on the 25th. day of January A. D. 1877, at my Office in Frederick City, Md. in the absence of John E. R. Wood, Commissioner, and in the presence of the Solicitor for the Complainant, then and there proceed to take the following testimony, to wit:

The Complainant filed with the Commissioner as evidence "Exhibit No. 1" which are herewith returned by the said Commissioner.

William A. Brown, a witness of lawful age, produced upon the part of the Complainants, being duly sworn and examined to Interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Complainants and herewith returned, deposes and says, to the

1. Int. William A. Brown, aged 32 years, I am a Market Gardner and reside in Frederick Co. Md.,.
2. Int: I Knew Elizabeth Brown in her lifetime. She was my mother.
3. Int: She had been married to George Adam Brown, who is dead. She survived her said husband twenty (20) years - She is dead - She died in Frederick County, Maryland, on the 21st. day of July A. D. 1876. She was living with deponent during her last illness and at her decease. Dr. Joseph C. Beatty was the attending Physician during her illness & at the time of her death.
4. Int: Her last illness was Kidney disease. She was very feeble. During the first of her sickness she was in bed for four (4) months, then she would be up for two or three weeks then she was down in bed for two weeks again, then up a couple of weeks again - then she was in bed again for six (6) months again - then for a while she would be up and down and in bed - then she got to bed again and laid in bed for about (6) weeks, and after that she would be up one week and in bed the next and so on until she died - She required constant attention and and waiting on all this time. A part of the time she lost her sight and a part of the time she was out of her mind. I supported her and attended her, and my wife gave her constant attention. She needed a great deal of attention. We couldn't leave her for any length of time, it was not safe to do so. She was sick from the 1st. day of April A. D. 1874 to the 21st. day of July A. D. 1876.
5. Int: She was indebted to me for board and attendance through her sickness and for taxes paid for her by me - I look at "Exhibit No. 1. now here shown me. said Exhibit is a correct statement of the amount of board, services rendered, and taxes paid by me for the said Elizabeth Brown, deceased & said Charges are reasonable and just.
6. Int: She left no personal Property she left real estate situated in Frederick County, Md, Consisting of a house and a lot Containing two acres of land more or less, and worth between 400$ & 500$. I look at "Exhibit No. 2." now here shown me - said Exhibit properly and correctly describes the real estate of which the said Elizabeth Brown died seized and possessed.
7. Int: There was no administration on her estate.
8. Int: She left the following Children and heirs at law, namely: John H. Brown married to Ellen Brown; Francis T. Brown, married to Susan Brown; William A. Brown, married to Eleanor Brown; Catharine, married to Alexander