

No. 4778 Equity

- 1 Sarah A. R. Lopez wife of James Lopez
- 2 Charlotte M. Bussard wife of Peter H. Bussard
- 3 Mary D. Fry wife of William Fry
- 4 Harrietta Courfman.

That all of said heirs at Law are of full age, and reside in Frederick Washington and Montgomery Counties State of Maryland except John Straffer and Julia Straffer his wife Jacob Straffer and Harrietta Straffer his wife Michael Straffer and Elizabeth Straffer his wife Charles M. Kline and Harrietta Courfman, who are non-residents of the State of Maryland and do not reside therein that said Harrietta Courfman left the State of Maryland many years ago, and her whereabouts is unknown and whether she is living or dead is unknown.

That said lands cannot be divided without loss and injury to the parties interested and that it would be to their interest, and advantage that the lands and premises be sold and the proceeds of sale divided among them according to their respective interests therein.

It is therefore adjudged, and ordered 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 27th day of April 1882 give notice to the said absent defendants of the object and substance of this Bill, and warn them to appear in this Court in person or by solicitor on or before the 28th day of July 1882, to answer the premises, and show cause if any why a decree ought not to pass as prayed.

March 25th, 1882  
 Filed March 25, 82

Adolphus Tenhake Jr. Clerk of the  
 Circuit Court for Frederick County.

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Answer of Julia  
 Straffer widow of  
 John Straffer and  
 7 of his children

The answer of Julia Straffer widow and Hiram J. Gore and Annie M. Gore his wife, Virginia Straffer, John D. Straffer, Lewis Horn and Olivia D. Horn his wife children of John Straffer, dec'd to the Bill of Complaint of Joshua Wacker Am Maria Wacker his wife and others filed in the Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity against themselves and others.

These Respondents for answer to said Bill of Complaint, answer and say that they admit that the defendant John Straffer died in the month of July 1882 intestate leaving as his widow and children his heirs at law to whom his interest in the Real estate mentioned in said Bill of Complaint descended, and these respondents admit the charges and allegations in said Bill of Complaint to be true as therein stated, and agree that a decree be passed as prayed for in said Bill, the said Julia, consenting to a sale clear of her dower.

Julia Straffer <sup>Her</sup> ~~Friend~~ J. D. Straffer  
 Hiram J. Gore Annie M. Gore  
 Virginia Straffer  
 Lewis Horn, Olivia Horn.

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State of Maryland, Frederick County

I hereby certify that on this 24th day of July, 1882, before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Frederick County personally appeared John D. Straffer, and made oath in due form of law that he is acquainted with Julia Straffer widow of John Straffer and that her general health is good and that her age is about seventy two years.

Filed July 26, 1882

Robert Stokes J. P.