

No. 4820. Equity

Witness, the Honorable John Ritchie Chief Judge of our said Court  
the Eighteenth day of September, Anno Domini, 1882.

Issued the Fifth day of October, 1882.

Adolphus Fearhake, Jr., Clerk.

Commissioner's Oath

You shall, according to the best of your skill and knowledge, truly, faithfully, and without partiality to any 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. So help you God.

Clerk's Oath

You shall truly, faithfully, and without partiality to any or either of the parties to this cause, take, write down, and transcribe, the deposition of all and every the witness and witnesses produced and examined by the Commissioner named in the Commission herewith annexed, as far forth as you are directed and employed by the said Commissioner to take, write down, and transcribe the said depositions, or any of them. So help you God.

(Verum)

At the execution of the annexed Commission issued out of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity and directed to John E. R. Wood and Clayton O. Needy, Commissioners therein named, and empowering them or either of them to examine evidence in a cause depending in said Court, between James Columbus Coffman and Susan Coffman his wife, and William C. Coffman, Complainants, and Elizabeth<sup>th</sup> Coffman, Edward Coffman, David Coffman, Martha Coffman, Frank Coffman and Cornelius Coffman, Defendants, J. Clayton O. Needy, one of the Commissioners named in said Commission, having met at my office in Frederick City, Maryland, on the tenth day of October A. D. 1882, pursuant to previous notice thereof given, and in the absence of John E. R. Wood, Commissioner, did then and there proceed to take the following testimony to wit:

The Complainants filed with the Commissioner as Evidence Exhibits Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, which are herewith returned by the Commissioner.

Mr. George M. Zimmerman, a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Complainants, being duly sworn and examined to Interrogatories filed with the Commissioner, by the Complainants, and herewith returned, deposes and says, to the

1st Int. What is your name, age, and place of residence?

1st Ans. My name is George M. Zimmerman, my age 47 years, and I