arine Calmes, George Bruce, William Bruce Dr. Michael Buckey and Helen his wife, and James O. Carson and Barbara his wife, Andrew Bruce, Norman Bruce may answer these premises as fully and particularly as if they were specially interrogated thereto, and that a decree may be passed to sell said Real Estate for the benefit of the persons entitled to the same, – and that a Trustee may be appointed for that purpose by said decree of your Honorable Court. And that your Complainants may have such other and further relief as the premises and the case may require. May it please Your Honor's to grant unto the Complainants the writ of Subpoena against said Daniel C. Bruce Francis Bruce, Catharine Calmes and George Bruce commanding them to appear in this Court at some certain day to be therein named to answer the premises and abide by and perform such decree as may be passed therein. And also grant unto your Complainants an Order of publication against said Non resident defendants in the usual form giving them the substance and object of this Bill of Complaint and requiring them to be and appear in your Honorable Court on some certain day to be therein named or otherwise this bill will be taken as confessed as to the said non resident defendants, and grant unto your Complainants such other and further relief as the premises may entitle them to. And as in duty bound will ever pray.

Thomas Perry
Solicitor for Complainants.

The Exhibits "A" and "B" referred to in the above bill are in the words and of the tenor following to wit.

Exhibit A

In the name of God. Amen. I. Helen Bruce of Allegany County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak in body, but of sound disposing mind memory and understanding considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, and desirous to settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and publish this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say.

First and principally, I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named and after my debts and funeral expenses are paid, I devise and bequeath as follows.

Item – First, I give and bequeath to the two youngest children of my Brother Charles Bruce (names not known) Two hundred dollars each.

Item – Second, I give and bequeath to my Sister, Nancy Bruce, one half the value of negro Jim to be paid in money.

Item – Third, I give to my brother George Bruce my negro boy Robert to serve him until he is twenty five years of age; and if the said Robert will then go to Liberia. I require my brother George to pay over to the Colonization Society a reasonable hire for the two last years of the said Roberts time of servitude; and in case he will not go to Liberia then George Bruce to be exempt from said two last years hire.

Item – Fourth – I give and bequeath to my nephew Andrew Bruce son of Normand M. Bruce, my servant boy Hezekiah, to serve him until he is twenty five years of age, and if said Boy Hezekiah will consent to go to Liberia, then my nephew Andrew Bruce to pay a reasonable hire for the two last years of the boys

servitude to the Colonization Society, and in case of the said Hezekiah's refusing, then Andrew Bruce to be exempt from said payment.

Item – Fifth – I desire that my Servants Rachael and Jim be liberated and manumitted at my death.

Item – Sixth – It is my desire that my servants David and Samuel be hired out until they are twenty five years of age. If they will consent to go to Liberia, the two last years hire to be paid over by my Executor to the Colonization Society.

Item – Seventh. It is my desire that the proceeds of the Servants hire together with all the residue of my Estate be equally divided into four parts, and distributed as follows. One fourth part to my brother George Bruce, One fourth part to my Sister Catharine Calmes one fourth part to my nephew Daniel Bruce son of my Brother William Bruce, and one fourth part to be equally divided between my Nephew Andrew Bruce and Nieces Ellen Bruce and Barbara Bruce children of my brother Normand M. Bruce.

And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my brother George Bruce to be my Sole executor of this my last will and testament, revoking and annulling all former wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and none other to be my last will and testament.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this first day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and forty One.

Helen Bruce (Seal)

Signed Sealed published and declared by Helen Bruce the above named Testatrix as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us, and at her request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Saml. P. Smith. John his X mark Coombs. Rebecca Worthington

Seal of the Orphans Court

True Copy. Test. W. R. McCulley Register of Wills for Allegany County Maryland.

"Exhibit B."

Inventory of the personal Estate of Helen Bruce late of Allegany County deceased appraised in Dollars and Cents by us the subscribers being thereunto lawfully authorized and sworn this 9th day of June 1841.

1 Brussel Carpet 32 yards @ $1.50 pr. yard	"	"	$48.	00
1 Pedestal $25.00 1 Doz Cane Seat Chairs $20.00	"	"	45.	00
1 Sofa $60.00. 1 Fender, Shovel and Tongs 5$ "	"	"	65.	00
1 Looking Glass 10$. 1 pr. Venetian Blinds 6$ "	"	"	16.	00
1 Domestic Carpet 15 yds at 25c pr yd	"	"	3.	75
1 Bed, Bedstead and Bedding			25.	00
1 Tea Sett, French China			20.	00
1 Soup Tureen 2.00. 2 Glass Dishes 1.50			3.	50
17 Jelly Glasses 1.50 1 pr. Cut Glass decanters 2.50			4.	00
1 Sett Candelabras 15.00. 4 Brass Candlesticks 50			15.	50
11 Custard Cups (Cut glass)			3.	00
11 Cut Glass Wine Glasses			1.	75
5 do do Tumblers $1.00 6 do do do 75			1.	75
3 Plain Tumblers. 3 do Wines			.	50