

faithfully & without partiality to any, or either of the parties, take the examination and depositions of all & every witness & witnesses produced & examined by virtue of the Commission herunto annexed, upon the Interrogatories, now, or which may hereafter, before said Commission is closed, be produced to & left with you, by either of said parties) do help you God. Sworn before John A. Simmons  
Clerks Oath.

You shall truly faithfully, and without partiality to any, or either of the parties in this cause, take write down, and transcribe, the depositions of all, and every the witness, & witnesses, produced, and examined by the Commission named in the Commission herunto annexed as far forth as you are directed & employed by the said Commissioners, to take write down & transcribe the said depositions, or any of them do help you God.

At the execution of the annexed Commission issued out of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, and to me directed, and empowering me to examine evidence in the Cause, depending in the said Court, between Charles Goldsborough as Complainant & Mary Devalls & others as defendants, J. George H. Shellman, the Commissioner therein named, did on the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of March 1856, at the House of Mr B. Lockett Esq<sup>r</sup> in Frederick Town, having taken the Oath annexed to said Commission and dispensed with a Clerk, proceed, in the presence of the Complainants Solicitor to take the following depositions, to wit:

Jo<sup>1</sup> Devalbs a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the Complainant, being duly summoned, & examined, to Interrogatories filed with the Commission by the Complainants Solicitor & herewith returned, deposes & says, to the 1<sup>st</sup> Inty. That he did know Samuel Devalls of S. He died in the month of January A.D. 1855 To 2<sup>d</sup> Inty. That Samuel Devalls of S. died, left a widow named Mary Devalls, & the following children Samuel Devalls Sarah Devalls Martha R. wife of George H. Powell, and Ephraim Devalls They all reside in Frederick County Md except Samuel who resides in the State of Ohio & all are over 21 years of age, except Ephraim To 3<sup>d</sup> Int - That Joseph the son of said Samuel Devalls of S. is dead, leaving the following children - Absalom J. Devalls Thomas M. Devalls Joseph Devalls & William Devalls, who reside in Frederick County Md & of whom Absalom J. and Thomas M. are over the age of twenty one years & Joseph & William are under said age

To 4<sup>th</sup> Int That Samuel Devalls of S. dies intestate, & that deponent is his administrator.

To 5<sup>th</sup> Int That said Samuel dev<sup>d</sup> died indebted to the amount of about two thousand dollars of which indebtedness, exhibits N. 11 & files in said Cause are a part: To 6<sup>th</sup> Inty. That said Samuel dev<sup>d</sup> left both personal & Real Estate, and that his personal Estate is not sufficient to pay his debts There being no other witnesses to be examined and no further time for the production of witnesses being desired the Commission closes the said Commission, and herewith returns the same, under his hand & seal this 22<sup>d</sup> Day of March A.D. 1856.

Geo. H. Shellman.

Goldsborough } No 2604 Equity for the Circuit Court for Frederick  
County, February Term 1856. Interrogatories filed  
Devalbs et al. } with the Commission, in this case