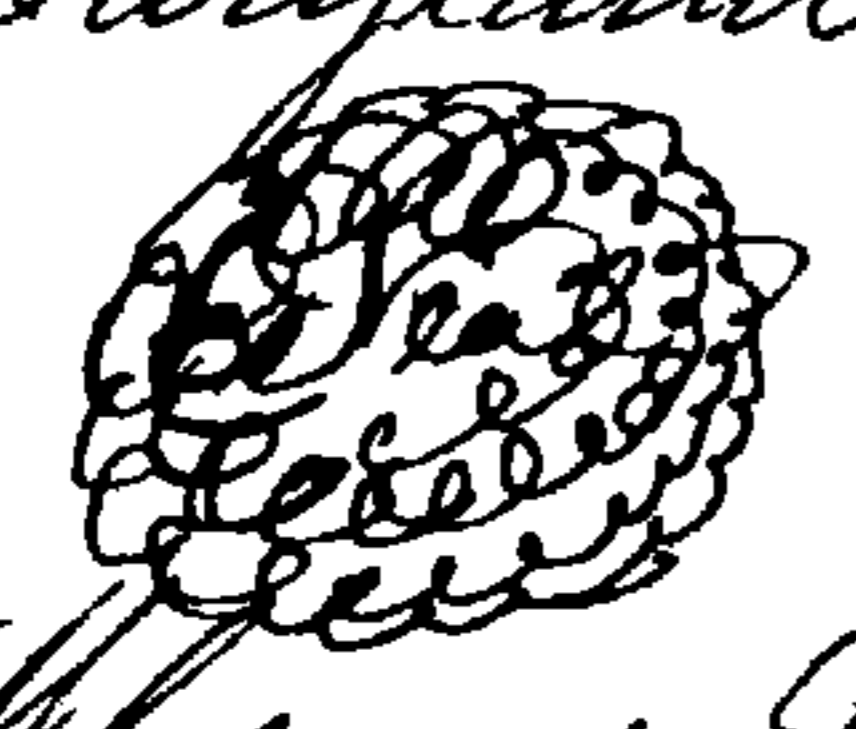


Commission

Maryland, To:



The State of Maryland, To Herman C Koehler of Frederick County  
Greeting.

Whereas Wesley H Hammond et al have lately exhibited their Bill of Com-  
plaint before me in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court  
of Equity, against Clarence Simpson, Elmer Simpson, Edward Simpson & Julia Simpson, And Whereas I have, by my writ, lately  
Commauded 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 Clarence, Elmer, Edward & Julia, are infants under age, and cannot  
answer the said Bill of Complaint nor defend this suit, without having a guardian assign-  
ed in that behalf - Know Ye, therefore, that I have given unto you full power and au-  
thority 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 Commaund  
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 Evangel, to be administered by you, the said answers  
being distinctly and plainly wrote; And when you shall have taken the said an-  
swers, 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 Richard S. Bowe  
Chief Judge of said Court, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December Anno Domini 1841 ~  
Signed the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1842. ~  
Filed February 5<sup>th</sup> 1842 ~

Test - Charles Mantz, Clerk

Return of Court

Wesley H. Hammond et al.  
vs  
Clarence Simpson et al.

No 3749 Equity. ~  
In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting  
in Equity ~

To the Honorable the Judges of the Circuit Court for Frederick County  
sitting as a Court of Equity. ~  
The subscriber being the Commissioner named in the annexed Com-  
mission, hereby certifies, that in execution of the powers thereby vested in me, I did  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February A.D. 1842, assign and appoint William N Young Esq. of  
Frederick County, Guardian to the infants named in said Commission, and took  
the answers of said infants by their said Guardian, and under the Oath of said Guardian  
an by me administered, to the Bill of Complaint, in said Commission mentioned  
which said answers, with said Commission, is herewith returned, closed under  
my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February A.D. 1842.  
H. C. Koehler  
Commissioner

Answer of infants

The Answer of Clarence Simpson, Elmer Simpson, Edward Simpson and  
Julia Simpson, infants under the age of twenty one years, by William N. Young  
their Guardian, to the Bill of Complaint of Wesley H. Hammond, against them in  
the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity Exhibited.  
These Defendants cannot admit any of the matters and things alleged in the  
Bill, and being infants of tender years, submit their rights to the protection of this Court.  
William N Young  
Guardian