porch; deponent asked her "what was the matter?" and she answered that she was in a bad humor about the men coming to her to be paid for repairing the houses; and she said the property was George's and she wished they would go to him for their pay; that the bill then presented was for repairs done on one of said houses on the back street in Shepherdstown. Deponent says that in 1849 said Sarah's mind was good – that she was capable of attending to her own business, and was very sensible; and her mind continued to be good afterwards, though she grew more feeble and had sick spells. That John Steffler and his daughter brought Sarah Steffler to George's in 1849 and said Sarah told deponent that she had come to George's because they would not take care of her. Deponent says that George exercised ownership over said property; that she saw him making the middle fence; and he had the stable built and the house repaired. 3rd Pr. answer to the 3rd Pr. Deponent says, she is acquainted with William Brashears and Van Brashears; that they are the grand children of Sarah Steffler, their mother being the daughter of said Sarah. That their mother died upwards of twenty years ago, when her said sons were small. This deponent has heard Van Brashears say that the said brick house was to come to him, after his grandmothers death. Cross-Examination – To the following cross interrogatory propounded by the complainants, to wit: Where did Mrs. Steffler live when you heard her complain of the workmen presenting their bills to her, and who was present besides yourself? Deponent answers – That said Sarah lived at George Steffler's; and that no one was present except Mrs. John Highberger & family. Mary Martin, a witness then and there produced on the part of the defendant being duly sworn and examined to the same interrogatory deposes and says – In answer to the first Interrogatory, Deponent says she knows all the parties to this suit – she has known Sarah Steffler more than twenty years. This deponent is about sixty six years of age. 2nd Pr. answer to the 2nd Pr. Deponent says that Sarah Steffler owned the two houses and the lot of ground in controversy in this suit; and from a long time before George Steffler's death, down to within one year previous thereto, whenever this deponent went to said Sarah's she (Sarah) told her that George was a very kind child to her, and that every thing she had she gave to him; and that she had given to him these houses and lots of ground because he was kind to her in sickness and in health, attended to her business for her – said Sarah lived with her son George about nine years; and during that time deponent was frequently there that she washed them and attended to Mrs. Steffler when she was sick, for which attendance George Steffler paid her; and when deponent was not there Mrs. Ann Rebecca Price was, as a general thing. Deponent says, that in the year 1849 Sarah

Steffler's mind was good; that she was capable of attending to business, and could make a valid deed or contract – that she was sensible as this deponent. 3rd Pr. In answer to the third Pr. Deponent says she knows Van S. Brashears and William Brashears – that they are the grandsons of Sarah Steffler, being the sons of said Sarah's daughters, that their mother died more than twenty years ago, when Van & William were small. 4th Pr. answer to the 4th Pr. Deponent says, she knows nothing. There being other witnesses to examine and the parties desiring further time to examine evidences, the commissioner adjourned said commission over to Monday the 4th June 1860, when Mrs Mary Martin a witness produced on the part of the defendants, being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories filed before the commissioner and hereunto returned deposes and says. 1 In answer to the 1st Interrogatory. Deponent says, she is acquainted with the parties to this suit. 2 In answer to the 2nd Interrogatory Deponent says, that Sarah Steffler owned the property in controversy in this suit; and that in a conversation which deponent had with her (as near as she can recollect, in the fall of 1852 or 1853) she (Mrs. Steffler) told her that George Steffler was the only child she had, who cared for her, and she intended him to have all the property she had; that her other children cared nothing and did nothing for her. That George did every thing for her, and took care of her; and deponent says that said Sarah has lived with her son George ever since she has known her. At the time of this conversation deponent says that in her opinion said Sarah's was of sound and disposing mind, that she was old but was a remarkable woman for her age, that she visited her neighbors and talked as sensibly as any one. To the 3rd and 4th Interrogatories the solicitors waived the examination of witness – Jacob Highberger, a witness produced on the part of the defendants, being duly sworn and examined to the following special Interrogatories, propounded by defendants solicitor to wit: Do you know any thing in regard to the real estate in controversy. In answer says, that George Steffler employed him (deponent) in the year 1853 to put up a double stable on one of the lots of ground, and told him he should try to get his pay out of Van S. Brashears, who was living in one of the houses and paying no rent; but if he would not pay him, he (George) would be bound to do it. Van S. Brashears is the grandson of Sarah Steffler. Deponent says that George Steffler spoke of the property as his own. Deponent got about $15 from said Brashears and the balance George Steffler paid him. He never presented his account to the old lady (Mrs Steffler) Deponent says that said Sarah lived with her son George a long time (he cannot recollect exactly how long) but supposes for about eight or nine years. And that she (Sarah) was of sound mind and capable of making a valid deed or contract