Martha, Emanuel, Mary Elizabeth, Sarah Jane, Aaron and Alberta Hostetter, has lately exhibited his Bill of Complaint before us in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity, against Barbara Hostetter; but for as much as the said Samuel, Jacob, Anna, Martha, Emanuel, Mary Elizabeth, Sarah Jane, Aaron and Alberta, are infants under age, and cannot answer the said Bill of Complaint nor defend this suit, without having a Guardian assigned in that behalf ~ Know Ye, therefore, that We have given unto you full power and 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 assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants; and take the answers of the said infants, by such guardian, to the said Bill of Complaint, on such Guardian's Corporal Oath upon the Holy Evangels, to be administered by you, the said answers being distinctly and plainly wrote; And when you shall have taken the said Answers, 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 this writ, unto me in said Court. ~ Witness the Honorable Madison Nelson, Chief Judge of said Court, the 15th day of February Anno Domini, 1869 ~

Issued the 13th day of April 1869 ~

Filed June 7th 1869 ~ Test- Charles Mantz, Clerk

Answer of Infant Defts

To the Honorable the Judges of the Circuit Court for Frederick County Maryland sitting in Equity. ~

The Subscriber being one of the Commissioners named in the annexed Commission hereby certifies that in execution of the powers thereby vested in him, he did on the 30th day of April in the year 1869, proceed to the dwelling house of Mary Hostetter in Adams County in the State of Pennsylvania, where Samuel Hostetter, Jacob Hostetter, Anna Martha Hostetter, Emanuel Hostetter, Mary Elizabeth Hostetter, Sarah Jane Hostetter, Aaron Hostetter and Alberta Hostetter, the Infants named in said Commission then were, and caused the said infants to be brought before me, and then and there in the presence of said Infants assigned and appointed Benjamin H. Longnecker of said Adams County, Guardian to said Infants, and took the answer of said Infants by their said Guardian under the Oath of said Guardian by me administered to the Bill of Complaint in said Commission mentioned, which said Commission is herewith returned closed under my hand and seal ~

James H. Gubernator (Seal)

The Answer of Samuel Hostetter, Jacob Hostetter, Anna Marth Hostetter, Emanuel Hostetter Mary Elizabeth Hostetter, Sarah Jane Hostetter, Aaron Hostetter and Alberta Hostetter, Infants, under the age of Twenty one years by Benjamin H Longnecker their Guardian to the Bill of Complaint of Jacob Hostetter their Guardian and next friend in the Circuit Court for Frederick County Maryland sitting in Equity Exhibited. ~

The said infants cannot admit or deny any of the matters alleged in said Bill of Complaint, and being infants of tender years, submit their rights to the protection of the Court. ~

Benj. H. Longnecker, Guardian

Filed May 4 1869

On this 30th day of April in the year 1869 the above named Benj. H Longnecker appeared before me Commissioner, and made ~ on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that the matters and things in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief ~

James H. Gubernator Commr