

standing of the matter, there was a direct conflict of interest between Arthur B Shreve and these other parties, and they were all asserting his claims in Loudoun County, Va, Circuit Court. I know nothing about the filing of the answer to the Original Bill, as it was before I was counsel for Arthur B Shreve in any matter. John C R Hood, since the filing of the answer to the amended Bill, has informed me, that it really was at his instance, and he thought it didn't prejudice Arthur B Shreve's rights.

(Respondents object to so much of the foregoing answer as refers, in any way, to what is contained in the written agreement between Deponent & Arthur B Shreve and the letters referred to by deponent.)

I would say, as to what I was requested or authorized to do, is embraced in numerous letters from Arthur B Shreve covering the period of the last year. I will state, nearly his entire interest was involved in the suits I brought in Loudoun Circuit Court; therefore the general supervision of his interests within estate was confided to me.

2nd Interrogatory. (Excepted to as leading)

State whether or not, you acted as Counsel of Arthur B Shreve, both in the State of Virginia and in the State of Maryland in the matters growing out of the will of Mary C Shreve, when you first began such action, and by whose authority; how long said action, as his Counsel has continued; and whether at the time of the filing of the answer of Arthur B Shreve to the amended Bill, you were so doing and whether John C R Hood knew that you were acting as such Counsel for said Arthur B Shreve?

Answer:

I acted certainly as his Counsel in all matters relating to the Virginia Estate and they were inseparably connected with the Maryland Estate, because they were both in the same contract. I went to Rockville on that express business in September 1878 & from information that I got from Benjamin F Shreve or some of the Defendants in this case, I understood no steps were being undertaken in the Maryland Courts, in relation to this matter, and I was particularly anxious from time to time, to find out what if any thing, was going on here, I began it in the Spring of 1878, by the authority of Arthur B Shreve. It has continued up to the present hour, as I understand it. I was so acting at the time of the filing of Arthur B Shreve's answer to the amended Bill. John C R Hood certainly knew that I was so acting and relied upon by Arthur B Shreve as his Counsel, and the very pleadings in the Virginia Courts in the case referred to showed that the position taken by Arthur B Shreve must alike affect both estates in Virginia and Maryland.

3rd Interrogatory:

Had you any knowledge, at any time, that any one else was acting as Counsel for Arthur B Shreve in these matters in Maryland, if yes, when did you first learn this fact, and how?

Answer:

I received no intimation whatever, after my employment, or before, that any body was acting, or assuming to act, in Maryland for Arthur B Shreve as Counsel concerning these contracts, or anything else affecting Arthur B Shreve's interest in this estate. The moment I learned it, I endeavored to put a quietus on it. The first intimation I had, that any body was assuming to act for him in Maryland after my employment was from the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, that an answer purporting to be Arthur B Shreve's to the Amended Bill, had been filed.

To Cross Interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the respondents & herewith returned. The said Edward Nichols deposes & says, to the

1st Interrogatory:

You state that John C R Hood told you the answer of A B Shreve was filed at his instance;