Dr. Ira A. Darling, Superintendent of the said Hospital, commanding the said Defendant to be and appear in your Honorable Court on the first Monday of January, 1940, to answer the said petition or to file any other defense which the said Defendant may have to the proceedings herein within fifteen days after the aforementioned return day, but the said Arthur E. Rice is still suffering from mental disability, and thus is incompetent and unable to answer and defend the aforesaid suit for himself.

WHEREFORE, your Petitioners pray that your Honorable Court will pass an order appointing a guardian ad litem to appear and answer for the said Arthur E. Rice, Incompetent, in the proceedings heretofore filed in this cause.

And as in duty bound, etc.

Amos A. Holter
Solicitor for Plaintiffs.

The aforegoing petition having been by the Court read and considered, it is thereupon, this 3rd day of January, 1940, by the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting in Equity, and by the authority thereof, ordered, adjudged and decreed that Edward H. Mantz be and he is hereby appointed guardian ad litem to appear for and answer the petition heretofore filed in this cause on behalf of Arthur E. Rice, Incompetent.

Arthur D. Willard
Judge of the Circuit Court
for Frederick County

Filed January 3, 1940.

ANSWER OF GUARDIAN

L. Earl Rice, etc. et al	"	No. 14054 Equity.
	"	In the Circuit Court
vs.	"	For Frederick County
Arthur E. Rice, Incompetent	"	Sitting in Equity.

THE ANSWER OF Arthur E. Rice, Incompetent, by Edward H. Mantz, Guardian ad Litem, to the Bill of Complaint of L. Earl Rice, et al, against Arthur E. Rice, Incompetent 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 suffering mental disability, submits his rights to the protection of this Court.

Edward H. Mantz
GUARDIAN AD LITEM.

Filed January 3, 1940.

TESTIMONY & (2) EXHIBITS

L. Earl Rice, also known as Louis Earl Rice, and Marie V. Rice, his wife, individually and L. Earl Rice, next friend of Arthur E. Rice, incompetent.	"	No. 14,054 Equity
	"	In the Circuit Court for
	"	Frederick County, Maryland
vs.	"	in Equity
Arthur E. Rice, incompetent.	"	

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TO THE HONORABLE JUDGES OF SAID COURT:

Notice having been given me by the Solicitor for the Plaintiff of the desire to take testimony in said caase, I, Alfred R. Jones, one of the standing Examiners of your Honorable