and be produced to you by either the complainant or defendants; and that you examine them on their Corporal Oaths, to be by you administered upon the Holy Evangely 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 attornies, 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 5th day of January Anno Domini 1857 Signed the 6th day of January 1857. Edwd. Steiner, Clerk. Decree

(Commissioners 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 Wm Higgins

Interrogatories

Steiner
vs
Leatherman, Drazer & others

No 2687 Equity
Interrogatories to be administered.

1st Int. Do you know the parties to this suit? If you how long? 2d Int Did you know E. Drazer in his lifetime? When did he die? Did he leave a widow & children? What are their ages & names? What is the age of his widow? & where do they reside? 3d Int Did E. Drazer leave sufficient personal to pay his debts? Of what real estate did he die seized & possessed? Is it described in Exhibit C. to this bill? 4th Do you know E. Drazer's hand writing? Is Exhibit A. to the Bill in his hand writing?

Bradley T. Johnson, Solr.
for Complt.

Comr Return

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 evidences in the cause depending in the said Court, between — Francis Steiner as complainant and Jacob Leatherman, Admr of E Drazer and others as defendants. I, George K. Shellman the Commissioner therein named, having taken oath annexed to the said commission and dispensed with a clerk, did on the sixth day of January in the year 1857 at my Office in Frederick Town proceed to take the following depositions, to wit: Jonathan English a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Complainant, being duly Sworn and examined to interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the complainants Solicitor and hereunto returned deposes & says. To the 1st Interrogatory. I do know said parties. I have known Elizabeth Drazer eight or nine years, and the children Noah Manasses & Sarah Rebecca from their birth. To 2d Int. I did know E Drazer in his lifetime. He died in the month of April or May 1856. He did leave a widow and children. The name of the widow is — Elizabeth Drazer and her age is about 34 years. The names of the children are Noah Manasses Drazer aged about 4 years and Sarah Rebecca Drazer aged over one year — There is also an infant born since the death of E. Drazer They all, widow & children reside in Frederick County, Maryland. To 3d Int. E. Drazer did not have personal property sufficient for the payment of his debts. He died seized & possessed of a house and barn & about 30 Acres of land, deponent looks at the paper marked Exhibit C and says that said Exhibit contains a description of said real property To Bond