

D. 6196 Equity.

Conveyed the property mentioned in Exhibit No. 1. to the Children of said Margaret Brane, said John M. Brane left as his only heir at law a son named George G. Brane who is an adult residing in Washington County Md.

I also know the Children of said Margaret Brane mentioned in said deed (Exhibit No. 1). they are all over 21 years of age the youngest one Commodore being about 10 years of age, and are as follows:-

The said Commodore Brane is married and his wife name is Clara M. The said Rebecca Brane is married to Charles C. Shaffer (the present witness). The said Amanda M. Brane is now a widow named Davis. The said Elizabeth Brane is now the wife of John Lockman. The said Margaret Brane is dead and left the following Children as her heirs at law viz:-

- A daughter Elsie now the wife of John O. Hall
- A daughter Laura Reede, residing in Washington D. C.
- A son, Charles M. Reede, residing in Washington D. C.
- A son, Walter J. Reede, residing in Washington D. C.
- A daughter Blanche Reede residing in Washington D. C.
- A daughter Gutwade Reede residing in Washington D. C.

All of said parties are adults over 21 years of age excepting Laura Reede, Charles M. Reede, Walter Reede, Blanche Reede and Gutwade Reede who are under 21 years of age, and all are now residents of the State of Maryland excepting Charles C. Shaffer and wife who resided in Frederick County Maryland, at the time the Bill was filed but who have since moved to Washington City.

The said real Estate described in Exhibit No. 1 is not susceptible of division among the parties interested therein without great loss and damage because the parties are too numerous for the small tract of land and besides there - but one set of buildings on it. I think it would be to the advantage of all to have the property sold and the proceeds divided among them, because there is no one specially interested in keeping the property up.

To the Genl. Int by the Oppos - Ans, I can not.

Charles C. Shaffer.

Rebecca Shaffer a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Plaintiff, being duly sworn and examined two times deposes and says as follows:-

My name is Rebecca Shaffer. I am the wife of the preceding witness and am 52 years of age.

I knew Henry Brane Sr. late of Frederick County. He was my father. He is dead. I also knew John M. Brane and Margaret Brane, the widow of said Henry Brane Sr. They are both dead also I am acquainted with the land mentioned in these proceedings which the said Henry Brane Sr. conveyed to John M. Brane in trust for said Margaret during the lifetime and after her death to her Children. It is situated about 3 miles N.W. of Frederick and contained