

Commission  
to take  
Testimony

Maryland Act



The State of Maryland to Messrs. B. Allen and John E. R. Wood Esqs. of Frederick County, Greeting.

Be it known, that you are appointed Commissioners to examine Evidences in a cause depending in the Circuit Court for Frederick County as a Court of Equity, between Mary Bell Eliza C. Bell and Margaret C. Bell sisters Complainants, and John Bell & Ann's Bell his wife Geo. W. Smyock and Mary Smyock his wife and others Defendants. You are therefore required, having first taken the Oath hereunto annexed, and also administered the annexed Oath to the person whom you shall appoint as Clerk to attend the execution of this Commission, that at such time and place as to you shall seem convenient you cause to come before you all such Evidences as shall be named and produced to you by either the Complainant or Defendant, and that you examine them in their corporal Oaths, to be by you administered upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God touching their knowledge or remembrance of anything that may relate to the cause aforesaid, and that you cause notice to be given to the parties or their Attornies of the execution of this Commission before you execute the same, and having reduced the depositions of the witnesses, so taken by you, into writing, you send the same with this Commission closed under your hand and seal, into this Court as a Court of Equity, with all convenient speed.

Witness the Honorable Richard J. Bowie Chief Judge of our said Court the 25th day of Sept: Anno Domini 1878.

Dated the 25th day of September 1878.

Thomas Gouch Clerk

Commissioner's Oath.

You shall according to the best of your skill and knowledge, truly faithfully and without partiality bias or either of the parties, take the examinations and depositions of all and every witness and witnesses produced and examined by virtue of the Commission herewith annexed, upon the interrogatories now or which may hereafter before the said Commission is closed be produced to and left with you by either of said parties  
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So help you God.

Interrogatories

Mary Bell et al

No. 4382 Equity

vs  
John T. Bell et al

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County

sitting as a Court of Equity.

September Term 1878

Interrogatories to be propounded to Hezekiah Pittenger and witnesses of competent age and understanding produced and sworn in behalf of Complainants

1st State your name and residence.

2nd Do you know the parties to this suit, if you how long have you known them and where do they reside.