

No. 5594 Equity.

Grafton Hammond a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Plaintiff being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories propounded by the Solicitor for the Plaintiff deposes and says to the

1<sup>st</sup> Int. State your name age & residence and do you know the parties to this case?

1<sup>st</sup> Ans. Grafton Hammond age 61 years, reside in New Market Frederick County Maryland. I knew all the parties to this suit.

2<sup>d</sup> Int. State whether you knew Hamilton Steir late of Frederick County if you is he living or dead, if dead, when & where did he die, and did he die testate or intestate?

2<sup>d</sup> Ans. I die, he is dead, he died in New Market, Frederick County Md about the year 1878. I understand he had left a will.

3<sup>d</sup> Int. Did he leave a widow and any children or heirs at law if you state their names, ages and residences, and the same facts of their husbands and wives if any?

3<sup>d</sup> Ans. He left a widow and two sets of children, the widow's name is Acheak, she is in the fifties or about 50 years of age, she resides in Frederick County Md. and the following children by his first wife—

To the E. A daughter, who married Frank J. Dalany both adults, over 21 years of age and reside in Baltimore City Md.

Frederick A Steir, a son whose wife's name is Annie both adults and reside in Washington D.C.

H. Clay Steir, whose wife's name is Jennie both adults and live in Washington D.C.

John Rea Steir is unmarried an adult, living in Washington D.C.

Mary P. Dalany a daughter who died before her father leaving an only child a son and the children by second wife being—

Catherine C. Nichols, wife of Clayton Nichols both adults and reside in Carroll County.

John P. Steir, an adult living in Fred County. Md.

Nannie F. Steir, an adult, who lives in Fred Co.

Marceline Steir, an adult resides in Fred Co.

Alvan W. Steir, who I have been told is an adult & resides in Frederick County.

Mary Steir is an infant, under 21 years of age & resides in Fred Co.

J. H. Steir an adult and resides in Harford Co. Md.

Pliny Steir, died unmarried since his father, intestate

4<sup>th</sup> Int. How you acquainted with the real estate of which Hamilton Steir died seized and possessed, if you state what portion of it was sold and what part remains unsold

4<sup>th</sup> Ans. I was acquainted with the real estate, it consisted of a house and lot, his home property, and two vacant lots in New Market, Fred Co. and some farming land, near New Market this farming land was sold to Mr. H. Cuyard the property in New Market remains unsold.

5<sup>th</sup> Int. Describe the unsold property lying in New Market and give its value. Look at Exhibits propounded Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5. now shown you and state whether each Exhibit describes said unsold real Estate.

5<sup>th</sup> Ans. It consists of a dwelling house and store Combines and two vacant lots in New Market, worth about \$2000<sup>00</sup> clear of all dower & Encumbrances. I look at Exhibits Nos 1, 2, 3 & 4, and they fully describe the said New Market property, excepting one half