In the matter of Rebecca Gibson
vs
The President, Directors and Co. of Farmers Bank of Maryland & others

In Chancery
Summon Bennet Bruce Orson Gore, Ennalls Martin and George Benson to testify for respondents at the

suit of Rebecca Gibson in Chancery on a Commission to be held at the Office of the undersigned in the Town of Easton on Thursday the 6th day of January next at 11 O'Clock A.M. Also for Complainant Summon E. N. Hambleton Doctr. A. M. White and Thos. C. Nicol to be and appear at same time and place.

Witness my hand and seal this 30th day of Decr 1847
To Nehemiah Nicols Esq
Sheriff of Talbot.
John Bozman Kerr (Seal)

At the execution of the annexed Commission issued out of the High Court of Chancery and to me directed and empowering me to examine evidences in the Cause depending in said Court between Rebecca Gibson Complainant and the President Directors and Company of the Farmers Bank of Maryland James Hopkins and Edward Lloyd and others defendants.

I John Bozman Kerr Commissioner therein named having met on the 15th day of November at my office in Easton pursuant to previous notice thereof given to the said parties and having appointed John Donovan my Clerk and administering to him the oath annexed to the said Commission to be taken by him did then and there on notice by Cornelius McLean Esquire Solicitor for Complainant (the service of which was admitted) and in the presence of the solicitors for the defendants proceed to take the following depositions to wit:-

Nicholas Hammond Esq attorney at Law of the City of Annapolis a witness ~~a witness~~ of lawful age produced on the part of the Complainant being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories filed with the Commission by the Complainant and hereunto returned deposes and says,

To the thirteenth interrogatory (all others having been waived) that the signature to the paper now shewn marked F. G. No. 10 is that of Fayette Gibson and that he executed the same in his presence said Fayette Gibson being one of the defendants.

The solicitors in behalf of the Bank and all the other defendants save said Gibson here objected to the reception of this paper and requested the objection to be noted, The Solicitors for the several parties here requested an adjournment which was accordingly agreed upon and the 25th day of November (Thursday week) was named as the day for re-opening said Commission.

The 25th of November being Thanksgiving day under a Proclamation of the Governor the Commission was further adjourned to Thursday the 9th of December

Test Jno Donovan Clerk
Office of John Bozman Kerr Esq in Easton.
Thursday December 9th 1847.

Owing to the absence of J. R. Lockerman Esq and on the suggestion of P. F. Thomas Esq the Commission was further adjourned to Thursday the 6th January 1848

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Pursuant to adjournment the Commission was again opened and Edward N. Hambleton a witness of lawful age produced on the part of the Complainant being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Complainant and hereunto returned deposes and says,

To the first interrogatory, that he did know the party Complainant in her life time having known her about fifty years and that he also knows the parties defendants in this cause,

To the second interrogatory that he feels some hesitation in answering particularly on account of the details necessarily involved and the length of time that has elapsed since the death of Jacob Gibson but in general he can say that the following several estates were in the possession of Jacob Gibson viz't "Peach Blossom property worth at the time of his death fifteen dollars per acre being about four hundred acres, but now worth only about twelve dollars per acre, and the annual value of said property then and now he would estimate at four hundred dollars, The Estate known as "Lombardy" on miles river containing about four hundred acres at the time of said Gibson's death worth about twenty dollars per acre but now worth about fifteen dollars per acre from its situation it would always command tenants and at the time of said Gibsons death from his limited knowledge of this particular property it would have rented for about five hundred dollars but now from the loss of the house by fire and a general deterioration it might be estimated at two hundred and fifty or three hundred dollars "Marengo" estimated at about five hundred acres and worth at the time of said Gibsons death from thirty to thirty five dollars per acre but now worth about twenty dollars per acre the annual value at the time of Gibsons death from six to eight hundred dollars, Of the "Woolmans" farm adjacent to Marengo now held by Doctr. A. M. White he cannot speak particularly but supposes it to be worth twenty dollars per acre being about two hundred and fifty acres its annual value at the time of Gibsons death about two hundred and fifty dollars and about the same now of a tract of land adjoining Marengo and sold to the late Ed Lloyd he cannot speak, In the Chapel District of Talbot County he recollects a small and somewhat valuable farm for that neighbourhood but cannot speak of its value of his personal knowledge,

The Tanyard farm in that same District of about three hundred acres was worth at the time of Gibsons death about fifteen or twenty dollars per acre and now from twelve to fifteen dollars per acre its annual value in Gibsons day about three hundred dollars and now about two hundred and fifty dollars. "Sharps Island" at the time of said Gibsons death worth about twenty dollars per acre containing about four hundred acres and now worth about ten or twelve dollars per acre the annual value at the time of said Gibsons death was about five hundred dollars this deponent having paid that sum for six years in succession and that its annual value is now about the same and that at the time of his death ~~said~~ Gibson carried on most if not all of said estates and had a large personal estate.

To the third Interrogatory that a portion of said real estate was sold but as to the particulars enquired of in this Interrogatory he cannot speak.

To the fourth interrogatory that he has no special knowledge of