named Testator as and for her last will and Testament in the presence of us, who at her request, in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

B. C. Ross. Jn. Hanan. Adam Ross.

Baltimore City ss.: on the 1st day of September 1843 came Benjamin C. Ross John Hanan and Adam Ross the three subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last will and Testament of Ann Craig late of said County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that they did see the Testatrix sign and seal this will, and they heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be her last will and Testament; that at the time of her so doing she was to the best of their apprehensions of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they subscribed their names as witnesses to this will in her presence, at her request and in the presence of each other.

Sworn to before the subscriber Register of Wills for Baltimore County.

D. M. Perine.

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true copy taken from "Wills" Liber D.M.P. No 19 folio 386 &c being one of the Records in the office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore County.

Seal

Hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my office this third day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty one.

Test. D. M. Perine Register of Wills for Baltimore County.

It was admitted by the defendant that Mrs. Ann Craig died seized and possessed of the piece or parcel of land & messuage sued for in this cause and described in the will of Mrs. Craig as "my house & lot situate on East Baltimore Street which was conveyed to me by Charles F. Mayer trustee and others by deed bearing date on or before, about the Eleventh day of November Eighteen hundred and twenty nine and recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore County Court in Liber W.G. No. 202 folio 27 &c."

The plaintiff then offered and read in evidence the following statement or admission of facts signed by defendants Counsel to wit.

William S. M. Gordon & wife's Lessee vs. Jacob Stokely.

In the Superior Court.

It is admitted that Anna Maria German was born on the 27 November 1829 & was the daughter not wife of Jonathan German and that she married with Wm. S. M. Gordon after the death of said Ann Craig and before the institution of this suit. It is also admitted that the wife of Jonathan German was named Catharine German and that Jonathan German died after said Ann Craig.

Charles F. Mayer for deft.

And the said Plaintiff then Benjamin C. German a legal & competent witness and proposed to prove by him, that Anna Maria German now Anna Maria Gordon the wife of William S. M. Gordon was the great niece of the testatrix Mrs. Ann Craig; that her first name Anna was given to her after the testatrix, that the testatrix took her to live with her when a small child about six or seven years of age, and that she lived with her from that time up to the death of the Testatrix a period of

seven or eight years, and that the testatrix uniformly treated her with great affection - that the Testatrix gave her her board and caused her to be educated at her own expense, and that she conducted her religious training and education, and that the testatrix was an aged widow who had never had children. To the admissibility of which testimony and all parol testimony to show or explain an ambiguity in the will of the Testatrix Ann Craig the defendants counsel objected upon the ground that the devise of the House and Lot on East Baltimore Street was to and in favor of the wife of Jonathan German and that the will is free from ambiguity. But the Court overruled the objection and allowed the said Benjamin German to be sworn as a witness to and on behalf of the Plaintiff. To which ruling of the Court the defendant by his counsel excepted and prayed the Court here to sign and seal this his Bill of Exceptions which is accordingly done this thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & fifty four.

William Frick. Seal

No. 2.

William S. M. Gordon & wife's Lessee vs. Jacob Stokely.

In the Superior Court of Baltimore City. January Term 1854.

After the ruling of the Court mentioned in the first bill of Exceptions the Plaintiff further to sustain the issue on their part proceeded to offer in evidence to the Jury the testimony of the witnesses following, the admission of which testimony it was agreed, should not be held an abandonment by the defendant of the question of law and objection raised and set forth in the first bill of exceptions. The Plaintiff then in addition to the evidence given & set forth in the first bill of exceptions, and which by agreement is made a part of this bill of exceptions, offered Elizabeth M. Cunningham a legal and competent witness who having been duly sworn testified on her examination in chief that she was acquainted with Jonathan German and with his wife Mrs. Catharine German who was familiarly called Kitty - that she was acquainted with Mrs. Ann Craig and that she died on the 28th day of August 1843, that she knew Anna Maria German, she was the daughter of Jonathan and Catharine German - she was called Anna after Mrs. Craig and was a great niece of Mrs. Craig. Mrs. Craig had a brother and I believe some sisters - She had no children and have never had any - she was a widow twenty years or more previous to her death. That she did not know where Mrs. Craig lived at the time of the birth of Anna Maria German. That Anna Maria German was living with Mrs. Craig when we moved next door to Mrs. Craig on Pratt Street near Sharp. We moved there in August 1836 and Anna Maria was then very small. My acquaintance with Mrs. Craig continued from that time up to the time of her death. Anna Maria German lived with her up to that time. I was intimately acquainted with Mrs. Craig all the time and with her family. I do not think Anna Maria was treated as an adopted child - Mrs. Craig was very kind to her - Miss Isabella Stansbury was taken to live with Mrs. Craig also, and lived with her up to the time of Mrs. Craig's death. Isabella Stansbury was about fourteen years old when I first knew her. Isabella Stansbury and Anna Maria German were both great nieces of Mrs. Craig and lived in her family up to the time of her death. Isabella Stansbury lived with another aunt for a short time.