

all of Frederick County, respectfully shows unto your Honor, that John Schroyer late of Frederick County deceased, died sometime in the month of March 1866, intestate, that he died leaving no Widow, and the following named persons as his only children and heirs at law; By Your Orators Caroline Schroyer, Daniel Schroyer, Lucretia Schroyer, Sarah Ann Eckard wife of Frederick Eckard, Lewis H Schroyer & Catherine Schroyer and James W., Daniel, Ellen & Caroline Hoffman who are children of Mary Ann Hoffman a child of said intestate and who was intermarried with one Samuel Hoffman now living, and Susan Elizabeth wife of Ephraim Moser, that all of said children and heirs at law are adults with the exception of Daniel, Ellen & Caroline Hoffman who are infants, and who with their said father Samuel Hoffman, are now residents of the State of Maryland and live in the State of Illinois, that all the rest of said children and heirs at law, live in the State of Maryland, and all in Frederick County with the exception of Ephraim Moser and Susan Elizabeth his wife, who live in Washington County. Your Complainants would further show unto your Honor that said John Schroyer dec<sup>d</sup> died seized and possessed of certain real estate situated in Frederick County, a portion of which he purchased of Joseph Wastler and wife, and which is, particularly described in a deed from said Joseph Wastler and wife, a true and certified copy whereof is filed herewith, marked Exhibit No 1, which with all other Exhibits herewith filed, your Orators pray may be taken as a part of this their Bill of Complaint as if here inserted in words and figures; that said John Schroyer dec<sup>d</sup> died seized and possessed of one other tract or parcel of land of about one hundred and five acres, which he purchased of one Jacob Humma about the year 1840, and which he had in peaceable and undisturbed possession for about twenty five years and which he fully paid for, but for which he never received any deed of conveyance, and in which he had an equitable title or claim in fee, that said Jacob Humma died without executing any deed, but that his executors are still living named Samuel Humma and Col - Keller, and reside in Washington County, and your Complainants are advised that said 105 acres in which said John Schroyer dec<sup>d</sup> had said equitable title and claim in fee, has now descended to said heirs at law of said John Schroyer as tenants in common, as also all other real estate of said John Schroyer which he held by a title whether legal or equitable in fee, Your Complainants further show that there is one other tract of land of about fifty acres of which said John Schroyer dec<sup>d</sup> died seized and possessed and which was formerly owned by Jacob Gentsinger or dec<sup>d</sup>, Daniel Burns and Joseph and John Poffenberger, who owned said 50 acres in common, the said Jacob and John Poffenberger together owning but one undivided third, that said John Schroyer dec<sup>d</sup> bought of said Jacob Gentsinger or dec<sup>d</sup> his undivided one third and received a deed therefor, a true and certified copy of which is filed herewith marked Exhibit No 2, that said John Schroyer dec<sup>d</sup> then bought about the year 1858, from said Daniel Burns his undivided one third of said 50 acres at and for the sum of \$125. all of which he fully paid but never received a deed therefor, yet the possession of which, as well as the equitable title and claim in fee to which he fully had, and in the year 1860 the said John Schroyer dec<sup>d</sup> bought of said Joseph and John Poffenberger their undivided third of said 50 acres, under and in virtue of a certain contract or agreement, at and for the sum of \$125 as well be seen by said agreement, filed herewith, marked Exhibit No 3 and said John Schroyer paid \$75 of said purchase money as will be seen by said Poffenberger's receipts filed herewith marked Exhibits No 4 & 5. Your Orators further state that said John Schroyer dec<sup>d</sup> in his lifetime sold to Lewis Schroyer about thirty one acres of said last mentioned tract of fifty acres, and gave him a deed therefor which deed was also signed and acknowledged by said Daniel Burns, as will be seen by a true and certified copy

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