

George C. Patterson } In the Circuit Court for Montgomery  
ats } County, as a Court of Equity.  
Julia Patterson } February Term 1865.

The answer of George C. Patterson to the Bill  
of Complaint of Julia Patterson in said Court <sup>against him</sup> Exhibited.

This Respondent admits his intermarriage with the  
Complainant, as she has alleged.

This Respondent denies that he possessed himself of the  
Complainant's personal property, or "squandered or wasted the  
same in a most reckless or riotous manner", or wasted it  
at all, but, on the contrary, he expended a considerable sum of  
money in and about the erection of a dwelling house, and other  
Improvements, on the land held by the Complainant in her  
own right, and from which she is deriving the exclusive benefit, -  
a portion of which money, so expended, it is true, was obtained  
from the sale of a negro woman, by him at her request; and  
is the only money or property this respondent ever received or  
obtained through or from the Complainant.

This Respondent denies that he was in the constant habit  
of becoming intoxicated every night after his said marriage  
with the Complainant, - and whilst thus intoxicated, conducting  
and deporting himself with harshness and inhumanity to the  
Complainant; On the contrary, the respondent says he de-  
ported himself as a sober and upright man, and treated  
the Complainant kindly and affectionately; during all which  
time, he held an important office under the Federal Government,  
and maintained the Complainant in a respectable position in  
society - treating her with all due respect, and requiring others  
to do the same.