

if no objections are filed to the same. Please advise me if you desire objections to be filed against said final certificate.

Very respectfully
Yours Obedt. Servt.

George French

Thirty one and one fourth (31 1/4) acres of land near Sharpsburg of which the ten acres purchased by you for Cemetery purposes a part was sold out in 1825 by Benjamin Price Executor of J. Hoop to Benjamin F. Hickman Recorded Lib. H. H. file 616, 617.

Benjamin F. Hickman died intestate, leaving (5) Children to whom his property descended, viz Lucretia Hickman, Rebecca Hickman, Ellwintermania with Cousin Liverpool Mary intermarria with William G. Taylor, and a Lunatic son name unknown.

The first four parties with their husbands executed a deed to Robert F. Kennedy for their respective interest, being one fifth each, and making four fifths conveyed of said 31 1/4 acres Jan 28th 1850 Recorded Lib. J. N. No. 5. Folio 247, 248, 249.

Robert F. Kennedy's estate was directed to be sold by decree in Chancery in 1880 and Jacob Gray Trustee appointed to make sale, which proceeding appears to be correct, and he files in said proceeding that his interest in said 3 1/4 acres of which the ten acres for a Cemetery is a part, consists of four fifths.

The Hickman heirs all reside out of the State of Maryland, some in Virginia some in the West, I cannot find out whether this Lunatic son who owned one fifth of said thirty one acres is deceased or living, or whether there has been any change but the other heirs by death or marriage since the execution of the deed to R. F. Kennedy.

State of Maryland
Executive Department
Annapolis May 9th 1860

Geo. French Esqr.

Dear Sir

I have just recd. yours of the 5th inst. informing me that on investigation of the title to the lot selected for the Soldiers Cemetery near Sharpsburg it appears that Mr. Gray the Trustee is only authorized to make title to an undivided four fifth of it, (and as I understand you say) that that fact appears upon the face of the proceedings under which he acts -

I am much surprised at this, as Mr. Gray intimates to me that he was selling an undivided interest, or that there may be some doubt as to the title of any part of the lot, and that although I expressly told him that I must have an investigation of the title before comple-