

Basel Norris } No 2678 In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity
 vs } To John Sifford, George Strickens, William Mahony, John Soats, Otto Norris
 Louisa Williard & others } and Lewis Ramsburg

Summons You are hereby summoned to appear before me Commissioners acting under a Commission issued by said court & empowering me to examine witnesses in the above cause at my law office in Frederick on Friday the 7th day of November instant, at 2 O'clock P.M. to testify on behalf of the Complainant. Witness my hand & seal this 6th day of November 1856

Grayson Eichelbuger

Endorsed, 'Summoned' M. Klodwick Clk.

Commissioner

Return of Commissioner to take testimony At the execution of the enclosed Commission, issued out of the Circuit Court of Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, and to me directed & empowering me to examine witnesses in the cause pending in said Court, between Basel Norris, as complainant, and Louisa Williard and others as defendants, I Grayson Eichelbuger the regularly appointed & duly qualified Commissioner, did on the seventh day of November A.D. 1856, at my law office in Frederick, having appointed James M. Harding my Clerk, and administered to him the oath annexed to said Commission, to be taken by him; proceed then and there in the presence of the Solicitor for Complainant to take the following depositions, to wit:

"Lewis Ramsburg, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the Complainant, being duly sworn & examined to interrogatories filed with me by Complainant's Solicitor, and herewith returned, deposes and says, To Special Interrogatory - There is a debt of Seven thousand dollars, owing by John Williard to the Frederick town Savings Institution, which debt with interest from the 24th day of August 1855, is still due & unpaid -

"John Soats, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the Complainant, being duly sworn & examined, to interrogatories filed with me, by Complainant's Solicitor, and herewith returned, deposes and says - To the first Interrogatory; - I know all the parties except the children of John Williard dec'd, and Susanna Williard. To the 2^d Interrogatory; I did know John Williard, he is dead, he died June 6th 1856, he was married, his wife's name is Louisa Williard, he left children, but I know nothing about their names, they were all minors, one has died since the death of John Williard, it was a minor and died without issue. - To the 3^d Interrogatory; - John Williard died leaving real estate, he owned a farm upon which he resided at the time of his death, adjoining Jefferson, containing about one hundred acres of land, he also owned a tract of Mountain land, containing about thirty acres - To the 4th Interrogatory; - I have seen John Williard sign his name, I looked at the papers now shown me, marked Exhibits No 1 & 2, the signature thereof I believe to be in the hand writing of John Williard, to the balance of the Interrogatory, deponent says he knows nothing. - To the 5th Interrogatory; - John Williard was much indebted at the time of his death, his personal estate is not sufficient to pay his debts; Benjamin Deford & Sons have claimed the whole of the stock in trade, which has been returned in the Inventory, as part of his personal estate; If he sustains his claim, the whole of the said stock in trade will have to be struck from the Inventory, and the residue of his personal property will not be sufficient for the payment of his debts, If Deford & Sons, do not sustain their claim, then their account, against the estate for taxes, will be very large, and the personal estate will not be sufficient to pay the debts. - To the 6th Interrogatory, John Williard died intestate.

To the last Interrogatory; - Deponent answers - I know nothing further
 "William Mahony," a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the Complainant, being duly sworn and examined to Interrogatories, filed with me by Complainant's Solicitor, and herewith returned, deposes & says. - To the 1st Interrogatory.