

ARTICLE 3.

ALIENS.

1. Rights of aliens to hold and dispose of real estate.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 1. 1912, sec. 1. 1904, sec. 1. 1888, sec. 1. 1874, ch. 354.

1. Aliens, not enemies, may take and hold lands, tenements and hereditaments acquired by purchase, or to which they would, if citizens, be entitled by descent; and may sell, devise or dispose of the same, or transmit the same to their heirs, as fully and effectually, and in the same manner, as if by birth, they were citizens of this State.

Burden is on one asserting escheat for lack of heirs to produce evidence excluding possible existence of heirs capable of inheriting at time when alien brother could not inherit real estate in Maryland. Patent to bed of street. U. S. Fid. & Guar. Co. v. Dempster, 150 Md. 240.