

The answer of Horatio B Keafauer an infant under the age of twenty one years by A. W. Marriott his guardian to the bill of Complaint of Daniel Bechtel and Mahala Bechtel his wife and others filed in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity against himself and others. This defendant cannot admit any of the matters charged in the said bill of Complaint and being an infant of tender years submits his rights to the protection of this Honorable Court

A. W. Marriott Guardⁿ for Horatio B. Keafauer
an infant defendant

State of Maryland Frederick County Set

On this 29th day of May in the year 1852 before the subscriber Commissioner named in the Commission for this purpose issued, personally appeared A. W. Marriott Guardian for Horatio B. Keafauer the infant defendant and made oath in due form of law that the several matters and things stated in the above answer are true as therein stated to the best of his knowledge, information and belief Sworn before Ross Johnson Com^r.

In the Honorable Madison Nelson Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity

I the subscriber the Commissioner named in a Commission issued from your Court in a Cause pending between Daniel Bechtel and Mahala Bechtel his wife and others as Complainants and Horatio B. Keafauer and others defendants, do hereby certify that by virtue of the said Commission herewith enclosed, I have assigned and appointed A. W. Marriott Guardian to the said Horatio B. Keafauer the infant defendant therein named and have taken the answer of said infant by his guardian in writing upon his Corporal oath to the said bill in the said Commission recited, which said answer with the Commission I herewith send enclosed In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 29th day of May in the year 1852

Ross Johnson Com^r 

Answer of
C. Bechtel

The Answer of Catharine Bechtel of Frederick County to the bill of Complaint of Daniel Bechtel and Mahala Bechtel his wife and others filed in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity against herself and others This respondent for answer to said bill answers and says that she admits to be true as charged therein that Bernard Wieland late of Frederick County deceased and by his last will duly executed devised unto his son in law Lewis Bechtel the husband of this respondent and father of the Complainants during the life of the said Lewis Bechtel the farm upon which the said Lewis Bechtel then resided together with a mountain lot containing about 50 acres of land This respondent admits that said Bernard Wieland did further devise said farm and mountain lot unto the children of the said Lewis Bechtel by this respondent to be held and enjoyed by said children after the death of the said Lewis Bechtel & this respondent This respondent admits that her father did by his said last will bequeath unto his daughter Barbara an annuity of 122 dollars payable on the 1st day of April in each & every year and did charge the same upon the lands devised as aforesaid This respondent admits that the lands devised are fully described in the Exhibits No 2 & 3 and that Barbara Wieland has released all her right, title and interest in said annuity This respondent admits that Lewis Bechtel died in November 1857 leaving a widow (this respondent) and the following children of the said Lewis & Catharine to wit Elizabeth, married to Thomas Ringer, residents of the State of Virginia, Catharine married to Daniel Keafauer, Hannah married to Peter Cullen, Mary M. married to George Neckerk, Daniel a son married to Mahala Beaw, John a son married to Mary A