

ANSWER OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM.

Claude W. Wilhide, et al.	"	No. 13297 EQUITY.
	"	In the Circuit Court
vs.	"	For Frederick County,
Pauline Wilhide, Infant	"	Sitting in Equity.

THE ANSWER OF Pauline Wilhide, infant under the age of twenty-one years, by Ellis C. Wachter Guardian ad Litem, to the Bill of Complaint of Claude W. Wilhide, et al. against Pauline Wilhide, Infant, in the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity exhibited.

This Defendant cannot admit any of the matters and things alleged in the Bill, and being infant of tender years, submits her rights to the protection of this Court.

Ellis C. Wachter
GUARDIAN AD LITEM.

Filed June 2, 1936.

TESTIMONY

Claude W. Wilhide, et. al.,	"	No. 13,297 Equity,
vs.	"	In the Circuit Court
Pauline Wilhide, Infant.	"	For Frederick County,
	"	In Equity.

TO THE HONORABLE:

The Judges of the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting as a Court of Equity:

In compliance with an order of Court and the notice given me by the solicitor for the complainants (no solicitor having appeared for the defendant), I, Patrick M. Schnauffer, one of the standing examiners of your Honorable Court, did on the ninth day of June, Nineteen hundred and Thirty-six, at the law offices of Parsons Newman, Esq., in Frederick City, Frederick County, State of Maryland, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M., proceed to take the following depositions of the witnesses in this cause then and there produced before him, ex parte, that is to say: Present: Mr. Parsons Newman, solicitor for the complainants.

The exhibits marked "Exhibit No. 1" and "Exhibit No. 2" to the Bill of Complaint filed with the examiner as evidence and are so marked.

George W. Cecil, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the complainants, having been first duly sworn, deposes and says:

"My name is George W. Cecil. I am over sixty years old. I resided in Walkersville forty-seven years. Just now I am retired, but I taught school in the County for over forty years. I knew Mrs. Amanda M. Wilhide in her lifetime. She died about the second day of April of this year. She had no will so far as I have heard of or know anything about. Mrs. Wilhide at the time of her death owned a house and lot and back lot in the village of Walkersville, fronting on Fulton Avenue. I now look at Exhibit No. 1, to the Bill of Complaint, which is a deed to Amanda M. Wilhide for the greater portion of her real estate in Walkersville. It is the portion of her lot on which the dwelling house stands. In the rear of this lot there is a small lot which I have called the back lot. This back lot belonged to Zachary T. Cromwell and I have understood that Mrs. Wilhide bought it from him in his lifetime but never received a deed for it. I also have understood that she paid him One Hundred Dollars for it. Mrs. Wilhide has occupied it and claimed title to it and exercised exclusive dominion over it about twenty-five years. She at times put the lot out in a garden or made whatever use of it she wished. Mrs. Amanda M. Wilhide died seised and possessed of the lands described in these deeds.

Mrs. Amanda M. Wilhide was a widow at the time of her death, her husband, David C. Wilhide having died about eleven years ago. Her heirs at law are her sons: Claude W. Wilhide, whose wife's name is Elizabeth E. Wilhide, Walter N. Wilhide, whose wife's name is Margaret W. Wilhide, Glenn C. Wilhide, whose wife's name is Margaret H. Wilhide, and the children of a deceased son,