

and places of residence, also the names of their consorts, if married, &
 6th Do you or do you not know the lands of which Daniel Sheffer died, seized & possessed,
 If you look at the Exhibits now shown you, did he not die seized of the property des-
 cribed in said Exhibits? What is the value of the land described in said Exhibits filed
 in this case. State fully all your knowledge herein, &

7th Would or would not the property mentioned admit of advantageous division among
 all the parties mentioned in this suit and interested in and entitled to said land, &

8th Would it not be to the benefit and advantage of all of said Children and heirs at law,
 infants as well as adults, for said land to be sold and the proceeds distributed among
 them? State fully all your knowledge, &

J. Eichelberger

Solicitor for Complainant

Testimony

At the Execution of the annexed Commission issued out of the Circuit Court, for Frederick
 County, and to and directed and empowering me to Examine Witnesses in the case refer-
 ring in the said Court, between Mary Sheffer and others, as Complainants, and William W.
 and others, as defendants, J. William S. Nelson Commissioner therein named, did on the
 10th day of November, Eighteen hundred and sixty four, at my Office, in Frederick, proceed
 then and there to take the following depositions, to wit: &

James Sheffer, 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 Complain-
 ant and herewith returned, deposes and says, &

To the first. - That he is acquainted with all the parties to this suit and that he has known
 them all for some years. &

To the 2^d. That he was acquainted with Daniel Sheffer - that he is dead - that he died
 in Frederick County, Maryland about one year ago. &

To the 3^d. That said Daniel Sheffer died intestate. &

To the 4th That said Daniel Sheffer was married at the time of his death and left a widow
 named Mary who resides in Frederick County, Maryland. &

To the 5th That Daniel Sheffer left the following Children, namely, Mary C. married to
 William W. Cowles, Sarah E. married John W. Hoyle, Susan Rebecca, married to John
 A. Horine, Martha J. married to Matthias Abalt, Maurice E. George P. and Laura P.
 Sheffer, all adults except Maurice E. Geo. P. and Laura P. Sheffer, who are infants under
 the age of twenty one years, and all reside in Frederick County, Maryland. &

To the 6th That he looks at the Exhibits now here shown him - that the property described
 in said Exhibits is that of which the said Daniel Sheffer died seized and possessed, & that
 said real estate is worth upwards of twenty two thousand dollars. &

To the 7th That said real estate is not susceptible of an advantageous division amongst all
 the parties interested. &

To the 8th That it would be to the advantage of all the parties that said real Estate should
 be sold, and the proceeds of such sales distributed amongst the parties entitled. &

Geo. L. Rouffalo, 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 Complain-
 ants and herewith returned deposes and says, &

To the first - That he knows all the parties to this suit and has known them for some years, &

To the 2^d. That he was acquainted with Daniel Sheffer, formerly a resident of Frederick County
 that he is dead - that he died in Frederick County Md. about a year since, &

To the 3^d. That he died intestate. & To the 4th That said Daniel Sheffer was married at the

Deed