

Answer, He is dead, He died the thirtieth day of December Eighteen Hundred and Sixty Six at Ridgeville Carroll County Maryland.

5th Interrogatory, Look on the paper now shown you being Exhibit No. 1, on this cause and state whether or not you are the same person who signed as Ruth Todd, the deed of which said Exhibit purports to be a certified copy.

Answer, I look upon the paper now shown me marked "Exhibit" No. 1, I am the same person who signed said deed as Ruth Todd.

6th Interrogatory, In whose presence was the said deed signed, and by whom was it signed beside yourself?

Answer, I signed said deed in the presence of Rachel B. Todd, and of my husband Benjamin Todd, and the Magistrate, R. M. Childs; said deed was signed also by my husband Benjamin Todd.

7th Interrogatory, Before whom was said deed acknowledged by yourself and ^{said} Benjamin Todd; and where. State particularly the room, the house, the County, and State?

Answer, Said deed was acknowledged before Mr. Phelps the Justice of the Peace whose name is subscribed to said deed; it was acknowledged in the Living Room of the house of Benjamin Todd in Carroll County State of Maryland.

8th Interrogatory, What was said by Benjamin Todd, at the time of or immediately before or after your signing and acknowledging said deed in regard to your signing and acknowledging the same.

Answer, There was nothing said before the execution of the deed or at the time of the signing thereof by Benjamin Todd in regard to my signing the same.

9th Interrogatory, Was anything ever said to you by the said Benjamin Todd or by any one else before you signed and acknowledged said deed in reference to the intention of the said Benjamin Todd to execute a deed of bargain to any one, of the lands in Redneck County, being the same lands which the deed, of which Exhibit No. 1, is a copy purports to convey; and especially was there any thing ever said to you in reference to your said husband's intention to convey said lands to the infant defendants in this cause to wit, Benjamin Hammond Todd and Jesse Edwin Todd, at or before the signing and acknowledgment of said deed by the said Benjamin Todd, and yourself?

Answer, No, Sir.

10th Inter, Was said deed ever read to you, or were you in any way made aware of its contents before you signed and acknowledged the same.
(Excepted to by bills for defaults)

Answer, It was not read to me nor was I in any way made aware of its contents.

11th Inter, (Please state how you came to sign said deed under what impression and all the circumstances attending the same)

Answer, I had been signing deeds of some property he (Benjamin Todd) had sold; he brought me to sign the deeds were for property he had sold before our marriage.