

5th Inter. At whose House and within the limits of what County, were the said acknowledgments of the Parties to said Deed taken and signed by you?

Answer. At the House of Benjamin Todd in Cassell County.

6th Inter. What person or persons if any were present at the time said acknowledgments were made before you, besides yourself and the said Benjamin Todd and Ruth Todd?

Answer. No other persons were present but Rachel B. Todd Benjamin Todd's broker; Only we four were in the room.

7th Inter. State particularly all the facts that you can recollect, relating to the signing and acknowledging of said Deed by Benjamin Todd and Ruth Todd, or either of them and every thing said or done by either of them at the time or and immediately before and and after their making said acknowledgments, especially, having any reference to said signing or acknowledgment, or in regard to the intent or purpose of said Deed on the part of either said Benjamin Todd or Ruth Todd, or in regard to any reason, motive or inducement leading either of said parties to execute said Deed?

Answer. That I could not relate, I can give you the act and not the words, the evening before the Execution of the Deed I was called on by Rachel B. Todd as he passed through New Market on his way from the District to Ridgerville, he requested me to come down to his brother Benjamin's the next day to take the acknowledgments to a Deed, I replied to him Mr. Todd your broker lives in another County I advised him to bring his brother and wife this side of the line, he replied it makes no difference; I promised him I would come down; went down the next day; went to the residence of Benjamin Todd at Ridgerville; I was met at the door by Rachel B. Todd and invited in he then invited me back into the room where Benjamin Todd and his wife were, after I had spoken to the parties shook hands with Mr. Todd and a few words of conversation passed between us, Rachel went to the Desk and took out the blank Deed and spread it upon the Desk, and handed me a pen, the Ink instead was close by, I filled up the blanks; I then asked Mr. Benjamin Todd if he was ready to sign the Deed he said he was, and Rachel placed him in the Chair I had been sitting in, I gave Rachel Todd the pen and he placed it in the hand of his brother Benjamin, and placed his hand to the line where he was to sign his name, Rachel Todd pulled him from the Chair, and I requested Mrs. Ruth Todd to take the seat and sign her name, and she did so, I then asked them the usual question "did they acknowledge that to be their deed, and both answered in the Affirmative, I then folded up the Deed and handed it to Rachel B. Todd.

8th Inter. Was said Deed read by you to Mrs. Todd, or Mrs. Gonne before she signed and acknowledged the same; and if not, why?

Answer. It was not read to any one by me, and as to why it was not read I do not know, no one requested me to read it, and I did not take upon myself to do so.

9th Inter. Was said Deed read to Ruth Todd, or Ruth Gonne by any one else in your presence or hearing, before she signed the same,

Answer. No, Sir;