

Testimony

At the execution of the annexed Commission issued out of the Circuit Court, for Frederick County and to me directed, and empowering me to examine evidences in the Cause therein depending between Jane C Hammond, as Complainant and Thomas H Hammond as defendants, I William Nelson, Commissioner therein named, did on the Twentieth day of March, Eighteen hundred and sixty six, at my Office in Frederick Maryland, proceed to take the following depositions to wit: The Complainant filed with the Commissioner as evidenced Exhibits Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4 which are filed and herewith returned, and there being no witnesses present to be examined and the Complainant requiring further time for the production of her evidences, the said Commission was adjourned to the twenty sixth day of March Eighteen hundred and sixty six, at which time and at the place aforesaid, I then and there proceeded to take the following depositions, to wit: Oliver P Harding a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the Complainant, being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories filed with the Commissioner and herewith returned, deposes and says, To the 1st Int That he knows all the parties to this suit, that they are all infants under the age of twenty one years, except Jane C Hammond and Thomas H Hammond, and that they all reside in Frederick County, Maryland & To the 2^d Int That he knows Philip Hammond, that he is dead, that he died during March Eighteen hundred and sixty five, that he left a widow named Jane C. and the following children, namely, Cordelia, Nicholas W, John W., Christauna, Leah J., Philip J., Eldredge J B, and William Lee Hammond, all infants under the age of twenty one years & To the 3^d Int That Philip Hammond died seized and possessed of real estate in fee, in New Market district, Frederick County Maryland, that he looks at Exhibits Nos 1 and 2, that said Exhibits describe the same real estate of which said Philip Hammond died seized and possessed, that he the Deponent is the next neighbor to said land, and therefore knows all about the same and about Philip Hammond & Basil Harding 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 Complainant and herewith returned, deposes and says & To the 1st Int That he knows the parties to this suit, that Jane C and Thomas H. Hammond are adults, and the others infants under the age of twenty one years, and all reside in Frederick County, Maryland & To the 2^d Int That he was acquainted with Philip Hammond, that he is dead; that he died during the spring of Eighteen hundred and sixty five, leaving a widow named Jane C Hammond and the following children namely Nicholas W, Cordelia, John W, Leah J, Christauna, Philip J, Eldredge J B and William Lee Hammond, all infants under the age of twenty one years. & To the 3^d Int That said Philip Hammond died seized and possessed of real estate in fee in New Market District Frederick County, Maryland, that he looks at Exhibits Nos 1 and 2 now here shown him and that the real estate therein described is the same of which the said Philip died seized and possessed. & There being no other witnesses present to be examined and the Complainant requiring no further time for the production of her evidences, the Commissioner closed the said Commission and herewith returns the same under his hand and seal on this twenty sixth day of March, Eighteen hundred and sixty six &

Commissioner's fees \$8.00
 Wm B Tabler, Sheriff " 80
 O P Harding Attor " 75
 Basil Harding " " 75
 J L Nelson Reg fees \$10.30
 \$10 55

Wm B Nelson

Commissioner

Endorsed & The execution of the within Commission will appear by certain schedules thereunto annexed.

Wm B Nelson

Commissioner

Exhibit 184

Maryland Frederick County, Feb.
 J L Nelson Registrar of Wills for Frederick County, do hereby certify and attest, that on the 27th day of April 1865 Letters Testamentary were granted by the Orphan's