

Court for Frederick's County sitting as a Court of Equity against  
 Joseph Anders Scripta L. Anders Florentine B. Anders Alice Otto  
 Thomas Otto & Ellen Otto et al and Whereas I have by my writ  
 lately Commanded the said defendants to appear before me in  
 said Court as a Court of Equity at a certain day now past  
 to answer the said Bill of Complaint but for as much as the  
 said Scripta L. Anders Florentine B. Anders Alice Otto Thomas  
 Otto and Ellen Otto are infants under age and cannot  
 answer the said Bill of Complaint nor defend the suit  
 without having a guardian assigned in that behalf. I have  
 therefore that I have given unto you full power & authority  
 in pursuance of the Special order in said Court to assign  
 and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants and to  
 take the answer of the said infants by such guardian to the  
 said Bill of Complaint and therefore I Command you that at  
 such certain day and place as you shall think fit you to the  
 said defendants if they cannot conveniently come to you and  
 assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants  
 and take the answer of the said infants by such guardian to  
 the said Bill of Complaint or such guardian's Oath with  
 upon the Holy Evangelists to be administered by you the said  
 answer being distinctly and plainly made and when you  
 shall have so taken the said answer you are to send the  
 same Closed up under your seal together with your Certificate  
 of your having assigned and appointed such guardian as  
 aforesaid and then you to return me my said Court. Witness  
 my Hand and Seal of said Court the 7th day of January  
 Anno Domini 1861. Given the 18th day of January 1861  
 (Locus)

Wm. L. Equity  
 B. G. Fitzhugh Clk

No 2948 Equity  
 By the Hon. Madison Nelson Judge of said Court the Circuit Court for  
 Frederick's County sitting as a Court of Equity.

The Subscribes being the Commissioner named in the  
 annexed Commission hereby certifies that in execution  
 of the power hereby vested in me I did on the 18th day  
 of January A. D. 1861 assign and appoint Robert C. Thomas  
 of Frederick's County Guardian to the infants named 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  
 mentioned in said Commission which said answer with said  
 Commission are herewith returned closed under my hand and  
 seal this 18th day of January A. D. 1861

Sp. W. L. Equity  
 (Seal)

The answer of Scripta L. Anders Florentine B. Anders Alice  
 Otto Thomas Otto and Ellen Otto infants under the age  
 of 21 years by Robt C. Thomas their guardian to the Bill of  
 Complaint of Lucinda A. Otto et al against them in the Circuit