Children. John Thomas. William Gustavus, and a little girl who died when about five Years old – Both the Sons John Thomas, and William Gustavus are now men – The Nathan Haines first mentioned above had a daughter named Sophia, who died unmarried before her father.

2. To the Second Interrogatory He does not know of his own knowledge, what real estate said Nathan Haines was possessed of at his death; It was always reported, and generally believed, that he was possessed of three tracts of land, situated in Howard County (then District) about 12 Miles South West of Ellicotts Mills; At the time of his death he lived on one of these tracts called the "Homestead" His Grandson, John Hardy, lived there and appeared to be conducting the place, but Witness does not know whether he rented it or merely carried it on for his Grand father, said Nathan Haines was old then, and quite infirm – The three tracts of land that Witness speaks of were adjoining each other – Witness is mistaken there were four tracts, At any rate four seperate tenements. They all adjoined There were in fact, four farms comprising in all he supposes between six hundred and seven hundred acres. As to the number of acres he is not certain – These farms were all occupied by different parties – Nathan Haines himself occupied one place; John Swigart occupied another; his Grandson, William Henry Hardy another and Mordecai Haines (above named) the fourth – These four tracts were always supposed to belong to the said Nathan Haines – Witness never heard it doubted or contradicted until after his death – It always passed for his property, through the neighbourhood – At the time of the death of the said Nathan Haines, Witness lived about four miles from him.

3. To the third Interrogatory that He knows no other matter material to the Cause.

The Commissioner adjourned the Commission to be opened again at 10 O'clock A.M. on tuesday, the 3rd day of May 1853, at Ellicotts Mills in Howard County, –

Tuesday 3rd May 1853

The Commission was reopened pursuant to adjournment, Dr. H. G. Dorsey being present as Solicitor for the Defendants.

Anthony Smith 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 Complainant and herewith returned deposes and says

1. The first Interrogatory waived

2. To the Second Interrogatory that Witness was a Collector of taxes in 1828 and 1829. He does not remember what amount of property Nathan Haines was possessed of at the time of his death because his (Witness) tax books are filed away at present in

1828 and 1829. Nathan Haines was possessed of Stock and land – The land was situated on the Montgomery road about twelve miles from Ellicotts Mills. – Witness does not know who was in possession of the property at the time of the death of said Nathan Haines.

3. To the third Interrogatory that He does not know of any other matter which is material to the trial of this Cause

To the Additional Interrogatory that The taxes on the property that Witness speaks of were paid by Nathan Haines in 1828 & 1829. Witness was tax Collector in those years. No one else paid said taxes –

James Morris. 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

1. The first Interrogatory waived

2. To the Second Interrogatory that That question he cannot answer, There was a dispute about the possession, Nathan Haines at the time of his death was living on part of a tract of land amounting in all to about six hundred acres – All of this tract was said to belong to Nathan Haines. The dispute about the possession that Witness speaks of was subsequent to the death of said Nathan Haines – The property was situated near Rattlesnake Springs in Howard District of Anne Arundel County about 12 Miles from Ellicotts Mills at the time of his death Nathan Haines was living on the homestead and said to be in possession of the property at the time of his death – Some years before his (Nathan Haines) death probably 3, 4, or 5 or 6 years, there was a report in the neighbourhood that he had given to Nicholas Hardy or his Wife, that portion of his property occupied by Dr. William Hardy – Witness does not know how much land there was in this tract said to have been given away – The whole property said to have been possessed by Nathan Haines was divided into four farms – One of these was occupied by Nathan Haines himself, One by Dr William Hardy – One by Mordecai Haines, and the other part of the time by Mrs Rachel Haines, and part of the time rented by Nathan Haines to James Thompson – Witness does not know what was the nature of the possession he speaks of – Nathan Haines lived on the property as Owner, of his own knowledge Witness knows nothing, these things were rumored in the neighbourhood.

3. To the third Interrogatory that He has nothing else to say.

To the Additional Interrogatory that He was tax Collector for the second Collection District of Howard District for 1843 and 1844. In 1843 Nathan Haines