Sworn and subscribed
This 16th day of March 1842
Edw C Leckie Clk

Clerks Oath You shall truly faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the parties in the cause take write down and transcribe the depositions of all and every witness and witnesses produced before and examined by the Commissioner or either of them named in the Commission hereunto annexed as far forth as you are directed and employed by the said Commissioner or either of them to take write down and transcribe the said depositions or any of them - So help you God -

Sworn and subscribed this 16th March 1842 — Edwd C Leckie Clerk

I Jewett, D Evans, J H Maddox

Interrogatories on the part of William Morris the respondent in a case between E Harris and William Morris in Charles County Equity Court.

1st Do you know the parties

2d Do you know the piece or parcel of land called Morris's Landing,

3d Do you know to whom said piece or parcel of land was patented who paid the caution money and expenses attendant upon the surveyor obtaining the patent, &c

4th Do you know whether or not there was discovered vacant land other than Morris landing adjoining to certain lands usually called Knaxs land purchased by Samuel Chapman of Morris

5th Did you ever hear any conversation between Wm Morris the respondent and Saml Chapman father to the Complainant E Harris relative to Morris Landing and the other vacant land if yea state it at the time &c

6th Was or was it not agreed and understood by said Morris and Chapman that said Chapman was to have the vacancy other than Morris Landing

7th Was or was not Wm Morris the respondent the exclusive owner of and in the possession of Morris Landing at any time since the same was patented to him

8th Did not said Morris rent out said land for a year or seven years and received the rents,

9th Did not the said Saml Chapman as agent of said Morris rent out said land to Rye and others and did not said Morris receive the rents

10th Did not said Chapman as agent of said Morris and at his request advertise said land and fishing shore for rent have the said advertisement inserted in a newspaper with Morris Signature thereto as owner and possessor of said land and fishing shore if yea state about the year, the name of the newspaper &c

11th Did or did not William Morris rent the said land to Chapman

12th Did or did not the said Chapman offer to purchase the same of said Morris and did not said Morris refuse to sell the same.

13th State any thing you may know or have heard from said Chapman relative to said land.

United States of America State of Louisiana Parish of Rapides

Be it remembered that on this 16th day of March 1842 We Ivers Jewett David Evans and Thomas H Maddox appointed Commissioners by the Honorable Charles County Court as a Court of Equity for the State of Maryland to Comp[ell] before us at the Office of Irwin Harris Esq Town of Alexandria Parish and State aforesaid William Morris to answer certain Interrogatories propounded to him in a certain matter of controversy pending in the aforesaid Court wherein Ethelda Harris is Complainant and the said William Morris respondent and by virtue of a Commission to us directed by the aforesaid Charles County Court State of Maryland we proceeded to examine on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God and after having sworn him according to law and proceeded to appoint Edwin C Leckie Clerk of our said Board and sworn him accordingly proceeded to reduce said answers to writing as near the said Witnesses own words as near as possible -

Answer to 1st Interrogatory Yes

2d Answer Yes

3 Answer It was patented to William Morris called Morris's Landing Containing fifty acres or more and was told by William Morres that he paid the expenses.

4th Answer I do know that there was two special warrants obtained by Wm Morris to take up these vacancys that was discovered by the Surveyor as vacant adjoining the land of R Knox when purchased by Chapman of Morris and there was two tracts of land one for fifty two acres and one for seventy two acres of land or more

5th Answer. I heard W Morris say to Col Chapman on his way to George Town to have Morris Landing advertised for rent in one of the papers in the City in which was done by Samuel Chapman and William Morris signature to it as Col Chapman observed he had not the right.

6th Answer. I was told by William Morris he was to have half the tract of seventy two acres of land but no price was fixed on the land.

Answer Seventh. William Morris I consider the exclusive owner since that time.

Answer 8th He rented the land to Warren Rye and Roger Dunington in the year 1821 & 1822 and after he rented to Samuel Chapman -

Answer 9th Col Saml Chapman was agent for Morris but whether he rented the land I do not know.

Answer 10th Yes I do not recollect the year or name of papers

Answer 11th Witness knowledge of the matter consists only of the fact that Wm Morris told Witness to charge Chapman thirty dollars a year for Morris Landing rent

Answer 12th Does not know

Answer 13th Witness knows nothing further

William J Morris.

Sworn to and subscribed before us at Alexandria this 16th day of March A. D. 1842.

I Jewett. D Evans. J H Maddox.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing answers to certain Interrogatories propounded to William J Morris in a certain matter of con-