

10th Q^y Inter, Did, or did not the said Ruth Todd, now Ruth Grove to your knowledge, read said Deed before signing the same?

Answer Not to my knowledge,

Cross Examined for Defendants,

1st Q^y Inter At the time you took the acknowledgment of the Deed in question was Benjamin Todd rational and appear to be of sound mind, and know what he was about?

Answer. — He appeared so to me,

2^d Q^y Inter, Did Benjamin Todd appear to you to know the purport of the paper he was signing and acknowledging before you?

Answer. — He did as far as I know, and I can say nothing to the contrary

3^d Q^y Inter, What was the condition of Benjamin Todd at the time of the execution of the Deed; was he not a blind and lame man?

Answer, I was not enough in his society to say how he appeared, he appeared to me on that occasion to be as rational as any other man who was suffering from blindness, and debility.

4th Q^y Inter, Was the action of Rachel B. Todd in pulling the pen into the hand of the said Benjamin, and placing his hand at the place where he was to sign the Deed, prompted by the physical infirmities of the said Benjamin or not?

Answer, — I believe so; Rachel did not hold his hand while writing his name Benjamin wrote it himself after his hand was put at the proper place.

5th Q^y Inter, Did you or did you not communicate the fact to Rachel B. Todd, that if the Deed in question was executed in Carroll County before you, that said — would be invalid?

Answer, — I did on the evening he engaged me to come down

6th Q^y Inter, Did you or not ever communicate that fact to Benjamin Todd, either before or after the Execution of said Deed?

(Excepted to by John for Complainant)

Answer, I did not

7th Q^y Inter, Did you or not ever communicate that fact to Mrs. Grove?

Answer, — I did not; I communicated it to no one but Rachel B. Todd.

8th Q^y Inter, Was Mrs. Ruth Grove in the room with Benjamin Todd when you arrived at Todd's house to take the acknowledgment of the Deed?