

cases in equity. And after the expiration of said period fixed in said order for the appearance of said unknown persons, the court shall proceed as in other suits in equity, and shall, by its decree, direct to whom the said fiduciary shall make distribution or delivery of said property, and if, in the opinion of the said court, it shall be doubtful whether or not there are unknown persons who are entitled to a share or shares of said property, it may in its discretion require the persons to whom it shall direct the distribution or delivery thereof to be made to file a bond or bonds to the State of Maryland in such penalty as it shall prescribe, with the clerk of the said court, conditioned to make restitution to such unknown person or persons of his, her or their shares of said property, when his, her or their rights thereto shall be established; or the said court may require said fiduciary to hold or transfer and deliver to a trustee or receiver to be appointed by it the share or shares to which such unknown person or persons would be entitled if in existence to be held, and the income thereof accumulated for such time as the said court may direct, in order to afford full opportunity for such unknown person or persons to appear and assert their rights, and may order the delivery or distribution thereof whenever said unknown persons shall appear and establish their rights thereto, or when it shall be convinced that there are no unknown persons entitled to any share of said property; and the said court may defer the passage of the said decree from time to time if it shall deem it necessary in cases of doubt as to the existence of persons who may be entitled, but the discretion of the said court as to requiring bond and deferring the passage of said decree and withholding and accumulating shares shall be subject to review by the court of appeals; and any fiduciary making distribution or delivery of any property in obedience to such decree or order shall be protected from any claim in respect thereof by such unknown person or persons, his, her or their heirs, personal representatives or assigns.

As to the payment of debts and distribution by administrators under the jurisdiction of the orphans' court, see art. 93, secs. 125 and 151.

This section referred to in construing Sec. 232. *Robb v. Horsey*, 169 Md. 227.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 225A. 1933, ch. 287.

232. Whenever any fiduciary as defined in Section 231, shall hold property in trust for a beneficiary for and during the life of said beneficiary with remainder over to a person or corporation named or designated in the will, deed or other instrument creating the trust, and said life tenant shall fail to appear and claim the interest in said trust estate to which he may be entitled for a period of seven years from the date on which a Court of Equity shall have assumed jurisdiction of the trust property, whether said date shall occur before or after June 1, 1933, and it shall not be known to said fiduciary, after diligent search made by him, whether said life tenant is living or dead, or if living whether said life tenant is a resident or non-resident of this State, or if living where said life tenant can be found, said fiduciary or person, or corporation entitled in remainder, may apply by bill or petition to the said Court of Equity which has so assumed jurisdiction of the trust praying the said Court for the passage of a decree to close said trust estate and make distribution to the person or corporation entitled in remainder or to his or its heirs, personal representatives, successors or assigns as their interest may appear. And said Court of Equity in administering and carrying out the provisions of this section, shall have and exercise the powers, authority and discretion conferred upon such Court by said Section 231, and