

diminish their Value, and will, by the mere Operation of Law, reduce a valuable Patrimony to a scanty Pittance.

Your Petitioners further shew to the General Assembly, that it is their anxious desire (and they know that it was the desire of Warner Rasin and Ann his wife) that the real Estate of the said Warner Mifflin deceased, should be distributed, as near as may be, according to the Intention of the said Warner Mifflin, so far as the same appears by the Instrument of Writing purporting to be his last Will, (a Copy of which is hereto sub-joined) and by Information given by Samuel Howell, of the Declarations made by the deceased, to him, in his last Sickness, excepting a certain Tract of Land known by the Name of Keys Place Parcel of the Land on Cow Marsh, and another small Variation.

Inasmuch therefore as the existing Laws of the State will not effect the good Purposes designed by the Legislature, in applying them to the Case of your Petitioners, your Petitioners ~~therefore~~ pray that a Bill may be passed, authorizing five Commissioners, or a Majority of them, to assign to your Petitioner Anne Mifflin, during her natural Life, and the Remainder in fee therein, to the said Samuel E. Mifflin, and to the said Samuel Mifflin in fee, the Lands which the said Warner Mifflin deceased proposed to devise to them respectively, according to the said Instrument of Writing, except that there be assigned to the said Anne and Samuel, Thirty Acres of Woodland on Cow Marsh, instead of Ten Acres, and also except that the Land known by the Name of the Keys Place, be taken into the residuary part of the real Estate of the said Warner Mifflin; and that the Residue of the real Estate of said Warner Mifflin deceased, including Keys Place, and the real Estate which hath descended to the Heirs and legal Representatives of the said Elizabeth Mifflin, the former wife of the said Warner Mifflin, deceased, from the said Elizabeth Mifflin (except that the Share of Susanna deceased therein be first set out of and assigned to Clayton Cowgill and Warner Mifflin Assignees of John Cowgill during the Life Time of said John Cowgill); and the real Estate to which they derive Title in Equity from the said Joseph Galloway deceased, shall be all mixed and blended together, and divided by the said Commissioners, or a Majority of them, according to the Rights of the Persons entitled thereto, in the same Manner, as if the same had descended from one common Ancestor, apportioning nevertheless to the said Warner Mifflin your Petitioner his two Shares in his Mother's Land, or an Equivalent thereof in other of the said Lands.

Clayton Cowgill
Thomas Rasin

Anne Mifflin
Warner Mifflin
Sarah Mifflin

Petition of Clayton
Cougill and others.

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Jan. 4. 1809. Read &
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Messrs. Ridgely,
Manning
Mitchell

In Senate
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