

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 brothers and sisters as charged in Complainants said bill of Complaint 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 and Carroll and that the Complainant Ruth Grove was his lawful wife at the time of his death, and that she is entitled to dower in the Real Estate, of which the decedent was seized and possessed during coverture.

These Defendants also admit that the facts charged in the Complainants said Bill of Complaint are true and they are willing that a decree should pass as prayed.

James M. Seare,
Sol. for Defts.

And on the said 22nd day of June A.D. 1868 was filed in said Court here the answer to said Bill of Complaint of James H. Brown by James M. Seare Esq. his Solicitor as follows, viz:

Answer of James H. Brown.

Ruth Grove and Samuel E. Grove
Her Husband,

No. 3367 Equity

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

Benjamin H. Todd, Jesse E. Todd
Rachel W. Todd and others

May Term 1868.

The answer of James H. Brown of Anne Arundel County one of the Defendants to the Bill of Complaint of Ruth Grove and Samuel E. Grove her Husband filed in this Honorable Court as a Court of Equity.

This Defendant for answer to said Bill of Complaint, answers and says, that he admits 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' bill of Complaint, who are his only heirs at law.

This Defendant also admits that the said Benjamin Todd died leaving a large and valuable Real Estate situated in the Counties of Carroll and Frederick and that the Complainant Ruth Grove was his lawful wife at the time of his death and that she is entitled to dower in the Real Estate of which the said decedent was seized and possessed during Coverture.

This Defendant further admits that the facts charged in said Bill are true and he is willing that a decree pass as prayed.

James M. Seare
Sol. for Defendant

And afterwards to wit, on the 31st day of May A.D. 1870, was filed in said cause the following General Replication

Ruth Grove and Samuel Grove
vs
Benj. H. Todd & others