

to be sacrificed which would be to the loss of the heirs of the said George Shaff the children of George Shaff being also the children and heirs of Julia Ann Shaff, it would certainly be to the interest of all the said heirs to have the Lots sold and sold together with the adjoining Lot belonging to Julia Ann Shaff (which lot has been decreed to be sold in \$3955 Equity and the witness and a certain Luther Shaff were appointed Trustees) both to be sold as one Lot, because it would bring much more than if divided and it is impossible to divide them without sacrifice.

5th Int. Are you acquainted with the children of George Shaff if you give their names ages their places of residence and if any are married to whom are they married. Ans. I am acquainted with them, their names are Abraham Shaff who married Mary Stockman, John Shaff who married Rebecca Hargett Solomon Shaff who married Sarah Ann Keller Luther Shaff who married Ellen Hise Grant Shaff who married Ellena Rhodes and Jacob Shaff is unmarried Mary E Shaff who married a certain Isaac A Gray Anna M Shaff who married a certain Charles P Grove.

Esra M Thomas, a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Complainants being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Complainant and herewith returned deposes and says

1st Int State your name age and place of residence. Ans Esra M Thomas 32 years live in Frederick County near Jefferson in Jefferson district.

2nd Int Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit, if you how long have you known them Ans. I am, have known them for a long time.

3rd Int. Were you acquainted with George Shaff and Julia Ann Shaff his wife, if you are they living or dead and when and where did they die. Ans. I knew them they are both dead.

4th Int. Look at the paper now shown you marked Exhibit A-1 and state whether you are acquainted with the Land therein described if you can the same be divided among the children and heirs of said George Shaff without loss and injury and whether it would be to the interest of and advantage of said children and heirs to have said Land sold and the proceeds divided among them, state fully your reasons.

Ans. Certainly I am acquainted with the Lot, it is a Lot on Main Street in Jefferson 50 feet 4 inches front running back the usual width of the town Lots, it can't be divided among the 8 children of George Shaff because it would be cut up so as not to be worth anything besides it has been <sup>incorporated</sup> with an adjoining lot which was owned by Julia Ann Shaff wife of George Shaff on which property they resided the dwelling house being on the Lot of Julia Ann Shaff and the Well and Meat House being partly on the Lots belonging to both and unless both were sold together they would have to be sacrificed, which would be to the loss of the heirs of the said George Shaff (the