I agree to accept the above answers without oath

Wm J Rogers Sol
For Complainant

The Joint & several answers of Jefferson Shields of Ebenezer John H Shields Andrew J Shields & William V. B. Shields of Frederick County, State of Maryland. to the bill of Complaint filed in Frederick County Court, as a Court of Equity by John Shields. James H Stuart & Robert Annan, against themselves & others. These defendants for answer to said bill, or to so much thereof, as may be necessary for these defendants to reply to answer & say. That they admit that William Shields, died possessed of the Property, mentioned in said bill. That said William Shields made his will, directed the said Real Estate to be sold, and devised amongst his children. That all the heirs conveyed their Interest, in the Real Estate to John Shields upon a secret Trust for the benefits of the heirs That John Shields died without executing the Trusts These defendants further admit that their father Ebenezer Shields died, leaving your defendants, his heirs at Law. and that your defendants Jefferson Shields, John H. Shields & Andrew J. Shields, have sold & conveyed, all their right, Title, & Estate, in & to said property to Robert Annan they further admit the other facts stated in the Bill, and agree that such Decree may be passed in the premises, as to your Honor court may seem right, and equitable

Jefferson Shields.
John H. Shields.
Andw J Shields
W. V. B. Shields.

I agree to accept the above answer without oath

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John Shields James H Stuart and Robert Annan
vs.
Jefferson Shields of E and others.

No 2359 Equity
In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, as a Court of Equity
February Term 1852.

The above cause standing ready for a hearing, and being submitted, the bill, answer exhibits Order of Publication, & all other proceedings, were by the Court read & considered, and it appearing to the Court here that the Complainants are entitled to the relief prayed for It is thereupon this 11th day of March 1852 by the Circuit Court of Frederick County, Sitting in Equity Ordered, adjudged & decreed that the Bill of complaint, as to the non resident & unknown defendants be & the same is hereby Taken pro Confesso. & it is further Ordered adjudged and decreed, that the Lands & Tenements, mentioned in these proceedings be sold at public sale; & that Robert Annan, Wm H. Merrick & Grayson Eichelberger of Frederick County be and they are hereby appointed Trustees to make said sale & That the course & manner of their proceedings shall be as follows they shall first file with the Clerk of this Court a Bond to