State of Maryland Allegany County To wit

Personally appeared, before me a Justice of the Peace of the state of Maryland in and for the county and state aforesaid, John Shaffer and made oath on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty God that the facts stated in the foregoing petition are true as therein stated.

Sworn Before

John Wolfe JP

Ordered that the prayer of the foregoing petition be granted and that the defendants have leave to file the foregoing amended answer, June 15th 1843

R K Marshall

The Amended separate answer of John Shaffer of Allegany County to the Bill of Complaint of Catharine E. Hecklotz and others by their next friend Aaron G. Hecklotz filed in Allegany County Court as a Court of Equity against a certain William Hecklotz and this Defendant, This defendant for amendment to his answer first filed in this cause answers and says that the property or negro woman mentioned in the said Bill of Complaint was originally the property of Henry Willis Executor of Washington County Maryland and that this defendant purchased the said Negro woman at Sheriff Sale at Hancock in Washington County for himself and for no other person of Henry Wells the then deputy Sheriff of said County ~~[illegible]~~ day of April 1824 as per receipt No 1 filed. ~~John Swearingen [illegible] Sheriff of said County [illegible] to the best of the knowledge & belief of this defendant, this defendant never saw said Swearingen until October 1839 when this defendant went to Hagerstown to execute the Conveyance before Grantors filed in this cause.~~

Thomas J. McKay

Sol for John J. Shaffer

State of Maryland Allegany County to Wit

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Sworn Before

John Wolfe JP