paid 27th Witness the Hon. Thomas Perry, Judge of the said Court, the 27th day of July 1857, Issued the 2nd day of October 1857.
Isaac Nesbitt Clk.

Appearance at Nov. Term 1857

On which said fourth Monday of November, being the twenty third day of the same month, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven, and the return day of the foregoing writ of subpoena, comes into Court here the Complainant aforesaid, by her Solicitors aforesaid; and the Sheriff of Washington County aforesaid, to wit, Benjamin A. Garlinger, Esquire, to whom the said writ of subpoena was delivered makes return thereof, to the Court here thus endorsed, to wit:

Sheriffs Return

"Summoned ambo B. A. Garlinger Shff"

Thereupon the Court passed the following Order of Publication as prayed for in the foregoing Bill of Complaint, to wit:

Order of publication

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| Sarah Steffler<br>Qt.<br>John Hughlinger and Elizabeth Hughlinger his wife, Daniel Hill, Jonathan A. Hill, Daniel L. Hill, Ellen L. Hill, Mary E. Hill, Martha S. Hill and Augustus S. Hill. | No 1461<br>In the Circuit Court for Washington County sitting as a Court of Equity<br>November Term 1857 |

The object of this suit is to procure a decree declaring a certain pretended deed from Sarah Steffler to George Steffler, conveying a certain house and lot situated in Sharpsburgh to the said George Steffler to be absolutely null and void and of no effect in law and that it be delivered up to be cancelled. The Bill states that in the month of April 1849 a certain Sarah Steffler residing in the town of Sharpsburgh, Washington County, was seized and possessed of certain real and personal estate and particularly of a certain House and lot situated in the town of Sharpsburgh being lot number eighty three (83) on the plat of that town. That the said Sarah Steffler was very old and infirm, and unable to read or write, and resided then and for a long time previously with her son George Steffler who attended to and managed all her business transactions for her, and in whom she had the most implicit confidence. That some time in April 1849, the said Sarah Steffler was induced by the said George Steffler to sign certain papers, which she did, supposing that she thereby transferred to him, certain notes or bonds that she held against divers persons. The bill further states that some time in the fall of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, the aforesaid George Steffler departed this life leaving his daughters Elizabeth who intermarried with a certain John Hughlinger of Washington County and Mary who intermarried with a certain Daniel Hill of Ogle County in the State of Illinois, his only children and heirs at law living at the time of his death. That since the death of the said George Steffler his said daughter Mary has also departed this life leaving



her husband Daniel Hill surviving and six children, Jonathan A. Hill, Daniel L. Hill, Ellen L. Hill, Mary E. Hill, Martha S. Hill, and Augustus S. Hill, who are her heirs at law. That the said George Steffler died leaving a will in which his two daughters were appointed as his executrices who have since renounced, and Daniel Hill, and John Hughlinger were at the same time appointed administrators c.t.a., who in February 1857, together with Elizabeth Hughlinger, filed their bill of complaint against the infant heirs of Mary Hill and another, for a sale of the real estate of George Steffler, deceased. That in said bill, the House and lot before mentioned as number 83 on the plat of Sharpsburgh, is charged to have been sold and conveyed to the said George Steffler in his life time by Sarah Steffler, by deed bearing date the 6th day of April 1849, and recorded in Liber J.H.M. No. 4, folios 272 & 273 one of the land record books of Washington County. The bill further states that if any such pretended deed to the said George Steffler was ever signed by the said Sarah Steffler it was done on account of the fraudulent misrepresentations of the said George and prays that the said pretended deed be declared null and void and be delivered up to be cancelled. The bill further states that Daniel Hill, Jonathan A. Hill, Daniel L. Hill, Ellen L. Hill, Mary E. Hill, Martha S. Hill and Augustus S. Hill reside out of the State of Maryland.

It is thereupon adjudged and ordered that the complainant by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published at Hagerstown, once a week for one full month before the 8th day of January, 1858, give notice to the said absent defendants of the object and substance of this bill; and warn them to appear in this Court in person or by solicitor, on or before the 8th day of April next to answer the premises and show cause if any they have, why a decree ought not to pass as prayed.

Thomas Perry

Continuance

And thereupon all further proceedings in the premises and between the parties aforesaid, and by order of the Court here, were continued from term to term until the fourth Monday of November next.

Appearance at Nov. Term 1858

On which said fourth Monday of November, being the twenty second day of the same month in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight, comes again into Court here, the Complainant aforesaid by her Solicitors aforesaid; And the said Complainant by her said Solicitors filed in Court here, the following petition to wit.