

## No. 3992 Equity

Answer:— When suit was brought in 1874, my impression was, simply to get the action of the lower Court of Montgomery to that end, I agreed with B. F. Shreve & C. H. Jones to employ Judge Tuck.

28<sup>th</sup> C. Interrogatory:

Did you not, together with B. F. Shreve, J. C., J. E. R. Hood, & Daniel F. Shreve, agree to file a Bill or have a Bill filed and have the title of F. Shreve affirmatively and finally settled by the highest judicial authority in Maryland?

Answer:— I was not consulted on the subject at all after the filing of the Bill. Benjamin F. Shreve, John E. R. Hood and J. C. H. Shreve, went to work with the case and I knew nothing of the proceedings that were taken, except that such a case was being placed before the court, but I had nothing direct to do with it. They managed it to suit themselves.

29<sup>th</sup> C. Interrogatory:

How did you know they went to work with the case, if you were not consulted?

Answer:— I knew from general surroundings, that such a case was contemplated.

30<sup>th</sup> C. Interrogatory:

What general surroundings told you that such a case was contemplated?

Answer:— Well by talking with the different heirs about the matter.

31<sup>st</sup> C. Interrogatory:

What different heirs did you talk with?

Answer:— Well, I had some conversation with John E. R. Hood; some with my brother Benjamin F. Shreve and probably some little with J. C. H. Shreve. They thought that the case had better go before the Court of Appeals and B. F. Shreve came to me individually and suggested the employment of Judge Tuck.

32<sup>nd</sup> C. Interrogatory:

If you talked with J. E. R. Hood, B. F. Shreve and J. C. H. Shreve about this matter and this was not consultation, what do you call consultation?

Answer:— Well this was general conversation separately with the heirs. I never had any conversation with them as to results.

33<sup>rd</sup> C. Interrogatory:

Was not this case and the settlement of your mother's estate the leading topic of conversation between you and your brothers and sisters during that time shortly before the Bill was filed, and afterwards?

Answer:— Not especially with me. No.

34<sup>th</sup> C. Interrogatory:

Did you not manifest the greatest amount of interest in the matter?

Answer:— I manifested interest in the matter so far as the Court of Appeals sustaining the action of Montgomery County Court in 1866.

35<sup>th</sup> C. Interrogatory:

Were you not very greatly interested in getting a favorable decision of that case, both before the Court below and the Court of Appeals, and did you not plainly manifest that interest?

Answer:— Not more so than any of the rest of them.

36<sup>th</sup> C. Interrogatory:

Did you not manifest as much, or more, than any of the rest of the heirs?

Answer:— I can't say that I did.

37<sup>th</sup> C. Interrogatory:

Why did you employ Judge Tuck?

Answer:— At the suggestion of B. F. Shreve

38<sup>th</sup> C. Interrogatory:

To subserve the interest of B. F. Shreve?

Answer:— No. in order to protect the contracts of 1866.