

TESTIMONY

CHARLES B. TRAIL and CHARLES McC. MATHIAS, Trustees named in the Will of GRACE W. TRAIL, deceased, for the use and benefit of her daughter, GRACE TRAIL BAB- COCK, and next friends of the said GRACE TRAIL BABCOCK,	"	NO. 15,228 EQUITY.
	"	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
	"	FOR FREDERICK COUNTY,
	"	IN EQUITY.
On	"	
Petition.	"	

TESTIMONY TAKEN BEFORE THE COURT, HONORABLE EDWARD S.
DELAPLAINE, AUGUST 5, 1944.

CHARLES McC. MATHIAS, one of the Petitioners, being
first duly sworn, deposes and says:

By Mr. Buckey:

Q Your name is Charles McCurdy Mathias? A. Yes.

Q You are a member of the Bar of Frederick County, Md.?

A Yes.

Q Do you know Grace Trail Babcock, the defendant in this
cause? A. Yes, she is my wife's sister.

Q Have you seen her frequently within the last year?

A I have seen her two or three times within the past year.

Q Where is she now?

A At present she is living in the home of Mrs. R. Lee Hutch-
ins, Sr., just on the outskirts of Westminster, Md.

Q She has never been formally adjudicated insane? A. No.

Q She is, however, mentally sick?

A Yes, and in my judgment she is not capable of the manage-
ment of her affairs.

Q Was she temporarily committed to a Sykesville institution
on the certificates of Drs. Ira J. McCurdy and Edward P. Thomas
sometime ago?

A Yes, four years ago. I can amplify that a little bit.
I have known Grace Trail Babcock for more than 30 years. During
all this period, in my judgement she she has not been competent
mentally to manage her affairs, and during the lifetime of her
mother it was my duty to help Mrs. Trail in looking out for her
daughter Grace and for her welfare. About five or six years ago