

from the printer's certificate filed in the cause and James Duppins, Gertie Duppins, Olévia Dixon, Bates Dixon, Perry Richardson, Annie May Richardson, William Richardson, Norman Richardson, Margaret Waters and Waters her husband, non resident defendants having failed to appear and answer the Bill of Complaint, it is thereupon this 7th day of February A. D. 1930, by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, and by the authority thereof, adjudged, ordered and decreed that the said Bill of Complaint be and the same is hereby taken pro confesso against the said Defendants and the said cause is hereby reported to one of the standing Examiners of the Court for the Complainants to take testimony to support the allegations of the Bill.

John S. Newman

(Filed February 7, 1930)

TESTIMONY

L. CRAMER POWELL and IRVING S. ALBAUGH partners trading as "POWELL AND ALBAUGH" and M. DORSEY NORRIS	" " " " " " " "	NO. 11986 EQUITY IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR FREDERICK COUNTY, SITTING AS A COURT OF EQUITY.
VS.	"	
MARIA SMITH, ET AL	" " "	

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

In pursuance of an Order of the Court, and notice given me by the Solicitor for the Plaintiffs, I, Albert S. Brown, one of the standing Examiners of the Honorable Court, did, on the tenth day of February, A. D., 1930, at the Law Offices of the Examiner in the City of Frederick, Frederick, County, Maryland, and State of Maryland, proceed, at the hour of two o'clock, to take testimony of the witnesses then and there produced before me, ex parte.

Present: Mr. H. Dorsey Etchison
Solicitor for the Plaintiffs.

No appearance for the Defendants.

Exhibits "A" "B" and "C" to the Bill filed as evidence and are so marked.

WILLIAM E. VALENTINE, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the Plaintiffs, being first duly sworn, and examined viva voce, deposes and says, as follows:

My name is WILLIAM W. VALENTINE, I am forty-two years of age, and I live at Old Field, Maryland, I know all of the parties to this cause. My Uncle, Charles G. Richardson, died in Frederick County, Maryland, sometime in June, 1929, without a Will, and left no personal estate. He was seized and possessed of a certain piece of real estate consisting of two lots of land, improved by a weather foarded, two story dwelling house, situated in Liganore District, Frederick County, Maryland, I look at Exhibit "A" shown me, which is a certified copy of the Deed for this land, and correctly describes it. My Uncle left the following heirs, at-law: Maria Smith, my Mother, a sister, and another siser, Lottie Richardson, who is unmarried, and both of them are residents of Frederick County, Maryland, and the following nieces and nephews: Elizabeth Valentine, widow, Lottie Gardner, married to William Gardner, Annie Brown, married to Philemon Brown, John Duppins, whose wife's name is Edna Duppins, Alice Duppins, unmarried, William Duppins, whose wife's name is Mazie Duppins, James Duppins, whose wife's name is Gertie Duppins, and Clarence Duppins, whose wife's name is Maggie Duppins, all children of one Jane Duppins, a deceased sister of said Charles G. Richardson: Olivia Dixon, who is married to Bates Dixon, Perry Richardson, whose wife's name is Annie May Richardson, Ella Richardson, unmarried, all children of Richard Richardson, a deceased brother; William Richardson, unmarried, and Norman Richardson, unmarried, two sons of one William Richardson, a deceased brother; and Margaret Waters, who is married to Waters, child of John Richardson, a deceased Brother. That of the said above mentioned parties, Maria Smith, Lottie Richardson, Elizabeth Valentine,