died seized for distribution among the heirs at law of the deceased.

The Bill states that Stephen Ramsburg died seized & possessed of a small tract of seven acres & thirteen perches of land which he purchased of Egra Hoarsley & Light Wilson & John H. Charlton as trustees that he died intestate leaving Christian Neighoff Susanna Belson & Baltzer Neighoff as his heirs at law to whom said land descended that said land premises will not admit of partition that the Complainants do not elect to take said land under the provisions of Article 46 Section 32 to 37 inclusive of the Maryland Code & that it will be for the benefit of all said heirs at law that said land should be sold & the proceeds distributed among them & that Baltzer Neighoff & wife reside in Illinois out of the State of Maryland.

Decree

It is thereupon this 4th day of March 1861 that the Complainants by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper printed in Frederick for one month before the 10th day of April 1861 give notice to said absent defendants of the object & substance of this bill and warn them to appear in this Court in person or by Solicitor on or before the 12th day of July next to answer the premises and show cause if any they have why a decree shall not pass as prayed.

B. J. Fitzhugh Clerk Pro tem Circuit Court for Frederick County

Answer

Hardin Township Carroll County Illinois
March twentieth A. D. 1861

The joint & several answer of Baltzer Neighoff and Maria Neighoff his wife to the Bill of Complaint of Christian Neighoff & wife & others filed against these defendants in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity.

These defendants for answer to said bill of Complaint say they admit that Stephen Ramsburg died intestate some time during the month of February 1861 leaving the said tract of land specified in said bill of Complaint that said Stephen Ramsburg died leaving no father or mother brother or sister nor descendant of any brother or sister surviving him but that said land and premises descended to & vested in the said Christian Neighoff Susanna Belson & this defendant Baltzer Neighoff as the only heirs at law of said Stephen Ramsburg dec^d these defendants further admit that said land will not admit of division among said heirs at law without injury & loss & that it would be for the benefit & advantage of all said heirs at law that said land shall be sold by a Trustee to