

Decree

interrogatories filed with the Commissioner and herewith returned, deposes and says ~  
To the 1<sup>st</sup> Int. ~ That he is acquainted with all of the parties to this Suit, and has  
known them all for some years. ~

To the 2<sup>nd</sup> Int. ~ That he was acquainted with Joel Keller; that he is dead; that  
he died intestate on the third day of August A.D. 1865, leaving the following  
children namely: Malinda, (married to Josiah Michael; Mary R. (married  
to deponent, Charles H. Amanda E., Jacob P., Sarah J., and Emma F. Keller;  
that Amanda E., Jacob P., Sarah J., and Emma F. are infants under the age of twenty  
one years; that the others are adults, and that they all reside in Frederick  
County Maryland ~

To the 3<sup>rd</sup> Int. ~ That he knows the real estate of which the said Joel Keller died  
seized and possessed; that he looks at Exhibits Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 now here shown him  
and that the lands therein described are the same of which said Joel Keller died  
seized and possessed; that said real estate is not susceptible of an advantageous  
division, and that it will be for the benefit and advantage of all parties interested,  
the said real estate be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the parties entitled  
thereunto about One hundred and seventy five acres of land, which would  
have to be divided into seven parts or portions, and that said portions would be too  
small for either advantageous cultivation or sale ~

Matthew Rontzahn, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of  
the complainants, being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories filed with the  
Commissioner by the Complainant and herewith returned, deposes and says ~

To the 1<sup>st</sup> Int. ~ That he knows all the parties to this suit, and has known them for  
many years. ~

To the 2<sup>nd</sup> Int. ~ That he was acquainted with Joel Keller, that he died inter-  
state about the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1865, leaving the following children, namely ~  
Malinda married to Josiah Michael, Mary R. married to George H. Neffauer,  
Charles H., Amanda E., Jacob P., Sarah J. and Emma F. Keller; that Amanda  
E., Jacob P., Sarah J. and Emma F. are infants under the age of twenty one  
years, the rest adults, and that they all reside in Frederick County, Maryland. ~

To the 3<sup>rd</sup> Int. ~ That he knows the real estate of which the said Joel Keller died  
seized and possessed; that he looks at Exhibits Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 now here  
shown him, and that the lands therein described are the same of which the said  
Joel Keller died seized and possessed. that said real estate will not admit  
of an advantageous division amongst the parties interested, and that it  
will be for the benefit and advantage of all parties, infants and adults  
that said real estate be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the  
parties entitled according to their respective interests; for the reason that if  
divided, the parcels will be too small for advantageous cultivation or sale;  
that there are seven heirs, and the real estate consists of about one hundred  
and seventy five acres of land. ~

At the same time the Complainants filed with the Commissioner as  
evidence Exhibits Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, which are herewith returned by the Commis-  
sioner. ~ There being no other witnesses present to be examined, and  
the complainants requesting no further time for the production of their evi-  
dences, the Commissioner closed the said Commission, and herewith  
returns the same under his hand and seal, on this Eighth day of Jan-  
uary A.D. 1867. ~

Common fees \$ 8.00  
G. H. Neffauer do 75  
J. Rontzahn do 75 = \$9.50

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W. B. Nelson  
Commissioner  
W. B. Nelson Court

Bond

Trustee's Report  
Of Sales