

on the part of the Complainants, being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories filed with the Commissioners by the Complainants and Plaintiffs returned deposes and says, to the -

1st. Int: I know the Parties to this suit have known them all their lives.

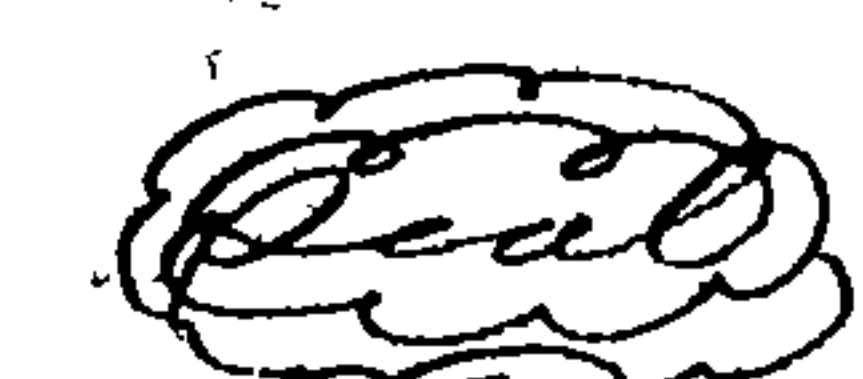
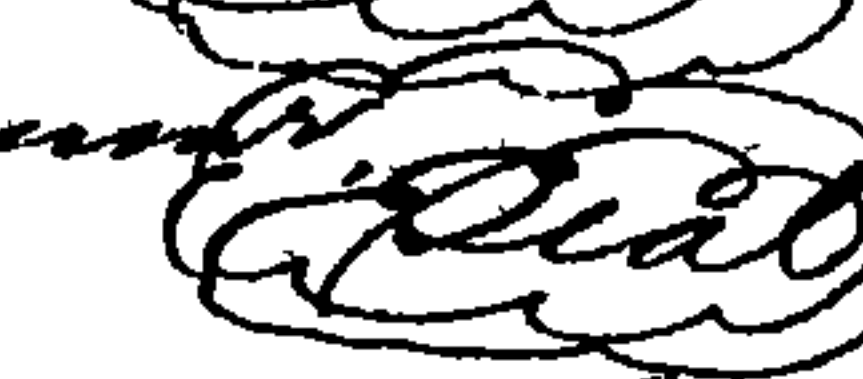
2^d. Int: I am acquainted with the Property mentioned in this cause and from the best information I have, the Property originally belonged to a certain John Smith, whose said to be land was regarded as the father of Lydia Mealey, and said Property was given to said Lydia, a former wife of Milton Mealey, dec'd. It was in possession of said Lydia Mealey for over twenty (20) years. Lydia Mealey has been dead for twelve (12) or fifteen (15) years. Since her death Milton Mealey, her husband, and her children have been in possession of this Property.

3^d. Int: I don't know the quantity of the land, but in a conversation with Milton Mealey, he stated, that there were between sixty (60) and one hundred (100) acres. The quality is second rate, and situate near New Market and adjoining the lands of Mrs. Bringle, Margaret Wright, James Meredith, Joshua Russell and N. W. Hammond, It is worth about forty dollars (\$40-) per acre.

4th. Int: She left a husband, Milton Mealey, and three sons, namely: Charles, Ormond and James Mealey, I don't know their exact ages. Charles and Ormond are adults, and James is an infant under one year of age. Charles and James reside in Federal County, Maryland, and Ormond resides in the State of California, having removed there since the filing of the Bill of Complaint in this cause. He sold his interest to Thomas Mealey, as Thomas Mealey told me before Ormond Mealey left.

5th. Int: I think it is not susceptible of an advantageous division among the Parties concerned, and that it would be for the benefit of all the Parties interested, that the same should be sold and the proceeds thereof distributed among the Parties entitled. The Property is now badly out of order, and has been badly managed, and is depreciating in value every year under its present management and will continue to do so. If divided, the parcels will be too small for advantageous cultivation, or sale. The buildings are in a very bad condition - the barn is an old pen of logs, and the house is in a very bad condition. There is but one stream of water on the land, and that is very trifling.

Whereupon, there being no other witnesses present to be examined, and no further time being required for the production of evidence, the Commissioners closed said Commission and herewith return the same under their hands and seals, on this eighth day of July Eighteen Hundred and seventy four.

W. B. Nelson, 
C. H. Wood, 
Comms.