

of Adam J Hockensmith & others, in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting in Equity - Exhibited - This Respondent for answered to the said Bill of Complaint, admits to be true, as therein stated that Daniel Shoemaker died about the time mentioned in said Bill, leaving a last will and Testament in writing of which the paper filed with said bill marked Exhibit No 4, is a true Copy and that Letters of administration with the said will annexed were granted by the Orphans Court of Frederick County to this respondent, as is stated in said bill, and that he possessed himself of the personal Estate of said Daniel Shoemaker and has duly administered the same, and distributed the same pro rata, amongst the creditors of the said Daniel, under the direction of the Orphans Court of Frederick County, and that the same was insufficient to pay in full, the debts due by said Daniel at the time of his death. He further admits to be true that the Complainants and creditors of said Daniel Shoemaker as stated in said bill, and that there remains due to them respectively the balances of their said claims as stated in said bill & that the personal Estate of said Daniel is exhausted, and that there is no means for the payment of the balances due to said Complainants, and other creditors of the said Daniel, except a sale of the Real Estate of which said Daniel died seized as is stated in said bill of Complaint - This Respondent further answering - admits to be true, all the matters, and things in said Bill of Complaint, contained not herein particularly answered unto and consents as far as he is concerned that a Decree may pass as prayed by said bill of Complaint.

Adam Powers.

State of Maryland Frederick County to wit: On this 31st day of May 1853 before the Subscribers - a Justice of the peace of said State in and for said County, personally appeared Adam Powers, & made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that the matters, facts and things in the foregoing answer contained - are true as stated.

Sworn before

David Agnew

Answer of Elizabeth Shoemaker

The separate answer of Elizabeth Shoemaker to the Bill of Complaint of Adam J Hockensmith, and others, in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting in Equity exhibited. This respondent for answer to the said bill of Complaint admits to be true - as stated in the said bill - that Daniel Shoemaker, late of Frederick County died about the time therein mentioned, leaving a last will and Testament in writing, of which the paper filed with said bill and marked Exhibit No 4 is a true Copy, and that at the time of his death he was seized of the personal & Real Estate mentioned in said bill, and that he devised the same in the manner stated in said bill, and that Letters of administration with the will annexed were granted to the said Adam Powers by the Orphans Court of Frederick - County, and that he proceeded -