

Answers

No 5331 Equity

The joint and several answers of Elizabeth Rontzahn, Daniel H Rontzahn, and Margaret C. Rontzahn his wife, Joseph L. Rontzahn and Ellen A C Rontzahn his wife, Charlotte Bowers, Cromwell Dandrea and Loretta Dandrea his wife Rebecca Rontzahn and Daniel H Rontzahn administrators of Joseph Rontzahn deceased, to the Bill of Complaint of Robert Todd and others, in this Court filed and exhibited.

These respondents answering say

1st These Respondents admit the allegations of the 1st, 2^d, 3^d and 4th paragraphs of the Bill of the Court.

2^d These respondents admit the allegations of the 5th paragraph of the Bill except as to the allegation that said sum of \$3000 is still in the hands of William D Bowers or under his control, but aver that the same is under the control of Daniel H Rontzahn as agent of the heirs at law of Joseph Rontzahn deceased.

3^d These respondents admit the allegations of the 6th paragraph of the Bill, but aver there are one or more mortgages on said real estate which ought to be paid out of the proceeds of sale thereof, except Elizabeth Rontzahn who claims and avers that said real estate was owned by said Joseph Rontzahn and William D Bowers as partners as well as tenants in common.

4th These respondents except Elizabeth Rontzahn admit the allegations of the 7th paragraph of the Bill but the said Elizabeth Rontzahn avers that said real estate was partnership property and not owned and held by said Joseph Rontzahn and William D. Bowers as tenants in common.

5th These respondents deny each and every allegation of the 8th paragraph of the Bill.

6th These respondents deny each and every allegation of the 9th paragraph of the Bill.

7th These respondents deny each and every allegation of the 10th paragraph of the Bill, except the allegation that said Joseph Rontzahn took back the farm he had contracted to give and sell to said Edward Rontzahn and these respondents aver that said Edward Rontzahn received a gift or advancement of a large sum from said Joseph Rontzahn.

8th These respondents deny each and every allegation of the 11th paragraph of the bill.

9th These respondents as to the allegations of the 12th paragraph of the Bill say they believe it is the intention of said Daniel H Rontzahn to distribute what may be left of the Estate of said Joseph Rontzahn after payment of his debts among the widow and descendants of said Joseph Rontzahn under the order and direction of the proper court according to their respective rights.

10th These respondents deny the allegations of the 13th paragraph of the Bill.

11th These respondents further answering say that said Joseph L. Rontzahn and wife have conveyed all their interests in said real estate to Daniel H. Rontzahn and Charles V. S. Levy of Frederick County, in trust and that said Trustees are proper and necessary parties to this proceeding, the deed of conveyance having been duly recorded prior to the filing of the Bill, in this cause.

And these respondents pray to be hence dismissed

Charles V. S. Levy
Solicitor for Respondents

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