

Which is thus Endorsed, to wit: ~ Sheriff's Office Frederick Nov. 23rd 1865 ~
I hereby authorize and deputize John P. Kramer to summon the within
named parties ~

Summoned

John A. Steiner, Sheriff.

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Testimony

At the Execution of the Annexed Commission issued out of the Circuit Court,
for Frederick County and to me directed, and empowering me to examine evidence
in the cause depending on the said Court, between John P. Kramer and Margaret
his wife, as Complainants, and Cyre Kramer and others as Defendants. I William
B. Nelson Commissioner therein named, did on the twenty third day of November,
Eighteen Hundred and sixty five, at my Office in Frederick City, Maryland, proceed
there and there to take the following testimony, to wit:

The Complainants filed with the Commissioner as Evidence, 'Exhibit A' which is
herewith returned by the Commissioner ~ There being no witnesses present to be examined,
and further time being required for the production of Complainant's evidence, the said
Commission was adjourned to the Twenty fifth day of November Eighteen hundred and sixty
five, at which time and at the place aforesaid, I proceeded to take the following testimony
to wit ~ The Complainants filed with the Commissioner as evidence, Exhibit 'A' which is
herewith returned by the Commissioner ~

Joseph Koutzahn, 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 Complainants
and herewith returned, deposes and says ~

To the 1st Int: ~ That he knows the Complainants and has known them for many years,
but is not acquainted with the Defendants. ~

To the 2nd Int: ~ Waived as to this Deponent ~

To the 3rd Int: ~ That he knows the tract of Land mentioned on the proceedings in this
case; that he does not know the quantity of Land but thinks it is worth about Twenty
five dollars per acre. ~

To the 4th Int: ~ That he thinks it would be for the benefit of all the parties to this suit
that said Land should be sold, and the proceeds of such sales invested in something that
would yield a better income ~ That said Land is very poor and in a very bad state
of Cultivation, and that neither the Complainants nor the Defendants have the means
to put the said Land in such a condition as to render them profitable or remunerative,
or that sufficient could be realized out of the same to support the family of the
Complainants. ~

William Buckley, a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Com-
plainants, being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories filed with the Com-
missioner by the Complainants and herewith returned, deposes and says ~

To the 1st Int: ~ That he is acquainted with all of the parties to this suit, and has
known them for many years ~

To the 2nd Int: ~ That the Defendants are all infants under the age of twenty
one years; that he can't tell their respective ages, but knows they are all infants. ~

To the 3rd Int: ~ That he knows the lands mentioned in this Bill of Complaint ~
that it consists of about One hundred Acres, and worth about twenty five dollars
per acre; that the Land is poor and in a bad state of Cultivation. ~

To the 4th Int: ~ That said Land should be sold, and the proceeds reinvested for the
benefit of the parties interested ~ that it is impossible for the parties to keep up the
Land, as they are without the requisite means to do so, that it will not yield a

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