

and after his death to his children, it consists of about four acres of Land called "Rocky Hill". To 4th Int. The interest of all the parties Thomas Preston tenant-for life and all the children, infants as well as adults, requires that the said should be sold and the proceeds distributed under the order of the Court among the parties entitled, they are going West and calculate to use the money arising from the sale of said Land in paying their expenses out there, if the property was rented it would not bring at the outside over fifty dollars a year, and the money from the sale of said property could be invested out West to much greater advantage.



To 5th Int. I know nothing further. — There being no other witnesses present to be examined the Commissioners adjourned said Commission until Saturday the 30th day of March A. D. 1872, at which time and the place above mentioned, the Commissioners proceeded to take the following deposition to wit:

Thomas Preston a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Complainant being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories filed with the Commissioners by the complainants and herewith returned, deposes and says.

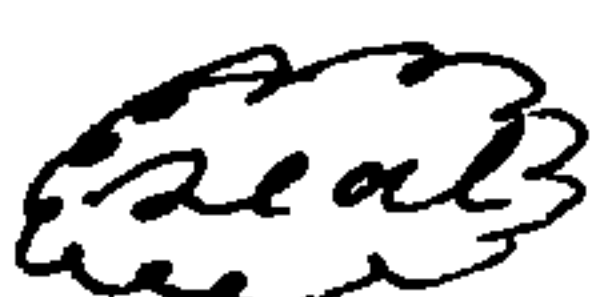
To 1st Int. I know the parties, I am one of the Defendants and the father of all rest of the parties to this suit. To 2nd Int. I do. I am sixty five years of age, and reside in Frederick County Maryland, the names, ages and place of residence of my children is as follows, Henry B Preston is over twenty one and resides in the state of Iowa, George W Preston is over twenty one years of age and resides in the state of Illinois, Ann G Preston over twenty one years of age, and resides in Frederick County, Maryland. Howard S. Preston William A Preston, and Mary G Preston are all three infants under twenty one years of age and reside in Frederick County, Maryland.

To 3rd Int. I look at Exhibits A and B now shown me, I am now in possession thereof, the said property consists of a small Lot of ground situated in Rocky Hill. To 4th Int. The interest of all the parties myself and my children requires that the property shall be sold and the proceeds distributed under the order of the Court, it is to enable myself and family to go West and I am anxious to do so as are all my children. The property is small for advantageous cultivation and the neighborhood is not good for labor and as we myself and children all depend on labor for a living it will be greatly to our advantage to sell and go West where land is cheap and work plenty, It is the full desire of all the parties to go. To 5th Int. I know of nothing further. There being no other witnesses present to be examined and neither party desiring further time for the production of their evidence the Commissioners closed the said Commission and herewith return the same under their hands and seals this 18th day of May A. D. 1872

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