

Maryland etc.

The State of Maryland, to Wm H. Nelson and Robert Willson Esquires of Frederick County Greeting. Be it known, that you are appointed Commissioners, to examine Evidences in a cause depending in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, as a Court between John A. Lighter and Mary Lighter his wife and others complainants, and Martha J. Lighter defendant. You are therefore required, having first taken the Oath hereunto annexed, and also administered the annexed oath to the persons whom, or 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 evidences as shall be and produced to you by either the Complainants or defendant; 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 hands and seal, into the Court as a Court of Equity with Oath annexed &c. Witness the Honorable Madison Nelson, Judge of our said Court the 10th day of October Anno Domini 1865. Issued the 29th day of December 1865

The W. Harty Clerk

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 be closed, be produced to and left with you, by either of said parties & help you God.

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 witnesses produced and examined by the Commissioners named in the Commission hereunto annexed, as far forth as you are directed and employed by the said Commissioners to take, write down, and transcribe the said depositions, or any of them. So help you God

- John A. Lighter and
- Mary Lighter, Sum on P.
- Lighter, & Amanda Lighter
- Daniel J. Lighter, Daniel
- Koogle, & Ann C. Koogle,
- Elizabeth Miller & Stephen
- J. Gaver, & Malinda Gaver
- Thomas C. Rudy & Mary E. Rudy
- or
- Martha J. Lighter

1st 3rd 3rd Equity
 In the Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity &
 Interrogatories to be proposed to witnesses produced
 on the part of the Complainants.

1st Int. Are you or not acquainted with the parties to this
 suit or either, and which of them? If yea, how long
 have you known them, and each of them? 2nd Int.
 Were you or not acquainted with one Peter Lighter
 formerly a resident of Frederick County? Is he dead or alive?
 If dead when and where did he die? 3rd Int. Did or
 did not the said Peter Lighter leave children? If yea,
 state how many, and their names, ages, and present places of residence, and
 whom they married 4th Int. Did or did you not know one John C. Hotten husband of
 Elizabeth Miller one of the Complainants in this cause, and formerly a resident of
 Frederick County? Do you or not know when he left the state of Maryland, and whether he
 has been heard of since, and if so, when? Is he dead or alive? And is or is not the said
 John C. Hotten reported as deceased by the family of his said wife to be dead? If yea, state fully
 all your knowledge hereon. 5th Int. Did or did not the said Peter Lighter die seized and
 possessed of valuable real estate, situate and lying in Frederick County? If yea, describe

Commiss to take testimony

Commissioners Oaths

Clerks Oaths

Interrogatories

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