

No 4899 Equity

To the Honorable the Judges of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity

The bill of complaint of Sophia T. Blickenstaff by Daniel W. Blickenstaff her husband and next friend respectfully shows unto your Honors that Ephraim W. Gilbert late of Frederick County died sometime in the month of June in the year Eighteen hundred and Eighty one seized and possessed of a house and lot of ground situated in Frederick County containing eight acres and ten perches of land more or less described in a deed from Elias Blickenstaff and wife a certified copy of which is herewith filed marked Exhibit No. 1. and which with all other Exhibits herewith filed is prayed to be taken as part of this bill of complaint as fully as if here inserted in words and figures; that said Ephraim W. Gilbert died after having executed his last will and testament which has been duly admitted to probate by the orphans Court for Frederick County, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit No. 2. and whereby he devised as follows: "I give and devise unto my wife Sophia the house and land whereon I now dwell together with all the appurtenances thereto belonging containing eight acres and ten perches of land more or less, during her natural life and after her death to be divided equally amongst her children". That your complainant Sophia T. Blickenstaff now the wife of Daniel W. Blickenstaff was formerly the wife of said Ephraim W. Gilbert and was his widow and under said will is entitled to a life estate in said real estate and she has two children viz: Howard Gilbert and Harry Gilbert both of whom are infants and who under said will are entitled to the remainder in said real estate after the death of your complainant Sophia; that said real estate is now rented but the same cannot be rented for as much as the interest on its money value and is liable to become out of repair and depreciate in value and it would be to the interest and advantage of all the parties concerned, infants as well as adults for said real estate to be sold and the proceeds of sale invested for the benefit of your complainant Sophia T. Blickenstaff during her natural life and then equally divided between her said children - In tender consideration whereof and for that your