

To the Honorable, The Judges of said Court:-

This the answer of John H. Martz duly appointed guardian ad litem for William R. Shoop, Charles R. Shoop, Carrie Belle Shoop, Harry W. Shoop, Ernest Shoop, V. Jeannette Shoop, George C. Shoop, Lawrence E. Shoop and Rachael C. Shoop, infant defendants in the above entitled cause, respectfully shows unto your Honors;

That these defendants being infants they cannot answer and defend this suit for themselves and submit their rights thereunder to the protection of this Court.

And as in duty bound etc.,

(Filed June 22, 1925)

John H. Martz
Guardian ad litem for
infant Defendants.

T E S T I M O N Y.

Carrie M. Shoop, Widow,
et al.

vs.

William R. Shoop, infant
et al.

"
"
"
"
"

No. 11144 Equity.

In the Circuit Court for

Frederick County, Maryland.

-----0-----

To the Honorable, the Judges of said Court;

The above cause being at issue and notice having been given me by the Solicitors for the Plaintiffs of their desire to take testimony in said cause, I, Guy K. Motter, one of the standing Examiners of your Honorable Court, duly appointed, qualified and sworn, met at the law office of D. Princeton Buckey, Esq., in Frederick City, on Thursday, July 2, 1925, at 10 o'clock a.m. and then and there, in the presence of the Solicitors for the Plaintiff, the Plaintiffs and their witnesses, proceeded to take the following testimony, that is to say;

Present; Joseph W. Wolfinger, Esq.,
D. Princeton Buckey, Esq.,

Solicitors for Plaintiffs.
Plaintiffs and their witnesses.

Mrs. Carrie M. Shoop, widow, one of the Plaintiffs in the above-entitled cause, having been first duly sworn, deposes and says;

My name is Carrie M. Shoop, I am 43 years of age and reside near Smithsburg in Washington County, Maryland, where I have lived all my life. I am the widow of Ernest B. Shoop, who was the only surviving son and heir at law or descendant of William Shoop, deceased, My said husband died on the 26th day of February, 1924, leaving a last will and testament bequeathing his entire estate to myself for life, with the remainder to the children born of our marriage. A certified copy of said will is here with filed as "Exhibit B". William Shoop, the father of my late husband, died on the 10th day of January, 1922, intestate, and left surviving him his widow, Laura V. Shoop, and my said husband, Ernest B. Shoop, as their only heir at law. My husband's mother, the said Laura V. Shoop, the widow of William Shoop, the widow of William Shoop, deceased, died on the 15th day of May, 1925, leaving a last will and testament devising and bequeathing her interest in the real estate mentioned and described in "Exhibit A" filed in this cause, the same being a certified copy and correct description of the real estate, to her grandchildren, all of whom were the children of my deceased husband and myself and born of our marriage. I was formerly married to Harry Burkhardt and of our marriage two children were born; Arnold C. Burkhardt and Freda A. Burkhardt, both of whom are of full age and reside near Smithsburg Md. The reason I mention these children is that I am advised that by the terms of my husband's will "Exhibit B" they will participate in equal interests with the children born of our marriage. The children born of our marriage and who are now living are all infants and reside with me near Smithsburg, Md., namely; William R. Shoop, aged 17 years; Charles R. Shoop, aged 15 years; Henry W. Shoop, aged 14 years; Carrie Belle Shoop, aged 12 years; Ernest Shoop aged 10 years; V. Jeanette Shoop, aged 10 year (the latter two being twins); George C. Shoop, aged 7 years; Lawrence E. Shoop, aged 5 years,