meeting which was held about nine years since on the land claimed by the Heirs of Nicholas Hardy in this suit: And if so State whether trees were cut from said land for the use of the meeting, and whether the same were used for that purpose, and by whom authority was given to cut such trees, or other wood from said land.

E. Hammond } Sols for Defts.
W. H. G. Dorsey }

Haines et al } In Chancery.
vs
Haines et al } Special Interrogatory to be put to William Hardy, a Witness produced on the part of the Defendant.

Look at the Copy of deed marked "Exhibit C" and say whether the land therein conveyed was a part of the land given by Nathan Haines to Mordecai Haines and any other circumstances in regard to said land which may be pertinant to this case.

E. Hammond } Sols for Defts.
W. H. G. Dorsey }

At the Execution of the annexed Commission, issued of the Court of Chancery and to me directed and empowering me to examine witnesses in the cause depending in the said Court, between Benjamin F. Haines and others as Complainants, and Mary Haines and Nicholas Hardy and others as Defendants. I, Vernon Dorsey Commissioner therein named having taken the oath annexed to said Commission to be taken by me, on Tuesday the Twenty sixth day of April, 1853, at my office in the City of Baltimore, pursuant to previous notice thereof given to the said parties, and herewith returned, viz. the presents of the Complainants, Edward Hammond Esq. The Solicitor for the Defendants being absent, did proceed then and there, to open the said Commission.

No Witnesses appearing the Commissioner adjourned the Commission to Saturday the 30th April at 10 o'clock A.M. to meet at the same place.

Saturday, 30th April

The Commissioner opened the Commission pursuant to the adjournment, in the presence of the Complainants Edward Hammond Esq. the Solicitor for the Defendants being absent.

Achillas Simpson a Witness of Lawful age, produced on the part of the Complainants, being duly sworn on The Holy Evangels of Almighty God, and examined to interrogatories, filed with the Commissioner by the Complainants and herewith deposes and says.

1. To the First Interrogatory That

He knew Nathan Haines very well. He died about four Years since. He left two daughters, Mary and Ellen both of said daughters are now living, said Mary Haines is unmarried. Said Ellen Haines is the wife of Nicholas Hardy. She has some nine or ten children.

Nathan Haines also left a Son, named Mordecai, who is since dead. Said Mordecai left children. Witness does not know how many, he does not know their names or ages. Mary Haines is about sixty years old. Ellen Haines is about forty five years of age. Three children of said Nathan Haines died before their father viz. Daniel, John and Sophia. Daniel died about fifteen years ago, leaving four or five children. one of these children has since died. the rest are grown. Nathan Haines a Son of the said Daniel Haines died in the West. Witness does not know whether or not this Nathan Haines left any children or whether he was married. The other children of the said Daniel Haines are now living and married. Witness does not know their names. The said John Haines, the Son of the first mentioned Nathan Haines died about fifteen years since. He was married and left several children whose names and ages Witness does not know. Said Sophia Haines died about 20 Years ago unmarried.

2. To the Second Interrogatory that

Said Nathan Haines at his his death was possessed of a farm of several hundred acres situated in Howard County (then District) about 12 Miles from Ellicotts Mills. Said Nathan Haines was in possession of said farm at the time of his death

3. To the Third Interrogatory that

He knows nothing more relative to the cause.

William Howard a Witness of Lawful age produced on the part of the Complainants being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, and examined to Interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Complainants and herewith returned deposes and says.

To the first Interrogatory that

He knows said Nathan Haines He died about four Years ago. Witness resided in the neighbourhood at the time. He left three children at his death viz. Mordecai Mary and Ellen. Mordecai died about a Year ago last February, leaving (Witness thinks) six children. He thinks the eldest of these children is about 20 Years, and is named either William or James. One child is named William and another named James. Witness does not recollect the names of the other children of said Mordecai, none of them are married. Mary Haines is still living single. She is about sixty Years old. Ellen Haines married Nicholas Hardy, and has (Witness thinks) ten children now living. Daniel Haines was a Son of said Nathan Haines and died about fifteen Years since, leaving (Witness thinks) three or four Children: One of these Children Nathan Haines, went to the West some Years since and is reported to have died there. This rumor is generally credited. If now living would be over thirty Years of age. It was also rumored that he was married in the West. John Haines was another Son of the first mentioned Nathan Haines. Said John Haines died in the Spring of 1835 on the very day that Witness was married. He left three