

No. 4585 Equity

At the execution of the annexed Commission, issued out of the Circuit Court, for Frederick County, sitting in Equity, and to me directed & empowering me to examine evidence in the cause therein depending, between Richard Purdy, as Complainant, and George W Purdy and Thomas J Page, as Defendants, & William B Nelson, one of the Commissioners therein named, did on the 16th day of June A. D. 1880, at my Office in Frederick City, Maryland, then and there, proceed to take the following testimony, to wit

The Complainant filed with the Commissioner as evidence Exhibits "A" and "Nos 1 and 2," which are herewith returned by the said Commissioner

Joseph Wood, a witness of lawful age, produced upon the part of the Complainant, being duly sworn & examined to Interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Complainant & herewith returned, deposes & says to the

1st Int. - I have known all the parties to this suit for thirty years.

2^d Int. - At "Montrose Hospital" He is insane. He was injured some years ago by the bursting of the boiler of an engine on the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road, which is supposed to be the cause of his insanity. His conversation and conduct are irrational. He would go about in winter time bare footed and bite off the bark of the trees

3^d Int. - He is not, for the reasons assigned by me in my answer to the last preceding Interrogatory. He is an insane man & has been so for years

4th Int. - I am well acquainted with them. I look at "Exhibit No 1" now here shown me. The real estate of which the Complainant and Defendants are seized, and possessed is described therein.

5th Int. - They cannot. Well, it's a narrow strip of Land, containing about ten acres, with the improvements on one end of it, and of small value, about two hundred dollars & could not be equally divided between the parties concerned, and it would be for the benefit and advantage of all parties interested, that said real estate should be sold and the proceeds thereof distributed among the parties entitled according to their respective interests, for the reasons hereinbefore stated

Joel Hall, a witness of lawful age, produced upon the part of the Complainant, being duly affirmed & examined to Interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Complainant and herewith returned, deposes and says, to the

1st Int. - I know all the parties and have them for some years.

2^d Int. - He is at "Montrose Hospital" He is insane He was injured some years ago by the bursting of the boiler of an engine on the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road, which is said to have caused his insanity His conduct and conversation is irrational

3^d Int. - He is not, for the reasons just stated in my answer to the previous Interrogatory. He is an insane man and has so been for some years

4th Int. - I look at "Exhibit No. 1," now here shown me. The real estate of which Complainant and Defendants are seized and possessed is therein correctly described.

Testimony
of
Jos. Wood

Testimony
of
Joel Hall