Cecil County In Chancery. The Subscriber being one of the Commissioners named in the annexed Commission hereby certifies that in Execution of the powers thereby vested in me, I on the 8 day of April in the year 1856 caused to come before me at my Office in the City of Philadelphia the infant Emily H Thomas named in the said Commission and then and there in the presence of said infant assigned and appointed Harvey Thomas of the City of Philadelphia aforesaid guardian to said infant and took the answer of the said infant by her said Guardian and under affirmation of said Guardian by me administered to the Bill of Complaint in said Commission mentioned which said answer with said Commission is herewith returned closed and sealed under my hand and seal this 8th day of April 1856.

Edwin A Selz Commissioner (Seal)

The answer of Emily H Thomas an infant under the age of 21 years by Harvey Thomas her guardian to the Bill of Complaint of George Earle administrator cum testamento annexo of Robert H Thomas against her and others in the Circuit Court for Cecil County In Chancery Exhibited. This defendant admits the several matters and things alleged in the said Bill but being an Infant of tender years submits her rights to the protection of this Court.

Harvey Thomas Guardian of Emily H Thomas.

On this 8 day of April 1856 the above named Guardian Harvey Thomas appeared before me Commissioner and solemnly sincerely and truly affirmed and declared the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Edwin A Selz Commissioner (Seal)

State of Pennsylvania City of Philadelphia

This hereby certified that on the 8 day of April 1856 before me the Subscriber Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by lawful authority duly commissioned and sworn residing in the City of Philadelphia personally appeared Edwin A Selz the Commissioner described in the foregoing return or report and acknowledged and declared to be true all the proceedings certified and set forth in said written report as taking place under the Commission in said return or report mentioned.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal on the day and year aforesaid

Edmund Wilcox Notary Public

And afterwards to Wit on the said 9th day of April in the year 1856 an agreement was filed in the words following to Wit

George Earle Administrator Cum testamento annexo of Robert H Thomas.

vs

Justinian A Thompson Harvey Thomas Elmira Thomas and Emily H Thomas an infant

Circuit Court for Cecil County. In Chancery.

This hereby agreed that a Commission shall issue to Frederick Pinkney of the City of Baltimore to take testimony in above cause.

George Earle and John A Crisfield Solrs for Complainant

Charles F Mayer Solr for Harvey & Elmira Thomas

Charles F Mayer Solicitor for J. A. Thompson.

Harvey Thomas Guardian for infant. Charles F Mayer Solr for said Guardian.

And thereupon in pursuance of the aforegoing agreement Commission issued on the day and year last aforesaid to the said Frederick Pinkney Esq to take testimony.

And afterwards to Wit on the 15th day of April in the year last aforesaid Frederick Pinkney Esq to whom Commission to take testimony was issued by the consent of the parties as aforesaid made return of his said Commission with his proceedings under and in pursuance of the same in the words and figures following to Wit

Cecil County Sct. The State of Maryland To Frederick Pinkney Esquire of the City of Baltimore. Greeting. Be it known that you are appointed Commissioner to examine Witnesses and Evidences in a cause depending in the Circuit Court for Cecil County in Equity between George Earle administrator cum testamento annexo of Robert H Thomas Complainant and Justinian A Thompson, Harvey Thomas Elmira Thomas and Emily H Thomas an infant by her Guardian Harvey Thomas Defendants. We therefore give you authority having first taken the oath hereunto annexed, and also administered the annexed oath to the person whom you shall appoint as Clerk to attend the execution of this Commission that at such time and place as to you shall seem convenient you cause to come before you all such Witnesses as shall be named or produced to you by either the plaintiff or defendant and that you examine them upon their corporal oaths to be by you administered on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God touching their knowledge or remembrance of any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid and that you cause Notice to be given to the parties or their Attorneys of the Execution of this Commission before you execute the same; and having reduced the depositions of the Witnesses so taken by you into Writing you seal the same with this Commission closed under your hand and send the same to the Circuit Court to be held at the Court House in Elkton in and for Cecil County aforesaid with all convenient speed. Witness the Honorable John H Price Judge of the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland and at such Judge of the said Circuit Court the 9th day of April 1856 Issued the 9th day of April 1856.

H. H. Pritchett

Commissioners Oath. You shall according to the best of your skill and knowledge truly faithfully and impartially to any or either of the parties take the examination and depositions of all and every Witness and Witnesses produced and examined by virtue of the Commission hereunto annexed upon the interrogatories therein which may hereafter before the said Commission is closed to be produced to and left with you by either of the said parties so help you God. The above oaths administered by me a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for the City of Baltimore at the time of my so doing and give on this 9 day of April in the year 1856 at the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland to Frederick Pinkney the commissioner in the said Commission named.

George W. King.

George Earle Administrator Cum Testamento Annexo of Robert H Thomas.