

Complainants and Cornelia V. Laney & Isaac E. Pearson defendants, you are therefore required, having first taken the oath hereunto annexed, and also administered the annexed oath to the person whom you shall appoint as Clerk to attend the execution of this Commission, that at such time and place as to you shall seem convenient, you causes come before you all such evidences as shall be named and produced to you by either the complainants or defendants, and that you examine them on their Corporal oaths, to be by you administered upon the Holy Evangelly of Almighty God, touching their Knowledge or remembrance of any thing that may relate to the Cause aforesaid; and that you cause notice to be given to the parties or their attorneys, of the execution of the Commission, before you execute the same; and having reduced the depositions of the witnesses, so taken by you into writing, you send the same, with this Commission, close under your hand and seal, into the Court as a Court of Equity, with all convenient speed, Witness the Honorable Madison Nelson, Judge of our said Court, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October Anno Domini 1856. Issued the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1856  
Edw. Shriver, Clerk

#### Commissioner's Oath

You shall, according to the best of your skill and knowledge, truly, faithfully, and without partiality to any or either of the parties, take the examinations and depositions of all and every witness and witnesses produced and examined by virtue of the Commission hereunto annexed, upon the interrogatories now, or which may hereafter, before the said Commission is closed, be produced to and left with you, by either of said parties, so help you God,  
Sworn before, Jno. A. Simmons

#### Clerk's 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 and witnesses produced and examined by the Commissioner named in the Commission hereunto annexed, as far forth as you are directed and employed by the said Commissioner to take, write down, and transcribe the said depositions or any of them, so help you God,

At the execution of the annexed Commission issued out of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, and to me directed, and empowering me to examine evidences in the cause depending in the said Court, between Edward S. Laney and others as complainants, and Cornelia V. Laney and Isaac E. Pearson as defendants, J. George H. Shellman therein named, having taken the oath annexed to the said Commission and dispensed with a clerk, did on the seventeenth day of December in the eighteen hundred and fifty six, at the Office of Grayson Eichelberger in Frederick-Town proceed in the presence of the complainants Solicitor to take the following depositions, to wit:

Anthony McBride, a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Complainants, being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Complainants, Solicitor and herewith returned deposed and says,

To the 1<sup>st</sup> Interrogatory, I do know all the parties & have known them eleven years, some of them longer,

To 2<sup>nd</sup> Int., I was acquainted with Augustine Laney he is dead, he left three children, their names are Edward S. Laney, Laura B. the wife of James A.

Supplemental  
Bill