

Commission

Maryland yet, ~
 The State of Maryland to William S. Nelson and Robert Nelson Esq. of Frederick County
 Shewing, Be it known, that you are appointed Commissioners to examine Evidence in a
 cause depending in the Circuit Court for Frederick County as a Court of Equity, between Mary
 Sheffer, mother and next friend of Geo. Philip Sheffer and others complainants, and William
 H. Bowles and others defendants, you are therefore required, having first taken the oaths here-
 unto 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 cause to come before you all such Evidence as shall be examined 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 Evangelists 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 Hon. Madison Nelson, Judge of our said Court 17 day of November A.D. 1864,
 Given the 15th day of November 1864, ~
 G. C. J. S. Coatsy Clerk

Commissioner's Oath

You shall, according to the best of your skill and knowledge, truly, faithfully, 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. ~

To help you God, ~

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, ~

To help you God, ~

Interrogatories

Mary Sheffer Et al
 William H. Bowles et al
 No 3176. ~
 In the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court
 of Equity. ~

Interrogatories to be proposed to witnesses to be produced on
 the part of the Complainants.

- 1st Are you or not acquainted with the parties to this suit, or either or which of them? If
 yes how long have you known them and each of them? ~
- 2^d Were you or not acquainted with one Daniel Sheffer formerly a resident of Frederick County?
 Is he living or dead? If dead, when and where did he die? ~
- 3^d Did he die testate or intestate? ~
- 4th Was or was not the said Daniel Sheffer married at the time of his death? If yes who
 is his widow and where does she live? ~
- 5th Did or did not the said Daniel Sheffer leave children? If yes state their names, ages