

Ruth Grove and Samuel Grove  
Her Husband

No. 3367 Equity

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County  
Sitting in Equity

Benjamin<sup>rd</sup> Todd wife E. Todd  
Wachel B. Todd and others

May Term 1868.

The answer of N. Burton and Sarah Burton his wife of Frederick County Maryland to the bill of complaint of Ruth Grove and Samuel Grove, in this cause filed & exhibited against them and others in this Honorable Court as a Court of Equity.

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 descendants of lawful children, but that he died leaving brothers and sisters, and the lawful descendants of deceased brothers and sisters as charged in said complainants bill of complaint his only heirs at Law.

These Defendants further admit that the said Benjamin Todd died leaving a large and valuable Real Estate and being in the Counties of Frederick and Carroll had that the complainant Ruth Grove was his lawful wife at the time of his death and that she is entitled to a Dower in the Real Estate of which the said deceased was seized and possessed during her lifetime.

These Defendants admit also that the facts charged and set forth in said bill of complaint are true, and they are willing that a decree should pass as prayed.

James M. Peard.  
Sol. for defts.

And on the said 22<sup>d</sup> day of June A.D. 1868, was filed in Court her the answer of Henry Johnson and Susan L. Johnson his wife to said bill of complaint by James M. Peard Esq. then Solicitor as follows, viz;

Answer of Henry Johnson, and Susan L. Johnson his wife.

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The answer of Henry Johnson and Susan L. Johnson, his wife of the State of Kansas to the bill of complaint of Ruth Grove and Samuel E. Grove her Husband in this cause filed and exhibited 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 descendants of lawful children, but that he died leaving brothers and sisters and the lawful descendants of deceased brothers and sisters as charged in said bill who are 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 Frederick & Carroll in the State of Maryland, and that complainant Ruth Grove was his lawful wife