

No. 4899 Equity

8th Would it not be advantageous to all the parties concerned, infants as well as adults, for said real estate to be sold and the proceeds of sale invested so as to insure to the use of Sophia T. Blickenstaff widow of said Ephraim W. Gilbert during her natural life and after her death to be divided amongst her children and if you state fully your opinion and your reasons therefor?

9. Do you know anything further that would be of advantage to the Complainant in this case, if you state the same fully

Walter G. Lerner
Sol for Complt.

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 Clayton O'Keedy and William Wilcox, Commissioners therein named, being also the Standing Commissioners of said Court duly appointed, qualified and sworn and empowering them or either of them to examine evidence in a Cause depending in said Court between Sophia T. Blickenstaff by Daniel W. Blickenstaff her husband and next friend Complainant and Howard Gilbert and Harry Gilbert Defendants - I Clayton O'Keedy one of the Commissioners named in said Commission, having met at my office in Frederick City Maryland on the thirty first day of May A.D. 1883, pursuant to previous notice thereof given and the absence of William Wilcox Commissioner did then and there proceed to take the following testimony, to wit:

The Complainant filed with the Commissioner as evidence Exhibits Nos 1 & 2 to Commission which are herewith returned by said Commissioner. Daniel W. Blickenstaff a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Complainant being duly sworn and examined to Interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Counsel for the Complainant and herewith returned deposes and says to the

1st Interrogatory

1st Ans. I know the parties to this suit and have known them for some years

To the 2nd Interrogatory

2nd Ans. I knew Ephraim W. Gilbert late of said County. He is dead; he died in Frederick County Maryland on the 16th day of June 1881.

To the 3rd Interrogatory

3rd Ans. He left a will.

To the 4th Interrogatory

4th Ans. He left a widow, Sophia T. She is now living in Frederick County Maryland and is married to Daniel W. Blickenstaff. Her age was forty seven years in November last

To the 5th Interrogatory

5th Ans. He left two children who are now living in Frederick County Maryland viz: Howard Gilbert an infant of 17 years of age and Harry Gilbert an infant of 10 years of age

To the 6th Interrogatory

6th Ans. She has the same two children named in the last answer

To the 7th Interrogatory

7th Ans. He died seized and possessed of real estate situated in Frederick County I look at Exhibit No 2 to Commission now shown me. It fully describes the said real estate of which the said Ephraim W. Gilbert died seized and possessed and it is the same real estate described in Exhibit No 1. to Commission now shown me. It is improved by a dwelling house, a small shop and a stable and is worth about \$700.⁰⁰