

Further, Benjamin Maynard, 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 all the parties to this suit and has known them for many years. To the 2nd Int. That he was acquainted with Michael Lease, formerly a resident of Frederick County, Maryland, that he died in Frederick County aforesaid four or five years ago. To the 3rd Int. That he is acquainted with the handwriting of said Michael, that he looks at Exhibit No. 1 now shown to him and that the signature "Michael Lease" as attesting witness thereto is the proper handwriting of the said Michael Lease, that he has frequently seen said Michael write and is well acquainted with his handwriting. To the 4th Int. That he was acquainted with David Hill, free negro, formerly of Frederick County aforesaid, that he died in the County aforesaid about twenty four years ago. To the 5th Int. That said David Hill left the following children, namely, Kester, married to Abraham Abay, Henry, married to Jacob Smith, Adam Hill, Margaret E. married to Lott Fisher and Amy, married to Lovelace Dorey who is deceased. To the 6th Int. That he knows nothing more than he has already stated.

Thomas H. Lease, 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 all of the parties to this suit except Abraham Abay and Kester, his wife and has known them for many years. To the 2nd Int. That Michael Lease was his father & died in Frederick County MD, about four years since. To the 3rd Int. That he has frequently seen his father Michael Lease write, that he looks at Exhibit No. 1, and that the signature thereto of the attesting witness, "Michael Lease" is in the proper handwriting of the said Michael. To the 4th Int. That he knew David Hill, free negro and that he died in Frederick County aforesaid in eighteen hundred and forty one. To the 5th Int. That David Hill left children, but what their names are he cannot say. Margaret E. Fisher resides in Frederick County, knows nothing of the others. To the 6th Int. That he knows nothing further. And being no other witnesses present to be examined and the Complainant requiring no further time for the production of his evidences the Commissioner closed the said Commission and herewith returns the same under his hand and seal, on this 20th day of March Eighteen hundred and sixty six.

J. S. Nelson Comr

Ordered. The execution of the within Commission will appear by certain Schedules thereto annexed.

J. S. Nelson Comr

The answer of Amy Dorey wife of Lovelace Dorey to the Bill of Complaint of Howard Maynard filed in the Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity against herself & others. This Respondent for answer to said Bill of Complaint answers and says - that she admits that David Hill of Frederick County State of Maryland, did on the 17th day of November 1838, execute his single bill to said Howard Maynard for the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars and to execute the payment of said single bill, the said David Hill did on the 12th day of January 1839, execute his deed of mortgage to said Howard Maynard of a certain tract or part of a tract of land situate in Frederick County State of Maryland being part of a tract called "Middle Plantation" containing fourteen and three quarters acres of land. And your Respondent further admits that said debt is still due & unpaid. Your Respondent further admits that said David Hill died intestate, sometime in the year 1841, leaving the following children his sons at law, Kester, a daughter now wife of Abraham Abay, Henry, a daughter now wife of Jacob Smith, Margaret a daughter now wife of Lott Fisher, Adam Hill a son and your Respondent Amy a daughter now wife of Lovelace Dorey. And your Respondent admits all other charges and allegations in said bill contained & requests that a decree be passed, by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, in Equity for sale of said property in the proceedings mentioned.

Witness - A. Longwell

Amy Dorey

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