Answer of Emory L.Coblentz and Charles C.Waters to ammended petition of Michael F.Seachrist

The Central National Bank, of Frederick, and Edward J. Winebrenner Sr., VS. Emory L.Coblentz, et al., Trustees et al.	#	No.8 2 6 9 E Q U I T Y. In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity:--

The joint and several answers of Emory L.Coblentz and Charles C.Waters, two of the Trustees in Bankruptcy of Augustus H.Ebert and Elizabeth Ebert, to the amended petition of Michael F.Seachrist, respectfully shows:-

1st. That they admit the qllegations contained inthe 1st and 2nd paragraphs of said amended petition.

2nd. That answering the 3rd paragraph these respondants say that they admit that the said Michael F.Seachrist has filed a claim against the estate of the said bankrupts, and futher allege that as a creditor of said bankrupts he partisipated in the election at which these respondents were elected Trusteew of the bankrupts. And futher answering said paragraph these respondents emphatically and indig nantly deny that they are "not properly" representing the interest of the general creditors of the bankrupts and of the said Michael F.Seachrist in this cause, amd most emphatically and indignantly deny that "they are manifesting more solicisitude and consern about the claim of the Central National Bank than of the other creditors", and that "they have been passive and indiferent to the suit of the Central National Bank, virtually consenting to the passage of the decree asked for in the bill of Complaint." On the contrary these respondents say that their answer as filed in this cause shows no such condition of affairs as is alleged in this paragraph of the amended petition of Michael F.Seachrist, but does show that they neither admitted nor denied the legality of the mortgage or the existance of the claims of the bank and of the said Winebrenner, and put the bank upon its proof of the said indebtedness, thereby raising all questions necessary to be raised in this cause and presented to the Court for its determination before the final passage of any final decree by the Court in this cause. And futher answering said paragraph these respondents say that the said amended petition of the said Michael F.Seachrist is inspired by the solicitors representing the said bankrupts who are the same solicitors representing the said Michael F.Seachrist in this proceedings, and that the name of the said Michael F.Seachrist is being used by them as collicitors, and members of his family, alleged creditors of the bankrupt, as a means of injury and if possibly destroy the interests of the general creditors in the estate of the bankrupts, with the hope that the same will in some manner inure to the benefit of the bankrupts and the alleged creditors of the bankrupts, other than the said Seachrist, who are members of the bankrupts' family, who have heretofore filed in this cause a petition asking to be made parties to this proceeding, withdrawing the same before this Honorable Court could pass upon the question of their being made parties defendant, and then immediately refiling the said petition in the name of Michael F.Seachrist, as will appear by the papers of record filed in this cause.

3rd. In answering paragraph 4 of the amended petition these respondents admit that a petition was filed as stated in said paragraph, but deny that they had any knowledge of any defence, meritorious or otherwise, to be made on behalf of the said Michael F.Seachrist to this suit, and they deny that the said alleged defences set forth in said mended petition had never been communicated to these respondents, and that they would not "urge or introduce" them, as alleged in said paragraph.

4th. Answering paragraph 5 these respondents say that they made such defense to their suit as they thoughtproper and right to raise all questions necessary to be determined in this cause, and they futher answering say that they, in answering the original petition of the said Seachrist to be made a party, avered themselves ready and willing to make every valid defenseto the bill of complaint,