

## TESTIMONY

M. RILEY ETCHISON, et al.,	"	NO. 13,672 EQUITY
	"	IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
VS.	"	FOR FREDERICK COUNTY,
	"	IN EQUITY.
CHARLES H. GOSNELL, et al.	"	

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TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

The above cause standing at issue, and notice being given me by the Solicitor for the Complainant of a desire to take testimony therein, I, Walter E. Sinn, one of the standing Examiners of Your Honorable Court, did, on April 1, 1938, at 2:00 P. M. at the law office of Alton Y. Bennett, Esq., Frederick City, Frederick County, Maryland, proceed to take the following depositions of the witnesses then and there produced before me, that is to say,

Present:

Alton Y. Bennett and Sherman P. Bowers Solicitors for Complainants,  
complainants and witnesses.

A. HART ETCHISON, a witness of lawful age, after being duly sworn deposes and says:  
My name is A. Hart Etchison, I am 38 years of age and reside in Frederick City, Frederick County, Maryland. I am one of the Plaintiffs in this case being a member of the partnership of M. Riley Etchison and A. Hart Etchison, trading as M. R. Etchison & Son. Lucy V. Gosnell, who sometimes was known as Lucy Haller Gosnell, was the widow of Ralph M. Gosnell and she died intestate on or about the 17th day of January, 1937. My father and I furnished certain funeral serviced including the casket, embalming, etc. which amounted to \$256.20 a statement of the said account being filed in this cause marked Exhibit A and some time after the death of Mrs. Gosnell her mother Mrs. Nettie M. Haller paid us from her own funds \$136.20 leaving a balance still due for the funeral of \$120.00. At the time of the decease of Lucy V. Gosnell she held title to a piece of real estate improved with a dwelling house, said real estate situated on the West side of S. Market Street and known as 321 S. Market Street in Frederick City, Frederick County, Maryland. The lot fronts on Market Street about fifteen feet, more or less, and runs backward one hundred and sixty feet, more or less, and the lot is improved with a two story brick dwelling house, all of which is valued at or about \$2,000.00. This real estate is the same as is described in a deed from William S. Bennett and wife to Ralph M. Gosnell and Lucy V. Gosnell, his wife, said deed dated April 9, 1923 and duly recorded in Liber 342, Folio 566, one of the Land Records of Frederick County, Maryland. The said Ralph M. Gosnell, husband of Lucy V. Gosnell, predeceased her demise. Certified copy of the said deed is filed in this case and is marked Exhibit "C". This deed is handed to me and I now look at it and it correctly describes the property. Lucy V. Gosnell at the time of her death left surviving her as her heirs at law the following infant children: Charles H. Gosnell, seventeen years of age; George M. Gosnell, fifteen years of age; Bernard T. Gosnell, twelve years of age; and Helen D. Gosnell, nine years of age, all of whom are residents of Frederick County, Maryland and are in the care and custody of their grandmother, Mrs. Nettie M. Haller. All of these children are parties Defendant in this case. Lucy V. Gosnell did not leave a Will. She did not leave any sufficient personal property to pay her debts and the cost of the administration of her estate. There is a mortgage against the said real estate which mortgage was executed by the said Lucy V. Gosnell to the Domestic Building Association of Frederick County and the approximate balance due on this mortgage is \$262.00.