of said averments, in no manner admitting the truth of the same.

And this Respondent admits that during the year 1847 the said James and Emily A Baxter sold and conveyed to him a portion of said premises, but denies that said conveyance was fraudulently made and without any good or valuable consideration and denies that at the time of said conveyance, he had any notice of the title of said Charles S. Sewall to said premises, but on the contrary avers that he purchased said lands fairly and for a valuable consideration by him paid to said Baxter and wife that he found said parties in possession claiming said lands as their own and that he purchased from them under the belief that their title was good, and that he acquired by their deed a safe and unincumbered fee simple title to the premises conveyed.

And this Respondent admits the death of said Charles S. Sewell but knows nothing of his will or the provisions thereof.

And denies all charges of fraud or conspiracy made in said bill and denies that he holds said premises or part thereof as the tenant or lessee of said Baxter and wife. Wherefore he prays that said Bill may be dismissed with costs. Coleman Yellott Solr for respondent.

Baltimore County to wit: On this 17th day of November in the year 1849 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared the within named John Moore and made oath that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his Knowledge and belief. Sworn Before.

Stephenson Treadwell
Justice of the Peace for Balt. Coy

And the said cause thus standing was continued until the next Term of the said Court at which next Term to wit December Term 1849 the Solicitors of the Complainant aforesaid caused to be entered on the Docket of the Court a general replication to the answers of the defendants filed in the said cause.

And at the same time a Commission was issued to the standing commissioners for the City of Baltimore to take testimony in the said cause.

And the said cause thus standing was continued from term to term until December Term 1850 at which term the Commissioners aforesaid made return of their said Commission with their proceedings under the same in the words following to wit:

Maryland Sc: The State of Maryland. To Benjamin C. Bressman and Frederick Pinkney of the City of Baltimore, Greeting; Know that we have appointed you to be our Commissioner to examine witnesses in a cause depending in our High Court of Chancery between Septimus D Sewell Complainant and James Baxter and Emily A his wife, James Parlett and others defendants. We therefore require you having first taken the oath hereunto annexed and also administered to a similar 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 witnesses as shall be named and produced to you by either the plaintiff or defendants, and that you examine them on their corporal oaths to be by you administered upon the Holy Evangels 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 so taken by you into writing you send the same with this our commission close under your hand and seal to us in our High Court of Chancery with all convenient speed. Witness the Honorable John Johnson Chancellor this 19th day of January Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and fifty.

(Seal) Test: Louis Gassaway Reg. Cur. Cancr.

Septimus D. Sewell (P)
vs.
James Baxter
Emily A Baxter his wife, James Parlett and others. (D)

In the High Court of Chancery of Maryland.
Interrogatories to be propounded on behalf of the Complainant to the witnesses to be produced sworn and examined in that behalf before the standing Chancery Commissioners for Baltimore County.

1st Were you or not acquainted with Joshua Swann late of Baltimore County deceased; If yea, how long were you acquainted with him.

2d Are you or not acquainted with the hand writing of said Joshua Swann deceased, If yea, state how or in what manner you acquired your knowledge thereof.

3d Look at the paper now shewn to you and marked "Complainants Exhibit J.S." and the signature Joshua Swann thereto, and state whether from your knowledge of the hand writing of the said Joshua Swann deceased the said signature is in the hand writing of the said deceased.

4th Do you or not know the land in the proceedings mentioned, and described in the deed from the said Joshua Swann deceased in his lifetime to his daughter Emily. If yea, how long have you known it. And who has been in possession thereof.

5th Did or did not the defendant Emily A Baxter reside with the said Joshua Swann at the time of his death.

6th Do you or not know whether the said Emily in her father's lifetime had any knowledge or notice of the title or claim of title to Charles S Sewell deceased to said land, If you answer that she had knowledge or notice thereof then state when she first acquired such knowledge or notice, and all the circumstances attending the same. George A Price Solr for Complainant.

Septimus D Sewell (C)
vs.
James Baxter Emily A. Baxter his wife, James Parlett and others. (D)

In the High Court of Chancery of Maryland.
Interrogatories to be propounded on behalf of the defendants before the standing commissioners for Baltimore County.

1st What is your age and where do you reside.

2nd Are you or not acquainted with the parties to this suit or either of them, and which of them. If yea, how long have you known them and each of them?

3d Were you or not acquainted with the late Joshua Swann the father of the defendant Emily A Baxter, If yea, how long had you known him prior to his death.

4 Do you or not know when the said Joshua Swann died if yea; state the time of his death?

5 Were you or not acquainted with one Captain James Helm, if yea; state when and where said James Helm died, what relationship, if any, was then between