

the 1st of January, 1828, applied for leave to put in his answer, stating his reasons for not having done so sooner, which prayer being refused, he filed another petition, and various other proceedings were had in relation thereto; when on the 25th of March, 1830, by a writing signed by the solicitor of the plaintiffs and of the defendant *Helms*, it was agreed that the testimony taken in relation to the petition should apply also to the answer tendered by him to the supplemental bill, if received; and that if that answer was received the case should stand for hearing; and a general replication be filed to that answer also. On the next day the plaintiffs' solicitor endorsed the proffered answer of *Helms* as follows: 'the complainants allow the within answer to be admitted into this cause, and the register is requested to enter, in behalf of the complainants, the general replication to it.'

The answer of *Lewis Helms*, thus introduced, admitted the facts and circumstances of the will, the partnership, and other matters charged in the bill as against the defendants *Franciscus* and *Sadtler*, and then stated that he found the plaintiff *Anna* residing in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, keeping a small store, and reputed to be a widow, having an only son, *Frederick A. Wandelohr*, and as such he married her on the 12th of October, 1819; but he was deceived; for soon after his marriage he ascertained that she never had been married, and that she had also concealed from him the fact of her being then herself largely indebted; that within a few months after their marriage his wife solicited him to become surety for the payment of certain debts due from her son, and also from others to a large amount, which he refused; soon after which, she disposed of the most of their moveables, and went to Baltimore; and on the 7th of February, 1820, having caused him to be invited to an interview at the house of *John H. Rathean*, where she and her confederates locked him in a room with them, and by great threats of personal violence, insisted on his releasing all rights to any property to which she was, or might be in any way, entitled, and to leave the country; but he refused, and made his escape unhurt. That his wife *Anna*, having got possession of his family papers, and clothes, refused to deliver them to him; that she defamed and slandered him much, by which his character suffered greatly in Baltimore. That a certain *Jacob Merkle*, who held his promissory note for the sum of \$61 28, at the instigation of the plaintiff *Anna*, sued him for payment, and he being unable to pay, was, at the suit of *Merkle*, on the 6th of June, 1820, imprisoned in the