

Petition Smith & others } No. 2396 Equity In the Circuit Court for Frederick County
 February Term 1853
 Melhoo & others. } The Petition of Ephraim Stoner shows, that since
 the filing of the Bill, in this case he has intermarried with Margaret
 S. Smith one of the defendants, and prays your Honors to pass an
 order making him a party to the cause

M B Lockett Solicitor for Pet

On reading the foregoing petition, it is ordered, that said Petitioner be
 he is hereby admitted as a party defendant, in this cause

23^d March 1853

M Nelson

Answer Joseph Smith & others } No. 2396. Equity In Circuit Court for Frederick
 County

John W. Melhoo & others. } The Joint & several answers of John W
 Melhoo, and Mary E. Melhoo his wife Reuben S. Sidwell and
 Sarah A. Sidwell his wife, Ephraim Stoner, and M. S. Stoner his wife
 to the bill of Complaint in this case - These defendants admit the
 matters set forth in said bill, and are willing that a Decree should
 pass, as prayed

M B Lockett Solic

For Respondents,

"Enclosed" 1853 March 23. We do hereby agree to accept, the within answer
 without oath to have the same effect as if sworn to.

Palmer & Echellerges Solrs for Comp

Order- Joseph Smith & others } No. 2396. In the Circuit Court for Frederick
 for John Smith & others } County, sitting as a Court of Equity

Comⁿ. } The Infant defendants in this case having
 John W. Melhoo } been duly summoned, the Clerk will please
 Henry E. his wife & others. } Issue to Mr B Lockett Esq. Mr F. Palmer Esq. &
 Commission to appoint guardian of said infants answers.

Palmer & Echellerges
 Solrs for Complete

Comⁿ Mary Land Sc The State of Maryland to Mr F. Palmer Esq of Frederick
 County Greasing Whereas Joseph Smith Jun John Smith & Thomas
 Smith have lately exhibited their bill of Complaint, before me, in the
 Circuit Court, for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, &
 against John W. Melhoo Mary E. his wife, Reuben S. Sidwell & Sarah A.
 his wife & others, and whereas I have by my writ, lately commanded
 the said defendants, to appear before me in said Court as a Court of Chancery
 at a certain day now past, to answer the said Bill But for as much as the
 said Samuel S. Smith James S. Smith Ephraim R. Smith are in
 fact, under age, and cannot answer the said bill of Complaint
 nor defend the suit, without having a guardian assigned, in that
 behalf Know ye Therefore that I have given unto you full pow
 er, and authority, in pursuance of the special order, in our said Court
 to assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid Infants, & take
 the answers of the said Infants, by such guardian to the said bill of
 Complaint, and therefore I command you, that at such certain & place as
 you shall think fit, you go to the said defendants, if they cannot conven
 iently come to you, and assign, and appoint, a guardian, for the aforesaid
 defendants, if they cannot conveniently come to you, & assign & appoint