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Commissioners Oath

You shall according to the best of your skill and knowledge truly faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the parties take the examinations and depositions of all and every Witness and Witnesses produced and sworn before you in the Commission hereunto annexed, upon the Interrogatories new or which may hereafter be filed the said Commission enclosed before directed to and left with you by either of the said parties so help you God

Clerks Oath.

You shall truly faithfully and without partiality to any or either of the parties in this cause take down and transcribe the depositions of all and every Witness and Witnesses produced and examined by the Commissioners named in this commission hereunto annexed as far forth as you are directed and employed by the said Commissioners to take down and transcribe the said depositions or any of them So help you God,

The Execution of this Commission appears by certain schedules hereunto annexed,

N. Brewer for Solr (seal)

Augustus Smith
vs
Margaret Crandell and Richard Crandell

Anne Arundel Circuit Court Complainants Interrogatories

1st Duly Do you or not know the parties to this cause or any of them If you do state which of them and in what way you have known such as you do know.

2d Duly Did you or not know Richard Crandell the Intestate of the defendant Richard and the late Husband of Margaret the defendant? If you have long you have known him, state whether or not he is dead if dead state when and where he died if you know.

3d Duly Do you or not know the Land mentioned in Exhibit A in the Bill in this cause, which road, where the Complainant lives? if you state whether or not you know who was in possession of that Land before the possession thereof by the said Smith claiming the same,

4th Duly Look again at this Exhibit A and state all you know in relation to the sale of that Land what took place at and about the time of this sale who took possession of it and under what circumstances,

5th Duly Have you or not had any conversation with the late Richard Crandell on the subject of the sale of the Land described in the deed Exhibit A, If you state that you said by Mr Crandell in such conversation or conversations and the time or times thereof, & what took place at the purchase of the Land & at that took place

6th Interrogatory Do you know who has been claiming this Land since you have known it as the owner thereof. If you state what acts of ownership are known to you to have taken place after the time formerly ceased to exist,

8th Duly What do you consider the value of this Land at the time of the sale and what do you consider its present value per acre, and state if you know what has made the changes of any in the said Lands valuations,

Randall Hagner Solr for Complainant

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Augustus Smith
vs
Margaret A Crandell Exx of Richd Crandell and Richard H Crandell

In the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County In Equity

Interrogatories to be propounded to Witnesses to be produced on the part of the defendants,

1st Are you or not acquainted with the parties to this suit or either and which of them, If you say so long time as you know them and each of them,

2d Are you or not acquainted with the Land which is the subject matter of this suit,

3d Do you or not know of the existence of any Acts of Contest evidencing the ownership of said Land, If you state such Acts and by whom exercised

4th Have you or not ever had any conversation with the Complainant Augustus Smith relative to the ownership of said Land and particularly as to its probable disposition by last Will and testament,

If you state when such conversation occurred to whom disposition of said Land the conversation referred and what you recollect of such conversation,

5th Have you or not ever had any conversation with said Smith as to the Money by which he resided on said Land or relative to the consideration received by him for Mattery repairs and improvements thereon, If you state when such conversation occurred and what you recollect thereof,

6th State whether or not you ever collected any money upon said Smith, at the instance and for the use of Richard Crandell Crandell dead If you state when the same occurred and how much accrued the same was paid, I say if you know what was Cost the permanent Manures and improvements of like character ever furnished.

Jas S Franklin Solr for Defts

Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County

Augustus Smith
vs
Margaret A Crandell admx of Rd Crandell and Richard H Crandell

Cross Interrogatories to be propounded to the Witnesses produced on the part of the Complainants,

1st Did you know of any desire on the part of Richard Crandell to purchase said Land before the actual contract with Augustus Smith,

2d Do you know whether or not Mr Smith consulted with Mr Crandell as to the terms of sale, or whether Smith agreed to such terms without consulting Mr Crandell.

3d Do you know whether Smith took possession of the Land immediately upon notice of the deed or whether he obtained such possession by virtue of some subsequent arrangement with Mr Crandell,

4th Do you know that the said Land was intended for Augustus Smith or was Ought Forbes used, or that the purchase money for the same was advanced Forbes by said Crandell, otherwise than by the Maternal of Augustus Smith herein, Wm Leake

5th Do you understand from the conversation with Richard Crandell that Smith had purchased the Land in question for his (Smith's) use or