

Mary M. Dixon And whereas, We have by our last lately commanded the said Defendants to appear before us in said Court as a Court of Equity at a certain day now past to answer the Bill of Complaint, but for as much as the said Annie Florence Dixon and Mary M. Dixon are infants underage and cannot answer the Bill of Complaint, nor defend this suit, without having a Guardian assigned in their 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 we 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 to take the answer of the said infants, by such Guardian to the Bill of Complaint on such Guardian's corporal Oath in the Holy Evangelists, to be administered by you, the said answer being plainly and distinctly written and when you shall have taken the said answer 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 us in said Court.

Witness the Honorable Richard D. Owen Chief Judge of said Court the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February Anno Domini 1875

Spent the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 1875

Test

Thomas Berwick Clerk,



Ezra Michael Guardian of Annie F. Dixon and Mary M. Dixon

Guardian to Bill of Complaint

*(Signature)*

Annie Florence Dixon & Mary M. Dixon

No. 4, 49 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 undersigned being the Commissioner named in the annexed Commission hereby certifies that in execution of the Trust therein vested in me, I did on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1875 assign and appoint A. Fearhake Jr. Esq. of Frederick County Guardian to the infants named in said Commission and took the answer of 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1875

The answer of Annie Florence Dixon and Mary M. Dixon infants under the age of twenty one year, A. Fearhake Jr. their Guardian to the Bill of Complaint of Ezra Michael against them in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity exhibited

Henry C. Keifer *(Seal)*  
Commissioner

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

A. Fearhake Jr.  
Guardian