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Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this General Assembly, that Francis Segar the elder, now deceased, was in his life time lawfully seized in his demesne as of fee of, and in a certain tract of land containing about one hundred and fifty-three acres, situate partly in Newcastle county in the State of Delaware, and partly in Cecil county in the State of Maryland, and being so seized, died intestate, and without issue having to survive him a widow, Mary who afterwards intermarried with a certain Pennington, and also having as his heirs at law one brother Reuben Segar, and three sisters, Catharine, Mary, and Anne Segar being the brother and sisters of the whole blood of the said Francis; and whereas it is further represented, that the said Reuben Segar afterwards died intestate, having to survive him three children Reuben, Francis, and Mary, who afterwards intermarried with a certain John McWharter to which said children the share of the aforesaid Reuben being an undivided fourth part, did descend and come; and whereas also it is further represented that the said Mary sister of Francis (the elder) intermarried with a certain David Short now deceased; and she the said Mary Short during widowhood, being entitled to an undivided fourth part, and also the said Reuben and Francis with their respective wives and the said John and Mary McWharter, sold, granted and conveyed unto Davidson D. Pearce, all and every their respective shares, right, title and interest of, and in the said tract of land of which the said Francis Segar, the elder, was so seized as aforesaid; and whereas also it is further represented, that the said Catharine intermarried with a certain Ray and afterwards with the said husband sold and conveyed all his share, title and interest, being an undivided fourth part, to William Bouldin, who afterwards died intestate leaving as his heirs at law four children, Richard, George, Rachael, and Eliza, to whom his undivided fourth part of the said tract did descend and come; and whereas also it is further represented that the said George Bouldin conveyed his undivided interest in said fourth part being one sixteenth of the whole to John L. Clayton, and of the said other three children of the said William Bouldin one conveyed and undivided sixteenth of the whole to Reuben Lake and the other two their respective undivided sixteenths to Jesse Lake; and whereas also, it is further represented that the said Anne Segar the other sister of the of the said Francis, the elder, intermarried with a certain James Lake and is now living and entitled to an undivided fourth part of the said tract of land; and whereas also it is further represented that by force and virtue of the said several descents and conveyances, the tract of land is liable to partition among