

No. 4302 Equity

at a certain day, now past, to answer the said Bill of Complaint, but for as much as the said Charles Brown, Emma Brown, Martha Brown and Fanny Brown are infants under age and cannot answer the said Bill of Complaint, nor defend this suit without having a guardian assigned in that behalf. - Know ye therefore, that we have given unto you full power and Authority in pursuance of the special Order in said Court, to assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid infants, and to take the answer of the said infants, by such guardian to the said Bill of Complaint, and therefore we Command you, that at such certain day and place as you shall think fit, you assign and appoint a Guardian for the aforesaid infants and to take the answer of the said infants, by such guardian, to the said Bill of Complaint on such guardians Oath upon the Holy Evangelists, to be administered by you, the said answer being distinctly and plainly written, and when you shall have taken the said answer, you are to send the same closed up under your seal, together with your certificate of your having assigned and appointed such guardian as aforesaid, and this writ, unto us in said Court.

Witness the Honorable Richard J. Brown, Chief Judge of said Court the 10th day of December, Anno Domini, 1877.

Attest the 3d day of January 1878.

Test Thomas Gotsch, Clerk

Mary Puhman, William Puhman & Emily Puhman his wife

Joseph Fox, Seraphina Fox his wife & others.

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In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting in Equity.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity:

The subscriber being the Commissioner named in the annexed Commission hereby certifies that in the execution of the powers thereby vested in me, I did, on the 3d day of January A. D. 1878, assign and appoint A. Clay Nail Esq. of Frederick County Guardian to 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 3d day of January A. D. 1878.

C. E. Puhman Commissioner

Certificate of Guardianship

Answer of Infant-Defendants

The answer of Charles Brown, Emma Brown, Martha Brown & Fanny Brown; infants under the age of twenty one years, by A. Clay Nail their Guardian, to the Bill of Complaint of Mary Puhman et al 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 the Court.

A. Clay Nail Guardian