PETITION FOR A DECREE PRO CONFESSO,
and Court's Order thereon.

John E.Stone,Widower, " No. 11,983 Equity.
" Vs. " In the Circuit Court for Frederick
" George W.Stone,et al. " County,Sitting as a Court of Equity.
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TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF SAID COURT;

The Petition of John E.Stone,Widower,by his Attorney Sherman P.Bowers,respectfully represents unto your Honors that the Bill of Complaint has been filed in this cause; that answers have been filed by George W.Stone,and Sarah Stone,his wife,Lewis D.Stone,and Emma Stone,his wife,Daisy M.Harley,and Albert Harley,her husband,and Chester L.Orr; and that the defendants Charles M.Stone,and Ida Stone,his wife,Samuel Stone,and Carrie Stone,his wife,Franklin Stone, and Mary Stone,his wife,Mary E.Linton,and Samuel Linton,her husband,Ann Sopjia Nusz,and Fleet Nusz,her husband,have been duly summoned,but have failed to file any answer to said Bill.

Wherefore,your Petitioner prays for a Decree pro Confesso against the said defendants and for authority to take testimony before one of the Standing Examiners of this Court.

And as in duty bound,

Sherman P.Bowers
Solicitors for Complainant.

The defendants,Charles M.Stone,and Ida Stone,his wife,Samuel Stone,and Carrie Stone,his wife,Franklin Stone,and Mary Stone,his wife,Mary E.Linton,and Samuel Linton,her husband,Ann Sophia Nusz,and Fleet Nusz,her husbandmhaving been duly summoned to appear to the Bill of Complaint,and having fáled to appear thereto.

It is thereupon this 4th day of January,A.D.1930,by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity,and by the authority thereof,adjudged,ordered and decreed that the complainant is entitled to relief in the premises,but because it does not certainly appear to what relief the complainant is entitled,it is further adjudged and ordered that leave be granted to the complainant to take testimony before any one of the Standing Examiners of this Court,to support the allegations of the Bill.

(Filed January 4,1930) John S.Newman

T E S T I M O N Y.

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TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF SAID COURT;-

In accordance with an Order of the Court,and notice given me by the Solicitor dor the Plaintiff,I,Albert S.Brown,one of the Standing Examiners of your Honorable Court,did on the 13th day of January,A.D.1930,at the Law office of the Examiner in Frederick City,Frederick County, in the State of Maryland at the hour of 2;00 P.M.proceed to take the witness in this cause then and there produced before me,ex parte,that is to say,present,Sherman P.Bowers,Solicitor for Plaintiff,no appearance for the defendant.

Exhibit A to the Bill of Complaint filed with the Examiner as evidence and is so marked.

John Stone, a witness of lawful age,produced on the part of the Complainant,being first duly sworn,deposes and says,as follows; My name is John E.Stone, I am 65 years of age. I reside at Yellow Springs,Frederick County,Maryland. I am one of the grantees,that is John E. Stone,George W.Stone,Lewis D.Stone,Charles M.Stone,Samuel Stone,Franklin Stone,Mary E.Linton,