

Samuel Mottis }  
 Mary Shields }  
 and others }  
 vs }  
 The Circuit Court for }  
 Frederick County sitting as a }  
 Court of Equity

Interrogatories to be answered to the  
 Deft's produced in the Court of the Complainant  
 1<sup>st</sup> Interrogatory are you or was acquainted with the  
 Deft's by the name of Mary Shields have you known  
 the Deft's by the name of Mary Shields acquainted  
 with Mary Shields if she is he living or dead if  
 dead when you did so die, where was her place of  
 residence when living state whether or not he left a  
 widow or children or if so what is her widow's name &  
 age how many children did he leave state their names  
 & place of residence & which of them are under which  
 her trust or care of age 3<sup>rd</sup> Interrogatory are you  
 acquainted with the handwriting of Mary Shields  
 did you ever see her write look at the paper  
 now shown you marked Exhibit No 1 & state whether  
 the signature Mary Shields is the handwriting of  
 said Mary Shields, 4<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory Did Mary  
 Shields die testate or intestate, did he leave any  
 personal estate in the State of Maryland did he die  
 seized & possessed of the real estate specified & described in  
 the proceedings exhibited in this cause & state whether or  
 not it will be necessary to sell the same to pay his  
 debts state whether the children above named are  
 or not the only heirs at law of said Mary Shields

George Eschlinger, Solr  
 for Complainant

Maryland do  
 Seal of the State of Maryland to John A. Lynch Esquire  
 of Frederick County, Greeting. Be it known that you are  
 appointed Commissioner to examine witnesses in a cause  
 depending in the Circuit Court for Frederick County as a  
 Court of Equity between Samuel Mottis Complainant -  
 and Mary Shields and others Defendants. You are  
 therefore required having first taken the oath herein to  
 be administered and also administered the same oath to  
 the persons whom you may appoint as clerk to attend  
 the execution of this Commission that at such time  
 and place as to you shall seem convenient you come  
 to come before you all such witnesses as shall be  
 named and produced to you by either the Complainant  
 or Defendants and that you examine them  
 on their respective oaths to best of your administration  
 upon the Oath & Verdict of the Court & that you  
 their knowledge or information of anything that