Interrogatory 2nd Look upon and examine the paper marked A now shewn to you on your examination. Did John Mc Donald. William McGuire and Henry Dangerfield severally acknowledge before you the same paper marked A to be their hands and seals, acts and deeds for the purposes therein mentioned. Is the name B. Carson. Mayor your signature and in your hand writing, and were you at the time of taking and receiving said acknowledgement and writing your name Mayor of the Corporation of Winchester. B. S. Pigman. Solr. for Complt.

In case of the death of the subscribing witnesses to paper marked A, or B. Carson Mayor or any or either of them. the following Interrogatories are to be put to witnesses. to prove the hand writing of the subscribing witnesses or either of them or of B. Carson.

Interrogatory 1st. Do you know the Complainant or Defendants in this cause, and how long have you known them or either of them.

Interrogatory 2nd Look upon and examine the paper now shown to you on your examination marked A examine particularly the names of the subscribing witnesses to said paper. to wit. Willoughby Morgan. Edward McGuire. Jo Tidball and Edward Conrad. Did you ever see them or either of them write: having seen them write and from your knowledge of their writing. Do you believe the names Willoughby Morgan. Edward McGuire. Jo. Tidball and Edward Conrad to be in the hand writing of the said Willoughby Morgan. Edward McGuire. Jo: Tidball and Edward Conrad respectively.

Interrogatory 3rd. Are the said Willoughby Morgan, Edward McGuire. Jo Tidball and Edward Conrad or either of them dead or living.

Interrogatory 4th. Examine the signature B. Carson. Mayor. Is he dead or living: Did you ever see the said B. Carson write: having seen him write and from your knowledge of his hand writing. do you believe the name B. Carson to be in the proper hand writing of the said B. Carson.

B. S. Pigman Solr. for Complainant.

I have seen and examined all the foregoing interrogatories in the case of William Naylor adm.r of William McGuire against John Mc Donald. John Folck. Wm. Harness. George Bruce and Andrew Bruce in Chancery in Allegany County Court. July 25th 1827. Roger Perry.

I Certify that the within is a true copy of interrogatories filed in the Clerk's office of Allegany County Court. July 25th 1827. Aza Beall Clerk.

To the Honorable the Judges of Allegany County Court in the State of Maryland.

By virtue of the annexed Commission to me directed, having first taken the oath annexed to said Commission for me to take before Edward McGuire Esquire one of the Justices of the peace for Frederick County, Virginia and having first administered the the oath annexed to said Commission to the Clerk by me appointed to attend the execution of said Commission to wit. to Alexander S. Tidball. I did cause to come before me the following named persons as witnesses to wit. Edward McGuire. Beatty Carson and Samuel Bent, and I did examine said witnesses on the part of the Complainant on their corporate oath by me administered on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God. touching their knowledge or remembrance of any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid and to the first Interrogatory Edward McGuire deposeth and saith: I have known the plaintiff's intestate: and William Naylor and John Mc Donald for a great number of years – to wit. William McGuire from his childhood to his death – John Mc Donald for fifty years and William Naylor for five and twenty years at least. I do not know any of the other defendants.

To the 2nd Interrogatory. Edward McGuire deposeth and saith. I am a Subscribing witness to the paper marked A. I do not recollect when the parties signed it, and whether they all signed and acknowledged it together or not, but I am satisfied I would not have subscribed it as a witness unless I had either seen all the parties sign it, or acknowledge their signatures in my presence.

To the 1st Interrogatory. Beatty Carson deposeth and saith – I am acquainted with

William Naylor and have known – I think about twenty years. I am acquainted with John Mc Donald and have been for about thirty years. I do not know the other parties.

To the 2nd Interrogatory. said Carson, saith – I was Mayor of Winchester when I signed the certificate attached to the paper marked A – I have no recollection of the circumstances attending the execution of the paper, but am convinced that I never would have signed it unless the parties had signed, sealed and acknowledged their respective signatures as their acts and deeds for the purposes therein mentioned before me in my official capacity.

Samuel Bent. of lawful age being first sworn deposeth and saith.

To the 1st Interrogatory Sam.l Bent deposeth and saith. that he has known Wm. Naylor for about sixteen years – John Mc Donald for about Twenty Eight years. I don't know any of the other parties.

To the Second Interrogatory said Bent says that he has examined the paper marked A and the signatures of Willoughby Morgan, Edward McGuire. Jo. Tidball and Edward Conrad who appear to be subscribing witnesses thereto. he has seen them all write and is well acquainted with their hand writing. believes the signatures aforesaid to be the genuine signatures of the persons aforesaid

To the 3rd Interrogatory said Bent says that Joseph Tidball, and Edward Conrad are dead. Edward McGuire is now alive and he believes Willoughby Morgan is also alive.

Given under my Hand and Seal this 11th day of October 1827.

J. M. Mason (Seal)

Afterwards to wit on the 21st day of May in the year 1829 the parties aforesaid by their Solicitors aforesaid filed in the cause the following agreement to wit.

William Naylor adm.r of William McGuire vs. John Mc Donald and others	In Chancery – In Allegany County Court. We agree in this cause that a Commission may issue to James M. Mason Esquire of Winchester Virginia to take testimony. B. S. Pigman Solr for Complainant Roger Perry Solr for Defts. Folck.

Whereupon Commission issued to James M. Mason Esquire of Winchester. Virginia.

And afterwards to wit, in the month of July in the year last aforesaid, the Commissioner aforesaid made return of his Commission with his proceedings under the same in the words following to wit.

Maryland ss. The State of Maryland to James M. Mason Esquire of Virginia Gentleman Greeting: Be it known that you are appointed Commissioner to examine evidences in a cause depending in the general Court of said State for the Western Shore between William Naylor administrator of William McGuire Plaintiff, and John Mc Donald and others defendants therefore you are requested having first taken the oath hereunto annexed and also administered the annexed oath to the person whom you shall appoint as Clerk to attend the execution of this Commission that at such time and place as to you shall seem convenient you cause to come before you all such evidences as shall be named or produced to you by either the plaintiff or defendants and that you examine them upon their corporal oaths to be by you administered on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God touching their knowledge or remembrance of any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid. And that you cause notice to be given to the parties or their attorneys of the execution of this Commission before you execute the same and having reduced the depositions of the witnesses taken by you into writing you send the same with this Commission closed under your hand and seal to the said general Court with all convenient speed.

Seal of Allegany County Court

Commissioners Oath

You shall according to the best of your skill and knowledge truly faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the parties take the examinations and depositions of all and every witness and witnesses as produced and examined by virtue of the Commission