

Clerk's Oath

You shall truly, faithfully and without partiality to any, or either of the parties to this cause, take, write down, and transcribe, the depositions of all said every the witnesses and witnesses produced and examined by the Commissioners named in the Commission herewith annexed, as far forth as you are directed and employed by the said Commissioners to take, write down, and transcribe the said depositions, or any of them, So help you God ~
Given Under the W. 17th 73 ~

Interrogatories

Wesley G. Hammond et al } No 3749 Equity
vs } In the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting
Clarence Simpson et al } in Equity ~

Interrogatories to be propounded to the witnesses produced in this cause upon part of the Complainants.

- 1st Sub ~ Do you know the parties to this suit? If yes, how long?
- 2nd Sub ~ Did you know Regu Hammond of Indiana in his lifetime? If yes, state if he is living or dead, and whether or not he died intestate?
- 3rd Sub ~ Do you know of said Regu Hammond deed seized and possessed of the real estate described in Exhibit No 1 ~
- 4th Sub ~ Do you know said real estate? If yes, state if in your judgment the same is susceptible of an advantageous division amongst the parties to this suit, or whether it would not be to the advantage of all said parties, that the same should be sold and the proceeds divided? Give your reasons for your opinion ~
- 5th Sub ~ State if any, and which of the parties to this suit are infants under the age of twenty one years?
- 6th Sub ~ State if said Regu Hammond left a widow, children and grand-children? Give the names of each?

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Frank Nelson
Att. for Compl^{ts}

Testimony

At the execution of the annexed Commission, issued out of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, and to us directed, and empowering us to examine Evidences in the cause therein depending, between Wesley G. Hammond and others, as Complainants, and Clarence Simpson and others as Defendants, We, William B. Nelson and John E. Wood, Commissioners therein named, did on the Twenty-third day of April, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-two, at the Office of John E. Wood, in Frederick City, Maryland, in the presence of the Solicitor for the Complainants, there and there proceeded to take the following, to wit: ~

The Complainant filed with the Commissioners as evidence "Exhibit No 1", which is herewith returned by the said Commissioners ~

Dawson C. Hammond, a witness of lawful age, produced upon the part of the Complainant, being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories filed with the Commissioners by the Complainant, deposes and says ~

- To the 1st Sub ~ That he knows W. G. Hammond, Upton J. S. Hammond, Thomas C. Hammond; Julia A. Simpson, Clarence, Almer, Edward and Julia Simpson, children of Julia A. Simpson and has known them for some years. ~
- To the 2nd Sub ~ That he did; that he is dead, that he died intestate. ~
- To the 3rd Sub ~ That he knows the real estate described in Exhibit No 1 now here shown to him, and that it is the same of which Regu Hammond died seized and possessed. ~