

No 4919 Equity

To the Honorable the Judges of the Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity
 The Bill of Complaint of Ruth F. Ripley, William R. Ripley, Susan R. Ripley and Gilbert King Ripley, by their Father and next friend Theodore N. Ripley of Blair County State of Pennsylvania, respectfully shows to your Honors, that a certain William H. Ramsburg late of Frederick County deceased, by his last will and testament after the payment of his debts, devised to his wife Mrs. A. Rebecca C. Ramsburg for and during her natural life all of his estate real and personal, and after her death did give devise and bequeath One half of his Estate to Thomas Gorsuch and Thomas M. Marshall and to the survivor of them in trust to pay the annual rents issues and profits interest and income thereof to his daughter Fanny Ripley for and during her life and after her death in trust to convey transfer and deliver to her children then living and to the issue of any of her children who may then be dead to be divided per stirpes the said half of his estate.

The remaining half of said testator's Estate, he gave and devised to said Trustees upon the same Trusts, for the use of his daughter Martha Ramsburg for and during her life, and in case of the death of either of said daughters without leaving child or children or descendants of a child or children living at her death, the portion of the child so dying was devised to the surviving daughter for her life and after her death to her children all of which will appear by reference to a Certified Copy of said will herewith exhibited marked Exhibit No. 1. which said Complainants pray together with all other exhibits hereinafter produced may be taken and considered as part of this their Bill of Complaint. And said Complainants further charge that the said Catharine A. Rebecca Ramsburg the widow of said testator departed this life in the month of March 1852 and that the said Thomas Gorsuch and Thomas M. Marshall the Trustees appointed by the will of said Testator declined the Trust. And upon proceedings in Equity instituted by the said Theodore N. Ripley and Fanny Ripley his wife, Charles J. Lewis was appointed Trustee for the share or portion of said Estate coming to said Fanny Ripley and upon the petition of Cyrus A. Fort and Martha C. Fort, the said Cyrus A. Fort was appointed Trustee of the share or portion of the said Martha C. Fort of said estate in the own and stead of the said Thomas Gorsuch and Thomas M. Marshall the Trustees who declined to accept said Trust as will fully appear by reference to the Decrees passed by the Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity, in Equity cases No 4756 & 4779 respectively, certified copies of which are herewith exhibited marked Exhibits No. 2 & 3.

Your Complainants further state that the said William H. Ramsburg left a considerable Estate consisting mostly of real estate, that parts thereof have been sold under various proceedings, to pay existing liens and to pay debts due by said testator, that the Trust Estate which is now held by said Trustees, under the provisions of the will of said testator consists of a farm situate near the West Suburbs of the City of Frederick and within a very short distance therefrom and described in the deed from Israel Myers & wife to Peter & William H. Ramsburg and from John Ramsburg Trustee to Peter Ramsburg and from Peter Ramsburg to William H. Ramsburg and from Edward Trail & wife to Peter and William H. Ramsburg - and contains in and about One hundred and two acres of land more or less And also a town lot situate in the North East Corner of Third Street and Middle Alley Frederick City State of Maryland, and is described in the deed from Joseph Miller Trustee to the said William H. Ramsburg a certified copy of which is herewith exhibited marked Exhibit No. 4.

And your Complainants state, that the farm aforesaid described is producing some revenue, but that the Lot in the City of Frederick is an unimproved lot, producing little or no revenue, and subject and liable to Corporation and State & County taxes. That it would be greatly to the advantage of all the parties interested, the tenants for life