

appointed such Guardian as aforesaid and this ont unto us in said Court

Witness the Honorable Richard J. Bone Chief Judge of said Court the Ninth day of December 1878

Test Thomas Forsuch Clerk

John D. Thomas  
pro Ami &c  
ad

No. 4440 Equity  
In the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting in Equity

William L. Dutton Esq.  
Jacob S. Dutton

Do the Honorable the Judges of the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity

The undersigned being the Commissioner named in the annexed Commission hereby certifies that in execution of the Powers thereby vested in me I held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1878 a sign and appoint Edward A. Gettinger Esq. of Frederick County Guardian of the Infants named in said Commission and took the answer of said Infants by their said Guardian, and under the Oath of said Guardian by me administered to the Bill of Complaint in said Commission mentioned which said answer with said Commission is herewith returned, closed under my hand and seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1878.

C. C. Putnam Esq.  
Commissioner

The answer of William L. Dutton Esq. and Jacob S. Dutton Infants under the age of twenty one years, by Edward A. Gettinger their Guardian to the Bill of Complaint of John D. Thomas pro ami &c against them in the Circuit Court for Frederick County sitting as a Court of Equity exhibited These Defendants cannot admit any of the matters and things alleged in the Bill and being infants of tender years, submit their rights to the protection of this Court

Edward A. Gettinger  
Guardian

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1878 the above named Edward A. Gettinger appeared before me, the Commissioner, and made oath that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief

C. C. Putnam  
Commissioner

Filed Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 1878.

order for  
General  
Reply

John D. Thomas  
Pro Ami  
ad  
Wm. L. Dutton  
Jacob S. Dutton

Thomas Forsuch Esq. Clerk  
Enter General Reply to the answer of Defendants  
and issue Commission to Standing Com<sup>tee</sup>  
Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 1878  
Filed Dec 13. 1878. J. M. Sherry for Compl.