

by you administered upon the Holy Evangelij of Almighty God, touching their knowledge or remembrance of any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid and that you have 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, closed under 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, first day of January Anno Domini 1866. ~ Given the 10th day of January 1866. ~
 J. W. L. Clerk

Interrogatories

Shaw Holcomb Jr. N 299 v Equity.
 Samuel S. Pester Adv. Genl. In the Circuit Court for Frederick County as a Court of Equity.
 Interrogatories to be proposed to witnesses to be produced on the part of the complainant. ~

- First ~ Are you or not acquainted with the parties to this suit or either or which of them? If you know long have you known them and each of them ~
- Second ~ Did you or not witness the paper now shown you marked Exhibit No. 1. and filed in said case? If you state fully all your knowledge herein. ~
- Third ~ Are you or not acquainted with the handwriting of Joseph H. Shaid? If you, look at the paper now shown you marked Exhibit No. 2 ~ Is or is not the signature J. H. Shaid thereunto attached in the handwriting of said Joseph H. Shaid? If you, state fully all your knowledge herein. ~
- Fourth ~ Are you or not acquainted with one Sarah Johnson, a free negro, formerly a resident of Frederick County? Is she dead or alive? If dead when and where did she die? ~
- Fifth ~ Did or did not the said Sarah Johnson leave children? If you state how many, their names, ages, present places of residence, and if any married, the names of their husbands or wives, ~
- Sixth ~ Was or was not the said Sarah Johnson seized and possessed of real estate? If you look at the paper now shown you marked Exhibit No. 2 ~ Is or is not the land therein described, the land whereof the said Sarah Johnson was seized and possessed? ~
- Seventh ~ Is or is not the personal estate of the said Sarah Johnson insufficient to pay her debts? If you state fully all your knowledge herein. ~

Wm. J. & Charles, Adv.
 Solrs for Complainant

Testimony

At the Execution of the annexed Commission issued out of the Circuit Court for Frederick County & to me directed & empowering me to examine witnesses in the case therein depending, between Shaw Holcomb Jr. as Complainant, & Samuel S. Pester Adv. Genl. & others as defendants. & William S. Nelson Commissioner therein named, did on the tenth day of January 1866, at my Office in Frederick Md, proceed then & there to take the following testimony to-wit ~
 The Complainant filed with the Commissioner as Evidence Exhibits No 1, 2, & 3 and A B & C ~ No 4 & A B & C, which are herewith returned, and there being no witnesses present to be examined said Commission was adjourned to the 17th day of January 1866, when I proceeded to take the following depositions: Richard P. S. Dutson a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Complainant being duly sworn & examined to interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Complainant & herewith returned, deposes and says, ~
 To the 1st That he knows the parties to this suit except Greenbury Howard for some years that they all reside in the State of Maryland, except Lucinda McAlister, who resides out of the State of Maryland. ~ To the 2nd ~ Witness as to this deponent. ~ To the 3rd ~ Witness as to this deponent. ~ To the 4th ~ That he was acquainted with Sarah Johnson, a free negro, formerly of Frederick County, Md that she is dead, that she died in said County about four years ago. ~ To the 5th ~ That said Sarah Johnson left the following children, namely, Eliza Ann, married to John W. Snowden, Greenbury Howard, John C. Johnson, Lucinda McAlister, Nancy A. Johnson and James W. Dorey, that they all reside in the State of Maryland except Lucinda McAlister who resides out of the said State of Maryland & that James W. Dorey is reputed to be dead and

Exhibit A. B. C.
 No 1.