Eighth Cross Interrogatory

Can you assign any reason why he made this statement to you, at that time, Did he desire you to communicate the same to the Complainant or any other person.

8x To the said Eighth cross interrogatory, he answers "I cannot assign any reason why he made it, I am satisfied that he did not desire me to make any communication of it."

Ninth Cross Interrogatory

How long previously to his said statement to you had said Baker and you resided in the same neighborhood,

9x To the said Ninth cross interrogatory, he answers "I suppose about thirteen years before that, without change of residence"

Tenth Cross Interrogatory

Had you frequently fallen into company together during such period as mentioned in your last answer,

10x To the said Tenth cross interrogatory, he answers, "Certainly Sir, we had".

Eleventh Cross Interrogatory

Had he ever previously mentioned to you that such conversation had taken place between him and said John Johns deceased, and when, And if you cannot recollect the precise time, state as nearly as you can.

11x To the said Eleventh cross interrogatory, he answers "Once before to the best of my knowledge, I cant recollect the time, but I rather suppose it was some six months before the time he told me so as I have before stated, or may be not so long".

Twelfth Cross Interrogatory

~~Was it before or after the decease of John Johns.~~ When did the first conversation take place?

12x To the said ~~Thirteenth~~ Twelfth cross interrogatory, he answers "~~After his decease~~". I cant recollect Sir.

Thirteenth Cross Interrogatory

Was it before or after the decease of John Johns.

13x To the said Thirteenth cross interrogatory, he answers, "After his decease"

Fourteenth Cross Interrogatory

Did you communicate said first conversation to Mr Lord or to the Complainant, or to any other person, at any time prior to the happening of said second conversation.

14x To the said Fourteenth cross interrogatory, he answers "I communicated it to Mr Lord about ten months ago, I never communicated it to Mr Lord till after my second conversation with Mr Baker"

Fifteenth Cross Interrogatory

Were you and the Complainant, during these periods in terms of frequent and friendly intercourse.

15x To the said Fifteenth cross interrogatory he answers "We were, Sir"

William C Gent, a witness of lawful age produced on behalf of the Complainant, being by us first duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, being examined on the following interrogatories to him propounded on that behalf makes oath, deposeth and saith as follows, that is to say.

First Interrogatory

What is your occupation or business.

1. To the said First interrogatory, he answers, "I am a farmer".

Second Interrogatory



Do you know Roebuck Russell of Baltimore County, If you how long have you known him, and where has he lived during your acquaintance with him.

2. To the said Second interrogatory, he answers "Yes, I have known him ever since he was seven or eight years old: he has lived in Baltimore County, sometimes 5 or 6 miles from my residence and sometimes nigher, but never more than 6 miles off, during my acquaintance with him."

Third Interrogatory

What is the character of said Russell for truth and veracity

3. To the said Third interrogatory, he answers "Pretty good, so far as I have heard, I have never heard anything to the contrary."

Fourth Interrogatory

Have you had frequent opportunities of seeing said Russell, and have you seen him frequently.

4. To the said Fourth interrogatory, he answers, "Oh yes, Oh yes he lived in my neighborhood almost all the time"

Fifth Interrogatory

Please state how near to you said Russell lived at any time, and how long he lived at such place.

5. To the said Fifth interrogatory, he answers "He lived once within a mile or a mile and a half of me for six or seven years."

Sixth Interrogatory

During the time he lived so near to you, what was his character for truth, good or bad.

6. To the said Sixth interrogatory, he answers "I never heard anything against him."

The said William C Gent, being then cross examined on behalf of the Defendants, in the following cross interrogatories to him propounded on that behalf, makes oath, deposeth and saith as follows, that is to say.

First Cross Interrogatory

Did you know in his life time the late John Johns, of Baltimore County, deceased: If yes, did you reside in the same neighborhood or not, If you did, how far were your residences apart.

1x To the said First cross interrogatory, he answers "Yes Sir, our residences were two miles or two miles and a half apart."

Second Cross Interrogatory

What were the reputation and character of said deceased, in his neighborhood for integrity, uprightness, and fair dealing in his transactions with his neighbors and others.

2x To the said Second cross interrogatory, he answers "It was very good, Sir: he was an upright man and always was".

Third Cross Interrogatory

What business does Roebuck Russell follow and how far did he reside in 1847, from the residence of said John Johns.

3x To the said Third cross interrogatory, he answers "Blacksmithing, he is a blacksmith by trade. I reckon that about 1847 he lived at Black Rock place about two miles and a half from Old Mr Johns: or Kenny Johns. Black Rock