

Princeton Buckey one of the Standing Examiners of Your Honorable Court, duly appointed, Qualified and sworn, met at the law office of messrs. Stoner and Weinberg, in Frederick City Maryland, on Tuesday the 28th day of November 1913, and then and there in the presence of the witnesses and solicitors for the defendants, took the following depositions, that is to say--

present, Leo Weinberg, Esq., of Solrs. for Plff and the witnesses,

Lewis D. Hardy, the Plaintiff, having first been duly sworn, deposes and says--

My name is Lewis D. Hardy, I am 69 years of age and I live in Woodsboro District, Frederick County Maryland, and am the Plaintiff in this case.

I own the one-half interest in the real estate mentioned in this cause, having acquired said interest by deed from W. H. Hinks and W. Irving Parsons, trustees, to me recorded in J. L. J. no. 11, folio 202.

I now file a certified copy of my deed with the Examiner marked exhibit No. 1. The real estate for the sake of which this Bill is filed was formerly owned by Cornelius Cramer, who acquired the same from Catherine Hedges, by deed recorded in Liber J. S. No. 18, folio 473, one of the land records for Frederick County. I file exhibit NO. 2 with the Examiner as a certified copy of said deed.

This real estate consists of a tract of land containing 3 and 1/2 acres of land, more or less, situated about two miles North of Walkersville, in Frederick County Maryland, along the turnpike road leading to Woodsboro. There is an old house on this land, but it is not tenantable and there are no other improvements on the land of any value.

The land is not susceptible of division or partition among the parties interested therein, without loss and injury to the parties entitled, and it would be to their interest and advantage to have the land sold as a whole tract under a decree of the Court.

The reason this land cannot be divided among the parties entitled without loss to their interests, because there are about two acres of this land that is clear and lies on the Eastern side of the turnpike. There is about an acre and a half lying on the west side of the pike where the old house stands and that is grown up in bushes and locust tree, small ones and looks like a wilderness. The

land on the East side of the pike is clear and good soil. The whole tract is worth about \$300. Cornelius Cramer who personally owned this land died many years ago intestate having as his only heirs at law Thaddeus F. Cramer, my predecessor in title who was adjudged an insolvent and whose trustees messrs. Hinks and Parsons conveyed the one-half interest in this land to me and Columbus A. Cramer, a brother of Thaddeus. Columbus A. Cramer died intestate on or about May 9th 1913, leaving surviving him as his only heirs at law and next of kin, the following persons--

H. Clay Fulton, a cousin, who is married and whose wife's name Mary Fulton.

Sallie Wagner, a cousin, whose husband Henry Wagner is dead.

Margaret Routzahn, a widow, who was also a cousin.

Charles Henry Fulton a cousin whose wife's name is Harriet Fulton. All of the above are above the age of 21 years and reside in Frederick County Maryland, Laura Fulton A widower of

Fulton who husband Dr. Fulton was a cousin and died prior to the death of Columbus A. Cramer Mamie Lewis and Lewis her husband both of whom are adults above the age of 21 years, and reside in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Fulton died many years ago, and Laura his wife, is residing in Washington, D. C., Dr. Fulton left no heirs at law. They never had any children. I am informed that since this bill was filed that Mamie Lewis died just about 2 or 3 weeks ago, her husband died prior to her death. Mamie Lewis left sons surviving her who I am informed are more than 21 years of age and reside in Washington D. C.

Their names are Fulton Lewis and Lewis.

Alice Nicodemus who is a cousin and whose husband's name is Baxter Nicodemus, both of whom are adults and reside in Freemont, Nebraska, Columbus A. Cramer died leaving no widow nor no child,