

No. 3914 County

I know all the parties to this suit.

I knew Amancia C. Bell late of Frederick County. She is dead. She died at her home in Frederick, in January, 1893, and left no will. At the time of her death she owned a house and lot in Frederick which is described in Exhibit No. 1 now shown me.

The said Amancia C. Bell left three children as her only heirs at law, the oldest being about seven years of age and the youngest about three years of age, all of whom are infants residing in Frederick City in Frederick County.

Their names are: Mary Jane Bell, Lewis Emanuel Bell and Asia Abbie Bell. They reside with their Aunt, Miss Susan Herr. In my opinion it would be to the benefit and advantage of said infants that said real estate should be sold and the proceeds invested or used for their benefit, because it is all the estate they have and there is no one to take care of the infants or of the property and besides that their mother's funeral expenses and doctors' bills are to be paid and there is no property out of which to pay said debts. Their mother left only a little personal estate, not sufficient to justify Administration.

I think \$600.00 is a fair price for the real estate, that is what she gave for it and in my opinion that is all it is worth.

So the Deft. Int. by the Exams -

I know of nothing further that I can think of.  
 Jacobs <sup>his</sup> Sanford

Ans -  
 Int. -  
 C. O. Keady.

Charles F. Dixon a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the plaintiff being duly sworn and examined viva voce deposes and says as follows: -

My name is Charles F. Dixon, my age 48 years, I reside in Frederick City Md, I know all the parties to this suit and live next door to them. I knew Amancia C. Bell; she is dead, she died at her home in Frederick City in January 1893 and left no will. At the time of her death she was single and possessed of a house and lot in Frederick City which is described in Exhibit No. 1 now shown me.

She left three children as her only heirs at law whose names are Mary Jane Bell, Lewis Emanuel and Asia Abbie Bell, they are all infants under 21 years of age and reside with their Aunt on the premises in Frederick City, Frederick County, Md. I think it would be to the infants' benefit and advantage if the property were sold and the proceeds invested or used for their benefit. They have no other means, as their mother was a widow and had nothing but this house and lot and a few dollars worth of personal property. They have no one to take care of the property, the doctors' bills and funeral expenses will have to be paid out of the proceeds of sale. I think \$600.00 would be a high price for the property.