

As in duty bound your Petitioners will Ever pray  
July 20th 1878.  
Lyde Griffiths  
Louisa Griffiths  
Mollie H. Griffiths

Affidavits State of Maryland Frederick County to wit.  
Before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace of said State, in &  
for said County, personally appeared Lyde Griffiths Louisa Griffiths  
his wife, and Mollie H. Griffiths and made Oath, according to law  
that the facts set forth in the above Petition are true,  
July 20th 1878, Sidney Sappington J. P.

Courts Order The foregoing Petition having been read and considered it is  
therefore this 22nd day of July, 1878, Ordered by the Court & by the  
authority thereof, that the said Petitioners Lyde Griffiths Louisa Griffiths  
his wife and Mollie H. Griffiths be and they are hereby authorized to  
file their supplemental answers to the Bill of Complaint the said  
Cause in accordance with the prayer of said Petition, unless cause  
to the contrary shown by the Complainants on or before the 29th  
day of July, A. D. 1878. Provided a copy of this Order and said  
petition be served on the Complainant or their Solicitor or Solicitors  
on or before the 24th day of July, A. D. 1878.  
Filed July 22 1878. John A. Lynch  
Judge of the Circuit Court.

No. 4183 Equity.

Subt answer of Lyde Griffiths & Louisa Griffiths his wife and Mollie H. Griffiths to the bill of Complaint of John Heardt & Keiman Keifer, trading as Heardt & Keifer Exhibited against these Defendants and others in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity in No. 4183 Equity. - These respondents for answer to said bill say, that they admit that Thomas Hammond was in his lifetime indebted to the Complainants as alleged in said Bill, and that he was at the time of contracting said indebtedness seized and possessed of a large and valuable Real Estate situated in Frederick, Carroll & Howard Counties or in said bill alleged. These Respondents further admit that said Thomas Hammond being indebted to Richard H. Marshall, Thomas Clayett, and Ellen Nelson respectively, as the said bill is alleged did execute the mortgages referred to and described in said bill these Respondents further admit that said Thomas Hammond on the 28th day of May, 1874, executed his last Will & Testament wherein among other devises and bequests & devised to his brother Dawson V. Hammond all of his home farm with the Exception of about unity one and one half acre devised to his sister Juliet Angel, in trust to permit one of their respondents Louisa Griffiths to occupy the same and in trust to pay over to her during her life for her sole and separate use, the rents issues & profits thereof, and after her death he devised said land to his children of whom one of these defendants Mollie H. Griffiths is one and that the other