

the tenth day of April in the year Eighteen hundred and sixty five, leaving your Complainant his widow then surviving & Your Complainant further states that that her husband & the said Philip Hammond during his marriage was seized and possessed in fee, of part of a tract of Land called "Norris Purchase" containing one hundred acres, conveyed to him by William H. Walker and wife by deed duly acknowledged and recorded, a copy of which deed where with Exhibited, marked Exhibit A-1, which your Complainant prays together with all other Exhibits hereinafter produced, may be taken as part of this her Bill of Complaint & And your Complainant further states that the said Philip Hammond during his marriage with your Complainant was seized in fee of another piece or part of the tract of Land called "Norris Purchase" situate in the County of Frederick State of Maryland, containing twenty seven acres of Land heretofore conveyed by Henry Woods and others to the said Philip Hammond by deed, a true copy whereof is herewith Exhibited marked Exhibit A-2. Your Complainant further charges that the said Philip Hammond at his death, died seized in fee of the said parts of said Tract of Land called "Norris Purchase" situate in Frederick County State of Maryland, described in the Exhibits A-1 and A-2 heretofore Exhibited. & Your Complainant further states that the said Philip Hammond made his will on about the ninth day of April Eighteen hundred and sixty five, duly executed to pass real estate, and died without revoking the same. & Your Complainant further states that she as widow renounced the provisions made for her by the will of her said husband, and elected to take her dower in the Lands of which her said husband died seized and possessed, all of which matters will more fully and at large appear by a certified copy of the will of the said Philip Hammond, and of the renunciation thereof by your Complainant herewith Exhibited marked Exhibit A-3 & Your Complainant further states that the said Philip Hammond, by his said will constituted and appointed his brothers Richard Hammond and Thomas H. Hammond Executors of his last will, and guardians of his said children, which appointment said Richard H. Hammond renounced, all of which matters will be fully seen by the copy of said will and renunciation, heretofore Exhibited as Exhibits A-4 & Your Complainant charges that the said Philip Hammond died, leaving the following children to whom said lands descended as heirs at law, until the sale thereof be made under the power contained in said will, to wit, Cordelia Hammond, Nicholas H. Hammond, John H. Hammond, Christiana Hammond, Leah Jones Hammond, Philip J. Hammond, Eldrige J. B. Hammond, and William Lee Hammond, all of whom are infants under the age of twenty one year, and reside in Frederick County State of Maryland. & Your Complainant further states that she is entitled to dower in said lands and tenements whereof her said husband Philip Hammond died seized and possessed, and on account of the rents and profits since his death. & To the end therefore that he the said Thomas H. Hammond as acting Executor and as Testamentary Guardian of the infant heirs and devisees of said Philip Hammond heretofore named, and Cordelia Hammond, Nicholas H. Hammond, John H. Hammond, Christiana Hammond, Leah Jones Hammond, Philip J. Hammond, Eldrige J. B. Hammond, and William Lee Hammond, the infant heirs and devisees of said Philip Hammond, may answer the several matters and things heretofore stated, and that dower may be assigned to your Complainant as widow in the lands whereof her said husband Philip Hammond died seized and possessed; and that a Decree may be passed allowing your Complainant rents and profits arising from said real estate, since the death of her said husband, and that a commission be issued to five discreet and sensible persons authorizing them or a majority of them to locate and assign the dower of the Complainant in said lands and tenements, and to grant to your Complainant such other and further relief in the premises as the nature and Equity her case may require & May it please