Knight and Mary his wife, late Mary Norwood and of Elizabeth Norwood all of Baltimore County in the State aforesaid Humbly sheweth That heretofore a certain Nicholas Fitzimmons of Baltimore County aforesaid having among other Children a daughter named Mary Fitzimmons and being seized in fee simple and possessed of three tracts of land in the said County lying Contiguous and called Thomas's Range, Bennetts Range and Balls addition, did make and duly subscribe his last will and testament whereby he devised the said lands, to the heirs male of the body of his said daughter Mary, and their right heirs forever, and in default of such issue to the poor of Ann Arundel County soon after making which will he departed this life leaving it in full force and no altered

That his said daughter Mary Fitzimmons survived him and afterwards intermarried with a certain Edward Norwood by whom she had issue three sons, Nicholas Norwood Edward Norwood and Samuel Norwood and then died

That the said Nicholas Norwood intermarried with Nancy with whom he always lived as his wife acknowledging her as such, and by whom he had issue one son and three daughters viz Edward, your petitioners Mary and Elizabeth and Sarah

That the said Nicholas Norwood afterwards departed this life having first duly made and published his last will and testament, which he left in full force and whereby he devised to his said wife during the minority of his said Children by name, his lands called Norwoods Range Bennetts Range and Balls addition and after making sundry depositions, further devised in manner following viz. Item my will is that my land be equally divided between my four Children Edward Norwood. Elizabeth.

Norwood. Mary Norwood and Sarah Norwood after my wife draws her thirds

That the said Mother of your petitioners Mary and Elizabeth hath since departed this life and that their said brother Edward and Sister Sarah also died about seven years ago, infants of tender age, without issue and intestate

That the said Edward Norwood, Son of Edward the uncle of your said petitioners, possessed himself after the death of their father of the whole of the aforesaid Contiguous tracts of land called Thomas's Range, Bennetts Range and Balls addition and claimed them as his sole right and be state, Whereupon the said Samuel Norwood filed his bill in this Honorable Court against the said Edwards, and against your said petitioners Mary and Elizabeth, they being then infants of tender age, and their brother and sister being dead as aforesaid, in which bill the said Samuel, after setting forth and exhibiting the respective wills of Nicholas Norwood and Nicholas Fitzimmons aforesaid, went on to alledge that the said Nicholas Norwood the father of your said petitioners died without lawful issue and that by virtue of the will of the said Nicholas Fitzimmons, the three sons of his said daughter Mary were entitled each to one undivided third part in fee simple of the lands thereby devised as aforesaid, Whereupon he prayed by his said bill that a writ of partition might issue from this honorable Court to lay off and divide the said lands into three equal parts, and that one of those parts might be allotted and Confirmed to him as one of the three sons of the said Mary

That the said Edward Norwood the uncle of your said petitioners, by his answer to the said bill afterwards filed in this honorable Court, denied the right of the said Samuel to one third as aforesaid and alledged that the said Nicholas, the father of your petitioners had never been married to their said mother, but had died without lawful issue, and that by virtue of the said will of Nicholas