his mother during her life if there was any of it left after her death he would divide it among them. 7th Answer to the 7th Interrogatory Deponent says, that he knows of no other matter as alluded by this interrogatory.

On Thursday January 12th 1865, the examination of witnesses in the above cause was resumed; when Van S. Brashear, a witness produced on the part of the complainant being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories filed with the Commissioner and herewith returned, deposes and says, Answer to the 1st Interrogatory Deponent says he knows all the parties to this suit except Marilla S. Hill and Augustus S. Hill. 2nd Answer to the 2nd In. Deponent says that Sarah Stiffler was seized in April 1849 of half an acre of ground, making one lot, in the town of Sharpsburgh, with a brick house on the one half and a log house on the other half of said lot. 3rd Answer to the 3rd In. Deponent says, that he was acquainted with George Stiffler in his lifetime he died in November 1855; that said George ~~Stiffler~~ had been attending to the business of said Sarah, all the time for twenty years before his (George's) death; and did every thing she wanted done — that Sarah Stiffler is about ninety six years of age, she appears to be that old from her feebleness and infirmity; this deponent can only testify as to her age from what she has told him and from her general infirm appearance. That said Sarah is a woman very easily influenced and would do a favor for a person whenever she was asked — Deponent says she was capable of being influenced by said George to her own injury, because she would do anything he asked her to do. She had the most unbounded confidence in the said George, and if he would get her and tell her she ought to do a certain thing, she would say to him "Well" go and do it then. 4th Answer to the 4th Int. Deponent says, that George Stiffler told him, in the summer of 1849 when, deponent was living in said George's house, that he (George) had represented to said Sarah that Jacob Grove, was about to push her for some claims that Grove had against her son John Stiffler, who had died in the year 1848; and that she had better make her property over, so that he could not get hold of it; that, during the same summer, said George told him also, that said Sarah did make him a deed of said houses and lots to keep Grove off — that he had told her she had better do it; and that he (George) had got her to make the deed to keep Grove off. 5th Answer to the 5th Int. Deponent says he knows nothing. 6th Answer to the 6th Int. Deponent says that the said George never did claim said property to his knowledge. 7th Answer to the 7th Int. Deponent says he knows nothing. Answer to special interrogatories propounded to witness, by complainant, he says, to the 1st special Int. That George Stiffler never had claim to the property referred to in his answer to the 2nd Interrogatory, to his knowledge; but he (George) always told deponent he did not want the property

that it was not his but his mothers; and that if she died before he did, he would make it all right with the balance of her heirs; and that he also told deponent he should continue to live in the house until he (George) or the said Sarah told him to get out of it. Answer to the 2nd Special Int. Deponent says he never paid rent to said George nor did he (George) ask him for any.

Cross Examination of Van S. Brashears. Answer to cross interrogatories propounded to witness by Solicitors for the defendants. Deponent says to the 1st Cross Int. That George Stiffler was his uncle. that he (deponent) was thirty six years old last September; and that he did fit up a shop and stable on the premises he occupied and the reason why he fitted them up, was, because he expected it to come out of his rent if he should have to pay any. 2nd Answer to the 2nd Cross Int. Deponent says, that George Stiffler was always regarded as a man of strict integrity and fair dealing. There being no other witnesses then to be examined the commissioner adjourned said commission over to Thursday the 19th day of January on which day Paul Hammond a witness produced on the part of the complainant being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories filed before the commissioner and herewith returned, deposes and says as follows, to wit. 1 Answer to the 1st Interrogatory Deponent says, he knows the complainant and some of the defendants in this suit. 2 Answer to the 2nd Int. Deponent says, that said Sarah Stiffler in April 1849, had one brick house and lot of ground in her own possession, to deponents own knowledge and also another house and lot which was in possession of her son John Stiffler's widow; to which he (John) had no title, but said Sarah always told deponent that it belonged to her, and he (deponent) never heard her title disputed. 3 Answer to the 3rd In. Deponent says, that he was acquainted with George Stiffler in his life time; that he died in November or December 1855, In the year 1849 and previous said Sarah was living with her son George, and George, always, whilst they lived together from the year 1846 up to the time of his (George's) death managed her business for her, by her consent, that the old lady was feeble in body during that time, having undergone several severe attacks of sickness; but to sit and talk with her, which deponent did several times, she seemed to have a rational mind and good sense; and so far as deponent could see, there was nothing wrong with her mind — Deponent thinks that George could wield an influence over her — and that she would agree to almost any thing George would advise her to do, but cannot say whether she would know what would be to her advantage or disadvantage — Deponent thinks she put all confidence in George in regard to her business, and that she would do any thing that he would recommend her to do. 4th In. Answer