

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, the 12th day of March A.D. 1866. ~
Signed the 10th day of March 1866. ~

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J. W. L. Party Clerk,

Interrogatories

Howard Maynard
" "
Abraham Abay &
Hester his wife &c

No 3209 Equity. ~

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity. ~

Interrogatories to be proposed to the witnesses to be produced on the part of the Complainant. ~

First ~ Are you or not acquainted with the parties to this suit, or either, and which of them? If you know long have you known them, and each of them. ~ Second ~ How, you or not acquainted with our Michael Lease is, or was, a resident of Frederick County? Is he dead or alive? If dead when and where did he die. ~ Third ~ Are you or not acquainted with the handwriting of the said Michael Lease? If you look at the paper now shown you marked Exhibit No. 1, is or is not the signature "Michael Lease" the attesting witness to said paper, in the handwriting of the said Michael Lease? If you state fully all your knowledge herein. ~ Fourth ~ Are you or not acquainted with our David Hill a free negro formerly a resident of Frederick County? Is he dead or alive? If dead when and where did he die. ~ Fifth ~ Did or did not the said David Hill, leave children, If yes, state how many, their names, ages and places of residence, & if married, to whom, state fully all your knowledge herein. ~ Sixth ~ Do you or not know of any other matters or things that would be of use or advantage in this suit to the Complainant, If yes, state it as fully as if you had been specially interrogated thereto. ~

Wm. J. & Chas. H. Ross
Solicitors for Complainant,

Deposition

At the Execution of the annexed Commission issued out of the Circuit Court for Frederick County and to me directed & empowering me to examine witnesses in the cause then depending, between Howard Maynard, as Complainant, and Abraham Abay & others, as defendants, I, William B. Nelson, Commissioner therein named, did on the 12th day of March Eighteen hundred and sixty six, at my Office in Frederick, Maryland, then and there proceed to take the following testimony viz ~ The Complainant filed with the Commissioner as evidence Exhibits No. 1, 2 and 3, which are herewith returned, and there being no witnesses present to be examined & the Complainant requiring further time for the production of his evidences, the said Commission was adjourned to the nineteenth day of March, Eighteen hundred & sixty six, at which time at my Office aforesaid, I, proceeded then & there to take the following depositions to wit ~ Nathan Maynard, a witness of lawful age, produced upon the part of the Complainant, being duly sworn & examined to interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Complainant and herewith returned do poses and says ~ To the first dit ~ That he knows all of the parties to this suit and that he has known them all for many years. ~ To the second dit ~ That he is acquainted with Michael Lease formerly a resident of Frederick County, that he is dead, that he died in Frederick County, Md. about four years ago. ~ To the third dit ~ That he is acquainted with the handwriting of said Michael Lease, that he looks at Exhibit No. 1, now here shown him & that the signature of the attesting witness "Michael Lease" is the proper handwriting of the said Michael Lease, that he has frequently seen said Michael Lease write and is well acquainted with his handwriting. ~ To the fourth dit ~ That he was acquainted with David Hill free negro, formerly a resident of Frederick County, that he is dead, that he died in Frederick County, Md. in the year Eighteen hundred and forty one. ~ To the fifth dit ~ That the said David Hill left the following children, namely, Hester, married to Abraham Abay, Menny, married to Jacob Smith, Adam Hill, Margret S. married to Lott Fisher and Arny, married to Louclad Dorsey, now deceased, that they are all adults & reside in Frederick County Md. except Adam & Arny, who live in the State of Pennsylvania. ~ To the sixth dit ~ That he knows nothing

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