an Circuit Court for Howard County sitting as a Court of Equity against Richard L Waters, Jonathan M Waters, Ann Catharine Lutheran and Vachel Jane Lutheran Parkin Warfield and others, and whereas we have by our Writ lately commanded the said Defendants to appear before us in our said Circuit Court for Howard County sitting as a Court of Equity at a certain day to answer the said Bill, and for as much as the said Richard L Waters Jonathan M Waters, Ann Catharine Lutheran and Vachel Jane Lutheran are infants under age, and cannot answer the said Bill, nor defend the said suit without having a guardian assigned in that behalf, Now we therefore that we have given you full power and authority in pursuance of the aforesaid order in our said Court to assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid Infants, and to take the answer of said Infants by such guardian to the said Bill and therefore we command you that at such certain day and place as you shall think fit, you go to the said Defendants, if they shall personally come to you and assign and appoint a guardian for the aforesaid Infants, and take the answer of the said Infants by such Guardian to the Bill, as such Guardians corporal oath, upon the Holy Evangels to be administered by you the said answer being distinctly and fairly wrote, and when you shall have so taken the said answer you are to send the same closed up under your seal together with your certificate of your having assigned and appointed such Guardians as aforesaid and this Writ unto us in our said Circuit Court for Howard County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

Witness the Honorable Nicholas Brewer Circuit Judge of the Circuit Court for Howard County this 13 day of March Anno Domini 1852 (Seal)

Test Wm H Worthington Clerk

And at the same time renewed subpoenas issued for the defendants returned not summoned to Wit. for Floyd N Warfield, Louis H Duvall and Catharine his wife of Montgomery County returnable to the next Court to Wit the first Monday in July 1852.

And the said cause is standing continued until July Court 1852. The Commissioner made return of the said Commission with the answer of the Infant defendants in the words following to Wit.

To the Honorable Nicholas Brewer Circuit Judge of the Circuit Court for Howard County.

The undersigned respectfully returns that pursuant to the authority vested in him by the foregoing Commission, he did in the presence of the Infants on the 13 day of June in the year 1852 assign and appoint Thomas B Hobbs Guardian to the Infants in said commission named and did take the answer of the said Infants by the said Guardian on his corporal oath by the undersigned administered, which answer taken as aforesaid returned together with said Commission,

Witness my hand and seal this 13 day of June 1852.

Littleton Macklin Comr (Seal)

The answer of Richard L Waters Jonathan M Waters, Ann Catharine Lutheran and Vachel Jane Lutheran Infants under the age of twenty one years by Thomas B Hobbs their Guardian in that behalf specially appointed to the Bill of Complaint of Ignatius Waters and Mary Louisa his wife and others against Richard L

Waters and others Defendants in the Circuit Court of Howard County sitting as a Court of Equity exhibited.

These defendants answering by their Guardian aforesaid to the said Bill of Complaint say that they do not admit the truth of the several matters and things charged and set forth in said Bill, and pray that the Court will protect their interest in the premises, and they pray to be hence dismissed with their costs and so forth.

Thomas B Hobbs Guardian.

The guardian above named makes oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the matters and things stated in the foregoing answer, are true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Sworn to before the subscriber Commissioner for the purpose appointed.

Littleton Macklin.

And at the same time came into Court here the Sheriff of Montgomery County and made return on the renewed Subpoena this endorsed Rec'd June the 19th 1852 and same day delivered to the Sheriff of Montgomery County for

James P Hemming Clerk

Non Est Floyd N, Summ Louis H. Non Est Catharine

P. T. Connell Shff.

Whereupon accordingly the Subpoena was renewed and issued against the defendant Floyd N Warfield returnable to September Term 1852.

And the said cause so standing continued to September Court 1852 came the Sheriff of Montgomery County and made return on said subpoena this Endorsed "Non Est:

And the said cause standing continued until March Court 1853 came the Complainants again into said March Court, and applied by their Solicitor for a renewal of the Subpoenas against the said Defendants Parkin Warfield and Floyd N Warfield. Whereupon accordingly subpoena was issued against the said Defendants, returnable to next July Court and at the same time the following order of publication passed in the words following to Wit.

Ignatius Waters and Mary Louisa his wife and Floyd N Lutheran vs. Richard L Waters & others	In the Circuit Court for Howard County sitting as a Court of Equity.

The object of this suit is to procure a decree for a sale of certain Lands lying in Howard and Montgomery Counties devised by Vachel Warfield late of Anne Arundel County deceased to one Allen Warfield during his natural life and after his death to one Catharine Warfield and her heirs &c.

The Bill states that Vachel Warfield late of Anne Arundel County by his last Will and testament devised certain Lands in Anne Arundel and Howard County and in Montgomery County to his son Allen Warfield during his natural life and after his death to his daughter Catharine Lutheran and her heirs. That said Catharine Lutheran hath departed this life leaving as her heirs at Law Mary Louisa hath intermarried with Ignatius Waters one of the Complainants in this Bill. Floyd N Lutheran and Sarah N Waters who after intermarrying with the said Ignatius Waters