To the Hon Madison Nelson Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity
The subscriber being the Commissioner named in the annexed Commission hereby Certifies that in Execution of the powers thereby vested in me I did on the 14th day of September A D 1858 assign and appoint Jos H L Carty of Frederick County guardian to the infants mentioned in the said Commission and took the answer of the said infants by their said guardian and under the oath of said guardian by me administered to the Bill of Complaint in said Commission mentioned which said answer with said Commission is herewith returned Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of September 1858 —
Geo R Shellman (Seal)

The answer of John Nichols and William F Nichols — infants under the age of twenty one years by Jos H L Carty their guardian to the Bill of Complaint of James H Besant and others against them in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity Exhibited These defendants cannot admit any of the matters and things alleged in the said bill and being infants of tender years submit their rights to the protection of this Court.

Jos H. L. Carty

On this 14th day of September 1858 the abovenamed Jos H L. Carty appeared before me Commissioner and made oath that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief

Geo R Shellman

Jas H Besant et al
vs
Charles L Nichols et al
} In the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting in Equity

The answer of Charles L Nichols to the Bill of Complaint of James H Besant and others against him in this Court exhibited This Respondent having the benefit of all the errors in the Bill admits the allegations therein & desires the premises to be sold

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Geo C Miller

Charles L Nichols
John Nichols
Wm. F his X mark Nichols —