

and Charles Keller of Frederick County, Greeting. You are hereby commanded that all excuses set apart, you personally appear before the Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity to be held at the Court House in Fredericktown, in and for said County, on the third Monday of October next to answer the bill and complaint of John I. Atkins against you in our said Court exhibited, and so forth. Hereof, fail you not, as you will answer the contrary at your peril. Witness the Honorable Madison Nelson, Judge of our said Court, the 7th day of July 1856. Dated the 16th day of July 1856.

To the Sheriff of Frederick County

Edw^d Shriver, Clk.

(B. T. Johnson) "Endorsed" Sumn^r M. Rhodenick, Shff.

Court Return

Answer of Elizabeth Keller & Others

John I. Atkins vs David Keller, Adm^r of Jonathan Keller, Solomon Shaff & Sarah his wife Et. Al

No 2679 Equity. In Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting in Equity - The joint and several answers of Elizabeth Keller widow of Jonathan Keller, deceased, David Keller his Administrator, Solomon Shaff and Sarah Ann his wife, and Melinda Atkins to the Bill of Complaint against them by Jno. I. Atkins exhibited, these defendants admit the several matters setting to be true as charged,

against them in said Bill & submit to such decree as may be passed therein & the said Elizabeth Keller hereby consents & agrees that said property may be sold, free & unincumbered of her dower therein & she is willing to receive such rateable share of the lands in lieu thereof as may be allowed by the Court

Elizabeth Keller + David Keller Malinda Adkins + Sarah Ann Keller + or Shaff Solomon Shaff

Sol Order to issue Com^{ts} to app^t Guard^{ian}

Col. Shriver please issue commission to George K. Shellman Esq. a commissioner to appoint a guardian to the Infants in No 2679 Equity

Bradley J Johnson, Sol^r for Compl^t

Co Order to issue Com^{ts} to take testimony

Commission to appoint guardian

Maryl and, &c. The state of Maryland, to George K. Shellman, Esq. of Frederick County Greeting. Whereas John I. Atkins has lately exhibited his Bill of Complaint before me in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, against David Keller, Adm^r & others. And whereas I have, by my writ, lately commanded the said defendants to appear before me in said Court as a Court of Equity, at a certain day now past, to answer the said Bill of Complaint, but for as much as the said Lydia Keller, Cassandra Keller, Elizabeth Keller, John Keller, Martin Keller, Robert Keller, James Keller, & Charles Keller are infants under age, and cannot answer the said Bill of Complaint nor defend this suit, without having a guardian assigned in that behalf. Knowye, therefore, that I have given unto you full power and Authority in pursuance of the special order in said Court, to assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants, and to take the answer of the said infants, by such guardian to the said Bill of Complaint, and therefore I command you, that at such certain day and place as you shall think fit, you go to the said defendants if they cannot conveniently come to you, and assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants, and take the answers of said infants, by such guardian to the said Bill of Complaint on such guardian's Corporal oath upon the Holy Evangelij

Interrogation

Commission to take testimony