appointed, qualified, and sworn, having met at the office of Frederick Pinkney in St. Paul Street in the City of Baltimore and State of Maryland on the Seventh day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty Eight, adjourned the Fourteenth day of May in the same year, at Eleven in the forenoon, and the same place, as time and place for the Examination of witnesses under the same Commission: at which last mentioned time and place the Commission met, pursuant to notice, and we proceeded, in the presence of the Solicitors of the respective parties to take the following depositions, that is to say.

William Barber of Baltimore County a Witness of lawful age, being by us first duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, being produced on the behalf of the Complainant, being examined on the following interrogatories to him propounded in that behalf, makes oath, deposeth, and saith as follows. that is to say.

First Interrogatory

What is your age & occupation?

1. To the said First interrogatory, that witness is Thirty Seven years old, and he is a Laborer.

Second Interrogatory

Did you know John Johns, Kensey Johns, and Richard Johns late of Baltimore County.

2. To the said Second interrogatory, that witness knew them all.

Third Interrogatory

Have you seen the Wills of Kensey Johns and Richard Johns now on file in the Office of the Register of Wills of Baltimore City: If you, state whether you were a subscribing witness to said Wills.

3. To the said Third interrogatory, that witness has seen the said Original Wills to day in the Office of the Register of Wills of Baltimore City, deponent was a subscribing witness to both of said Wills.

Fourth Interrogatory

If you subscribed the said Wills as a witness thereto please state all that took place at the time of your so subscribing them:

4. To the said Fourth interrogatory, that the said Kensey Johns and Richard Johns acknowledged the said Will to be their last Will, Mr John Johns came out and told witness that they wanted to sign their Will all three, that is to say, Johns, Richard Johns and Kensey Johns: he asked deponent to go in & to sign the Will as Witness, This took place at the place of Mr John Johns in Baltimore County.

Fifth Interrogatory

Were you, at this time of subscribing the said Wills as a witness in the Employ of Mr. John Johns.

5. To the said Fifth interrogatory that witness was at that time in the Employ of the said John Johns, and had been in his Employ for a couple of years he supposes before that, and continued out afterwards.

Sixth Interrogatory

Did you or not sign as a witness three Wills on the occasion of which you have spoken in your answer to the Fourth interrogatory, If yes, whose Will did you sign besides

those of Kensey Johns and Richard Johns:

6. To the said Sixth interrogatory, that deponent signed three Wills, being that of John Johns besides those of Kensey Johns, and Richard Johns.

Seventh Interrogatory

Were or were not the three brothers, John, Kensey, and Richard Johns, all present when you signed the three Wills as Witness.

7. To this said Seventh interrogatory, he answers "Yes Sir, they were all present."

Eighth Interrogatory

Do you know who wrote the three Wills which you signed as Witness, and where the same were written,

8. To the said Eight interrogatory, that he knows of his own knowledge that Amon Richards wrote those Wills, and Witness saw the said Richards writing them on that same day.

The Commission was then adjourned to the twenty fifth day of May, in the same year at ten in the forenoon, and the same place: at which last mentioned time and place the Commission met, pursuant to notice, and we proceeded, in presence of the Solicitors of the respective parties, to take the following depositions, that is to say;

Amon Richards of Baltimore County a witness of lawful age, produced on behalf of the Complainant, being by us first duly sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, being Examined on the following interrogatories to him propounded in that behalf, makes oath, deposeth, and saith as follows, that is to say.

First Interrogatory

Do you know the parties to this suit, or Either of them, and if yes, how long have you known them:

1. To the said First interrogatory, that he knows all the parties: he has known the Complainant from his youth upwards; his acquaintance with the Defendants; but slight.

Second Interrogatory

State What is your age and occupation:

2. To the said Second interrogatory, that he is Seventy years of age, he is a farmer and also acts as a Surveyor, and is a local preacher of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Third Interrogatory

Did you know John Johns and Richard Johns, late of Baltimore County and Kensey Johns, late of Baltimore City, and Benjamin Johns, late of Ohio.

3. To the said Third Interrogatory, that he knows them all.

Fourth Interrogatory

Were you ever called on to write the Wills of John, Kensey, and Richard Johns, or Either of them, If yes, State the circumstances under which you were so called on, and also State whether you did write the wills of the said John, Kensey, and Richard, or Either of them, and if you did, when and where the same were written.

4. To the said Fourth Interrogatory that witness was called on to write those Wills. Mr Richard Johns requested Witness to meet him at his brother John Johns: at which place Kensey Johns was also to meet him; Witness was to meet the three brothers Richard, John, and Kensey, at John Johns place in Baltimore