

A. D. 1870 that the Complainants by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published in Frederick County, once in each of four successive weeks before the 26th day of February next give notice to the said Lydia Stauffer and John Stauffer non resident Defendants of the object and substance of the bill in their cause and warn them to appear in this Court in person or by Solicitor on or before the 27th day of May next to answer the premises and show cause if any they have why a decree should not pass as prayed.

Alfred Mautz, Clerk

Certificate of Clerk

Valley Register Office Middletown Md

I hereby certify that the annexed notice was published in The Valley Register, a newspaper printed in Frederick County, for four successive weeks prior to the 26th day of February 1870
Filed Jan 27. 1870.

G. C. Frederick

Petition

Hoffman, Staley & Co et al
vs.
Mary A E Picking et al

No. 3527 Equity
In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, as a Court of Equity

May Term 1875

The foregoing petition having been read and considered and the Defendant Mary A E Picking having been duly summoned to appear to the bill of Complainants and having failed to appear thereto, and the order of Publication heretofore passed in this cause having been duly published, and the non-resident Defendants John Stauffer and Lydia Stauffer his wife having failed to appear and answer the bill of Complaint It is thereupon this 18th day of August A D 1875 by the Circuit Court for Frederick County as a Court of Equity, and by the authority thereof adjudged ordered and decreed that the Complainants are entitled to relief in the premises, but because it doth not certainly appear to what relief the Complainants are entitled it is further adjudged and ordered that a Commission issue to the standing Commissioners to take testimony to support the allegations of the bill

John A Lynch
Judge of the Circuit Court

Filed Aug 21 1875

Introductory Recite

Hoffman, Staley & Co et al
vs.
Mary A E Picking et al

No. 3527 Equity
In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, in Equity.
To the Honorable the Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, as a Court of Equity.

The Complainants in this cause respectfully show unto your Honorable Court, that since the filing of the bill in this cause John B Picking one of the Defendants has departed this life leaving a will whereby he devises and bequeaths all his property Real and Personal to his wife Mary A E Picking and your Complainants herewith filed as part of this petition a duly certified copy of said Will and of the probate thereof marked Exhibit J B P Your Complainants further state that said Mary A. E. Picking has a deed for certain Real Estate which deed is exhibited as Exhibit No. 4 to the bill filed in this cause that the bill is filed to vacate said deed that by reason of said will it becomes unnecessary to make the heirs at Law of said John B Picking parties