

The Bill of Complaint of Abraham Michael & Caroline Michael his wife, John DeGrauge and Charles DeGrauge his wife, Henry Flook & Elizabeth Flook his wife, William Summers & Sarah A. Summers his wife, Jacob Wort & Julienne Wort his wife & Ann Rebecca Michael all of Frederick County State of Maryland and George Michael & Maria Michael his wife of Baltimore County State aforesaid respectfully shows to your Honor, that a certain John Michael late of Frederick County State of Maryland, died, seized & possessed of all that part of a tract or parcel of land situate & lying in the County & State aforesaid being part of a tract of land called 'Butters Spring Stream'; containing one hundred & two acres one rood & twenty nine per. of land Excepting thereout & therefore two acres & twenty four per. bargained & sold to Owen Forest, all of which will appear by reference to certified copy of a deed from David Delauter and Caroline Delauter his wife to the said John Michael dated on the 20th day of July 1857, herewith exhibited marked Exhibit No 1 which together with all other Exhibits your Complainants pray may be taken as part of this their Bill of Complaint.

Your Complainants further states that the said John Michael died sometime in the month of April in the year Eighteen Hundred & sixty four intestate, leaving the following Children and grand Children his heirs at law, Abraham Michael a son who married Caroline Krock & resides in Frederick County State of Maryland & William Michael a son & Elizabeth Michael his wife who reside in the State of Illinois & George Michael a son & Maria Michael his wife who reside in Baltimore County State of Maryland & Charles DeGrauge a daughter of said intestate now the wife of John DeGrauge & who resides in Frederick County State of Maryland & Mary Ann Ransburg a daughter of said intestate, and wife of Solomon Ransburg who died before her said father, leaving a husband Solomon Ransburg & two children Sarah Ransburg and Carlton Ransburg her heirs at law & who reside in the State of Illinois & Elizabeth Flook a daughter now the wife of Henry Flook & who reside in Frederick County State of Maryland & Sarah Ann Summers a daughter now the wife of Wm Summers & who reside in Frederick County State aforesaid, Loretta Michael a daughter of said intestate who now resides in the State of Virginia & Malinda Hephart a daughter now the wife of Warren Hephart & who reside in the State of Virginia & Catharine Michael a daughter of said intestate, who died in the month of May in the year Eighteen Hundred & sixty four intestate unmarried & without issue leaving her brothers & sisters the Children of her sister Mary Ann Ransburg her heirs at law & Julienne Wort a daughter of said intestate now the wife of Jacob Wort & who reside in Frederick County State of Maryland & Ann Rebecca Michael a daughter of said intestate & who now reside in Frederick County State of Maryland.

Your Complainants further charge that the real Estate in the proceedings mentioned cannot be divided without loss or injury among all the parties interest but that it would be to the interest and advantage of all that the real Estate mentioned aforesaid should be sold & the proceeds of sale be divided among all the parties interested according to their several & respective interests.

Your Complainants further charge that William Michael & Elizabeth Michael his wife, Solomon Ransburg, Sarah Ransburg, Carlton Ransburg, Loretta Michael, Warren Hephart and Malinda Hephart his wife are non residents & do not reside in the State Maryland,

It be the Ord therefore that the defendants hereinafter named may answer the several matters and things hereinbefore stated as if they were herein again stated & they were thereunto specially interrogated and that the real Estate in the proceedings mentioned be sold and the proceeds of sale distributed as aforesaid and that your Complainants may have such further & other relief as the nature and Equity of their case may require, May it please your Honor to grant unto your Complainants an order of publication giving notice to the said William Michael & Elizabeth Michael his wife, Solomon Ransburg, Sarah Ransburg, Carlton Ransburg, Loretta Michael and Warren Hephart & Malinda Hephart his wife who are now residents as before stated, of the substance and object of this bill and warning them to appear in this Court in person or by solicitor on or before a certain day to answer the premises and show cause if

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