

and Margaret Rooney & others are defendants The undersigned Commissioner having previously taken the Oath as prescribed by the Court & Recorded in the Clerk's Office did proceed on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1854 at the City of Frederic to take the following Oath Testimony on Interrogatories filed with the Commission on the part of Complainant & herewith returned as to wit

William M. Blagett - witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Complainant being duly sworn answers To The First Inty. That he is acquainted with the parties Complainant & defendant, and has known them for some time

To the Second Inty He answers He was acquainted with John D. Rooney formerly of Frederick County, he is now dead He died at Knoxville in 1851 said Rooney was married at the time of his death He left a widow & children - The name of the widow is Margaret Rooney there were four children viz John aged 11 years Joseph aged about 9 years Alice aged about seven years & Catherine aged about 3 or 4 years all Infants & all reside in Frederick County at Knoxville

To the 3<sup>d</sup> Inty He answers John D. Rooney - did not leave a last will & Testament his personal Estate was not sufficient for the payment of his debts Rooney lived at one time on the farm of deponents father, not far from deponents residence knows nothing further

To the fourth Inty He answers John D. Rooney was seized in fee of a House & Lot in the town of Knoxville, at the time of his death and for about two years before his death & the widow Margaret widow is now in possession of the same

To the Fifth Inty He answers He was pretty well acquainted with the pecuniary circumstances and condition in life of said Rooney immediately previous to the 6<sup>th</sup> Decr 1851 it would have taken all his property at that time to pay his debts or perhaps more Rooney was then greatly embarrassed

To Sixth Inty - He answers He is acquainted with the handwriting of said John D. Rooney deponent has seen him write deponent has looked at the papers now shown him and herewith filed marked exhibits 13 & 14, and states that the signature John D. Rooney, on each of said Exhibits is in the proper hand writing of said Rooney deponent has also looked at the papers herewith filed marked Exhibit D & states that the signature John D. Rooney endorsed on said Exhibit D is in the proper handwriting of said Rooney deponent is also indebted acquainted with the hand writing of Emory Edwards has seen him write & deponent states that he has looked at the paper Exhibit D & that the signature Emory Edwards thereon is in the hand writing of said Emory Edwards.

To the seventh Inty He answers deponent knows that S. Blagett the Complainant both performed work & labour for Rooney in his life time & sold & delivered Rooney goods the work was performed & the goods delivered in 1851 the character of it was wood-poles saw logs & hauling deponent states he had a conversation with Rooney in his life time, as to exhibit A herewith filed & now shown him Rooney then acknowledged the whole account amounting to \$18.50 agreeing that he owed the rent of 1849 as then charged

To the Eighth Inty He answers - He knows nothing further

Samuel B. Preston witness of lawful age duly sworn on the part of Complainant answers To The First Inty That he knows the parties Complainant & defendant and has known them for some years

To the second Inty He was acquainted with John D. Rooney formerly of Frederick County He is now dead He dies in 1851, at Knoxville in Frederick County, he was married at the time of his death he left a widow & children the name of the widow is Margaret Rooney, there were four children viz John aged about 11 years Jos,