

## No. 8177 Equity.

death his children claimed it and continued in possession of it, in the same way until August 15, 1894. when they sold it to me.

I was in possession of it and claiming to own it, from that time until I sold it to Mr. Marshall and I have never heard of anybody disputing my claim or the claim of those taking title through me to the sole ownership of it. I have heard since I sold it that there is some trouble about the record title, because no deed to my sister, Harriet and my brother William and George, from the other heirs of my father, can be found.

Q. Now will you please state what children your father left other than the four you have mentioned, including yourself, which if any are dead, with their husbands or wives and what, if any children or other descendants, surviving them. Tell the whole story in your own way.

A. He left three others. The first was John H. T. Kays. He died in 1857. His wife is dead long ago. He left five children, namely: Mrs. Laura J. Bowler you have called her Balding who lives now at Hickman, Md. and was the wife of George H. Bowler; (2) Florence E. Gode, who lives at Hickman, Md., and is the wife of John S. Gode; (3) Mary Alice Kays who lives at Barnsville, Md. She married her cousin Thomas L. Kays, who is now dead; (4) Harriet Lavonia Kays who is single and lives here at Barnsville; (5) John T. Kays, who died some years ago leaving a widow, Gerilla Kays who lives somewhere in California and one child a son, Samuel B. Kays who is in the United States Navy. The second was Thomas L. Kays. He died in 1873. His wife died years ago. He left seven children, namely: Thomas L. Kays who died 1902, leaving a widow, Mary Alice Kays who lives here at Barnsville and two sons, Leo Kays and Leonard Kays. Leo is single, Leonard is married. His wife's name is Elsie; (2) Annie C. Brady who is the wife of Tucker Brady and lives at Adamstown, Md.; (3) May Kays, who is single; and lives at Adamstown, Md.; Harriet A. Davis who is the wife of John Wallace Davis and lives at Conner, Md.; (5) Mary T. Brady who is the wife of Tobias E. Brady, and lives at Adamstown, Md.; (6) Clara P. Davis, who is the wife of George Vernon Davis, and lives at Hyattstown, Md.; (7) Virginia Anderson who is a widow and lives at Hyattstown.