

which I had been signing) on the morning of this day, I was sitting in the sitting room and Vachel B. Todd came to the door and called me into the dining room, I found there Vachel B. Todd, Mr. Phelps and my husband in the dining room, there was nothing said by any body. Vachel B. Todd handed me the paper and told me to put my name to it when I signed said deed, I did not know what said deed was until after I had signed it but supposed it was the same as the other deeds I had been signing

12th Inter. Was any consideration ever paid or given you for signing said deed, and surrendering of your dower right in the land which said deed purported to convey?

Answer There was not

13th Inter. Was any consideration ever paid or given to said Benjamin Todd either before or after his signing said deed for the land said deed purported to convey? (Excepted to by Sol. for Defd)

Answer No Sir,

14th Inter. State how long after signing and acknowledging said deed was it before you were made aware of its contents, and where and how and by whom was you made acquainted with the contents of said deed?

Answer. The same day that the deed was executed I was made aware of its contents by Benjamin Todd, he and I were on the front porch and I asked him what papers those were that I had signed he said that it was the deed for the home place he had given to the boys, I said to him if I had known that, I would not have signed it, and he said come, all my Quorum bonds are yours, and this place where we live, and your interest in my other property, and I think you ought to be satisfied, I told him if he would get the bonds and give them to me I would be satisfied, he said they were in Paul's and were safe there that they were for me and no one else, that he had promised them to me when we were first married and I should have them

15th Inter. State whether or not at the time of being made aware of the contents of said deed and immediately you complained of the disposition that had been made of your dower right in the lands said deed purported to convey without any consideration therefor, and without knowing what you were signing, and if yes, to whom did you complain, and what assurances and promises were at that time made, if any, and by whom, to induce you to acquiesce in the signing and acknowledging of said deed,

(Excepted to by Sol. for Defendants)

Answer Beside my husband, as I have stated in my answer to the preceding Interrogatory, I complained to Vachel B. Todd I told Vachel B. Todd if I had known what it was I would not have signed it; he said that he got Mr. Phelps knowing he was the wrong Magistrate to acknowledge it before because he was out of the County & that was why he got him to take the acknowledgment - as we lived in Carroll County and Phelps in Frederick County that the boys had no right to any of his brother Benjamin's Property (Excepted to by the Sol. for Defendants) The reason why I acquiesced after the execution of this deed was the assurances given me by Vachel B. Todd that he had persuaded had the deed acknowledged before a Magistrate