

me I did on the day of September A.D. 1870, assign and appoint H. C. Koehler of Frederick 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 in said Commission mentioned, which said answer with said Commission is herewith returned closed under my hand and seal this day of September A.D. 1870.

Walker W. Page  
Comm.

The Answer of Calvin J. Staley, Daniel Adam Staley, and Eveline R. Staley, infants under the age of twenty one years by H. C. Koehler their Guardian to the Bill of Complaint of Charles W. Staley and others, against them in the Circuit Court for Frederick County in Equity, Exhibited ~

These Defendants cannot admit any of the matters and things alleged in said Bill, and being infants under age submit their rights to the protection of this Court.

H. C. Koehler  
Guardian

On this day of September A.D. 1870 the above named H. C. Koehler appeared before me the Commissioner, and made oath that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer, are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Filed September 19th 1870 ~

Walker W. Page  
Comm.

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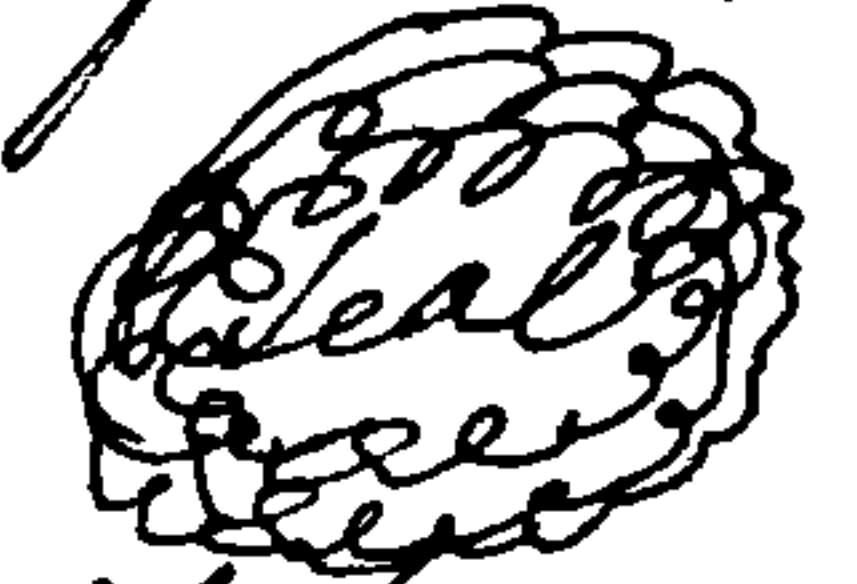
The execution of the within Commission will appear from the papers inclosed.

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Walker W. Page  
Comm.

Commissioner  
to take Testimony

Maryland, Feb:



The State of Maryland, To Francis Brungle and John E. R. Wood Esqrs of Frederick County, Greeting.

Be it known, That you are appointed Commissioners, to examine Evidences in a cause depending in the Circuit Court for Frederick County as a Court of Equity, between Charles W. Staley and others, Complainants, and Mark A. Carpenter and others Defendants. You are therefore required, Having first taken the Oath hereunto annexed, and also administered the annexed Oath to the person whom you shall appoint as Clerk to attend the execution of this Commission, that at such time and place as to you shall seem convenient, you cause to come before you all such Evidences as shall be named and produced to you by either the Complainants or Defendants; And that you examine them on their Corporal Oaths, to be by you administered upon the Holy Evangel of Almighty God, touching their knowledge or remembrance of any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid; And that you cause notice to be given to the parties or their Attorneys, of the execution of the Commission, before you execute the same; And having reduced the depositions of the witnesses taken by you into writing, you send the same, with this Commission, closed under your hand and seal, into the Court as a Court of Equity, with all convenient speed.

Witness the Honourable William P. Maulsby, Chief Judge of our said Court, 19th day of September Anno Domini 1870

Issued the 27th day of September 1870.  
Charles Mantz  
Clerk