

by the 21st day of September 1868 and a copy of the said rule was delivered - the Sheriff of Allegheny County to be served on the said Complainants

And afterwards to wit on the 22nd day of June A.D. 1868 come into Court here sitting as a Court of Equity Charles Bringle, J. Adams and Susan Adams and by James M. Pearce Esq their Solicitor in Court here their answer to the said Bill of Complaint as follows to wit:

Answer of Charles Bringle, J. Adams, and Susan Adams.

Ruth Gome and Samuel E. Gome her Husband

No. 3367 Equity

vs
Benj. H. Todd, Jesse E. Todd
Walter D. Todd and others

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

May Term 1868.

The Joint and several answers of Charles Bringle, J. Adams and Susan Adams of Allegheny County to the Bill of Complaint of Ruth and Samuel E. Gome her Husband filed and Exhibited in this Honorable Court against them and others

These Defendants for answer to said Bill of Complaint answer and say that they admit that Benjamin Todd late of Carroll County is dead, and that he died Intestate without leaving any lawful children, or the descendants of lawful children, but that he died leaving brothers and sisters and the lawful descendants of deceased brothers and sisters as charged in the Complainants' said Bill of Complaint whose his only heirs-at-law

These Defendants further admit, that the said Benjamin Todd died leaving a large and valuable Real Estate situated in the Counties of the Parish of Carroll and that the Complainant, Ruth Gome was his lawful wife at the time of his death, and that she is entitled to dower in the Real Estate of which the Deceased was seized and possessed during his lifetime.

These Defendants also admit that the facts charged in the said Bill are true and they are willing that a Decree should pass as prayed for.

James M. Pearce
Sol. for Defts.

And on the same day, to wit the 22nd day of June A.D. 1868, come into Court here J. W. Hallum and Mary Hallum his wife, and by James M. Pearce Esq. their Solicitor filed in Court their answer to the said Bill of Complaint as follows viz:

Answer of J. W. Hallum and Mary Hallum his wife

Ruth Gome and Samuel E. Gome her Husband

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sitting in Equity

vs
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Walter D. Todd and others

May Term 1868.

The answer of J. W. Hallum and Mary Hallum his wife of the State of Iowa, to the Bill of Complaint of Ruth Gome and Samuel E. Gome filed in this Cause against them and others