuance of the power vested in him in and by virtue of the decree aforesaid. Now this indenture witnesseth that the said Geo. Smith Trustee and Committee as aforesaid for and in consideration of the premises and also of five dollars current money in hand paid by the said John Leather to the said Geo. Smith Trustee and Committee as aforesaid in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt of which he does hereby acknowledge and himself to be therewith fully satisfied contented and paid. the said George Smith Trustee and Committee as aforesaid hath bargained and sold, aliened and enfeoffed and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain and sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey and confirm unto the said John Leather his heirs and assigns, all the tract or parcel of land situate and lying in Frederick County & State aforesaid being part of the tract of land called 'The Harps', laid out for and surveyed to contain two hundred and one and one half acres of land more or less, which was heretofore

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