

... to assign and lay off the dower right in all the Real Estate specified in said Bill of Complaint, to the Defendant Ruth Grove, for that she will not consent to a sale of her dower, according to the 16th Art Section 34 of the Code of General Public Laws.

The Defendants admit that the said Benjamin Todd died without leaving any lawful children or the descendants of lawful children. The Defendants submit this case to the Honorable upon this answer, claiming that justice be done to them in the premises.

Filed Sept. 10th 1868

Joseph M. Palmer Solicitor
for the said Ruth Grove, & Daniel G. Gooch her husband

Separate Answer
of Levin Hood

Charles W. Todd et al
vs
Ruth Grove et al.

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N^o 3403 Equity

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity

The separate answer of Levin Hood, to the Bill of Complaint of Charles W. Todd, and others, exhibited against him and others, in the above entitled cause.

This Defendant for answer to said Bill of Complaint, or to so much of the same as it materially concerns him to make answer unto, answers and says: That he admits the charges contained in the complainant's bill of Complaint, to be true, so far as said charges concern the tract of land in Howard County, designated in said Bill of Complaint as tract N^o 8 - and that he is willing that a decree should pass as prayed for the sale of the same, this Defendant to receive one fifth of the purchase money for the same.

This Defendant further admits that the balance of the specifications and charges in said Bill, are also true, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Test
Wm. P. Anderson } Signed - Levin Hood

State of Maryland Carroll County to Wit.

I hereby certify, that on this 20th day of August 1868 before me the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Levin Hood, and made oath in due form of law, that the matters and things in the foregoing answer contained, are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Filed Sept 19th 1868 Henry Bussard J.P.

Separate Answer
of Samuel Todd

Charles W. Todd, et al.
vs
Ruth Grove et al.

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N^o 3403 Equity

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity

The Separate Answer of Samuel Todd to the Bill of Complaint, filed against him and others in the above entitled cause.

This Defendant for answer to said Bill of Complaint, or to so much thereof as it materially concerns him to make answer unto, answers and says; That he admits that Benjamin Todd, late of Carroll County, is dead, and that he was seized in his lifetime of a large and valuable Real Estate, among other, the several tracts and parcels mentioned in the complainant's Bill of Complaint. That the said Benjamin Todd died intestate, leaving no lawful children, but leaving a widow, and brothers and sisters, and the lawful descendants of deceased brothers and sisters, as charged in said Bill; All of which parties are of full and lawful age as charged. That the defendant, a brother of said intestate