

Sarah E Thompson, John Thompson Samuel Albert Thompson. And whereas I have by my writ lately commanded 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 Charles Thos Thompson Sarah E Thompson, John Thompson Samuel Albert Thompson are infants under age, and cannot answer the said Bill of Complaint nor defend the suit without having a Guardian assigned in that behalf I now do, therefore that I 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 I 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 take the answers of the said infants by such Guardian to the said Bill of Complaint on such guardians corporal oath upon the Holy Evangelly to be administered by you, the said answers being distinctly and plainly wrote, and when you shall have taken the said answers 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 Wm P Maulsby Chief Judge of said Court the 12th day of December Anno Domini 1870.

Issued the 17th day of February 1871

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Charles Mantz Clerk

Answers of Infants

William Pratty Thompson
vs
Charles Thomas Thompson
Sarah E Thompson
John Thompson

No 3463 Equity.
In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting in Equity
To the Honorable the Judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity
The subscriber being the Commissioner

named in the annexed Commission hereby certifies that in execution of the powers thereby vested in me I did on the 17th day of February A D 1871 assign and appoint James W Beare 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 17th day of February A D 1871

W C Koehler
Commissioner

The answer of Charles Thomas Thompson, Sarah E Thompson and John Thompson and Samuel Albert Thompson ~~infants~~ under the age of twenty one years by James W Beare their Guardian to the bill of complaint of William Pratty Thompson against them in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity exhibited. The Defendants cannot admit any of the matters and things alleged in the bill and being