against failing of the Sale heretofore reported by them to have been made to Thomas J. Gantt and it also appearing from the above Letter that said Gantt relinquishes all claim as purchaser. It is thereupon this 7th day of September 1855 adjudged ordered by this Court that the sale reported by said Trustees as having been made to said Gantt be and the same is hereby rejected and released.

Nicholas Brewer Circuit Judge Sept 7 1855

Afterwards to Wit on the 22 Oct 1855 there was filed in said cause the following Certificate.

Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. In Equity. September 7 1855.

Mary Kent and others
vs
Thomas G Pratt and others

Ordered this 7th day of September in the year 1855 that the sale made and reported by Wm H G Dorsey and Thomas G Pratt Trustees for the sale of the Real Estate of James Kent deceased of the Over the Creek Farm to D Carroll and Wm M Carroll be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shewn on or before the 7 day of November Next provided a copy of this order be inserted in some Newspaper printed at Annapolis once in three successive weeks before the 7 day of October Next.

The Report states the amount of sale to be $300.

N H Green Clk Cir Ct for A.A. Cty.

Annapolis Oct 23d 1855 – We certify that the annexed order was published in the Maryland Republican once a week for three successive weeks before the 7 day of October 1855. Riley & Ridgely.

Afterwards to Wit on the 9 day of July 1856 the Hon Nicholas Brewer Circuit Judge having certified that he was unable from sickness to sit in Court to decide the above cause and therefore declined to do so, the Solicitors for the respective parties filed in said cause an agreement appointing Thomas Donaldson Esquire as special Judge as follows to Wit. In Equity.

Circuit Court for A.A. County.

Mary Kent et al
vs
Thos G Pratt et al

We the undersigned agree in this case that the same may be referred to Thomas Donaldson Esqr as special Judge.

Randall & Wagner for Complainants
W H G Dorsey for Wm J Kent Adm Guardian
Thos Alexander F. McKenzie for Complainants

And afterwards to Wit on the 24 day of October 1856 Thomas Donaldson Esquire special Judge qualified as such in the same following to Wit.

Mary Kent et al
vs
Thos G Pratt et al

Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. In Equity.

I Thomas Donaldson do hereby swear that I will try the case between the above parties without partiality or prejudice to the best of my ability.

Sworn to after Court. N H Green Clk.

And afterwards to Wit on the 4 day of December 1856 William M and David Carroll by Alexander Randall and A B Wagner their Solicitors filed in said cause their petition together with an Exhibit marked E & C in the words following to Wit

To the Honorable Nicholas Brewer Judge of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Sitting in Equity

The petition of William M Carroll and David Carroll of Calvert County respectfully represent unto your Honor.

That heretofore about the 4th day of September 1855 your petitioners purchased from Thomas G Pratt and Wm H G Dorsey the undivided half of a tract of Land near Lower Marlboro in Calvert County called "Over the Creek or Wife's Farm" which undivided half was sold by the said Pratt and Dorsey as Trustees for the sale of the Real Estate of James Kent who had died seized thereof. That this sale was duly reported to your Honor by the said Trustees on the 5 day of September and a conditional order of ratification passed on the 7 of September 1855 no final order of confirmation of said sale however