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in Chief.

Tuesday April 7th 11 A M pursuant to the foregoing adjournment, resumed the taking of these depositions.

And Ruth Kemp 1st Witness produced on part of plaintiffs on examination in Chief resumed being duly sworn and of lawful age did depose and say, I am the daughter of Mrs Madrers second Wife I knew of the Marriage of Mr Maurer with Rachel Bond they were married a month less than a year. I have known Mrs Rachel Maurer before the Marriage up to the present time I think I had before during and since the Marriage she has been other means that what she earned for and since Mr Maurers death I am certain she has had no other resources than by her own work Mrs Rachel Maurers dress during the period before referred to, before during and after the Marriage has been very plain and ordinary and during her widowhood she has not been possessed of a dress worth more than 25 cents a yard, during the period above referred to I do not believe she could have been in possession of any such sum as Four thousand dollars. Just after Mr Maurers death she rented out a portion of the house in which she lived and worked at tailoring I do not believe she had one hundred dollars at any one time I got Mrs Maurer her first tenant, a tailoress at the rate of six dollars a month and Mrs Maurer gave up six months services without any other compensation than the consideration of learning the trade of tailoring from her tenant after she had learned of course she got paid for her work Mr Maurer was very careful and saving in many matters I lived from 1843 to the time he died very near Mr Maurer and if there was ever any sickness in his house I was sent for, Mr Maurer I am certain invested his money whenever it came in in ground rents that is he had not kept his money in a Bank but invested it as soon as he got a sufficient sum together.

And on Cross Examination by Counsel for defence did depose and say I know from Mr Maurer himself as to any investment of any money in ground rents I heard from Mr Maurer that he had given Mrs Maurer a ground Rent of 24 dollars a year before the Marriage Mrs Maurers dress was very plain and ordinary during the marriage and it was full the same after the death of Mr Maurer The manner of Mr Maurers living was very frugal both when he was married to Mrs Rachel Maurer or she before, she after his death lived in the house which belonged to Mr Maurer in Mulberry Street one door from Pine after Mr Maurers death she certainly lived a year and more in this House without paying rent which house belonged to the Estate of Mr Maurer the tenant I have referred to Mrs Wenkell lived nearly a year in the house with Mrs Maurer paying her six dollars a month rent, and Mrs Maurer learned the tailoring trade from her The house was valued in the life time of Mr Maurer by him at the rate of Eight dollars a Month Mr Walker trustee and one of the defendants desired Mrs Maurer to select some of the best articles out of the furniture but she declined to take any thing but a much more Careful and a half dozen Chairs and a table She bought a bed stead with her. Mr Walker had a house Keeper, who had lived with him for a number of years and he said he would be sorry not to leave her more than ten dollars a Month in his Will. John Walker

said this in my presence This offer made by Mr Walker was before the sale and after the appendement was made, Mr Maurer had some Clothes that were passable of his Choice to put them on The generality of his dress was like that of a Common labouring man and most of his Clothing no better in character and quality than Mrs Maurers. I know of a ground rent purchased by Mr Maurer on the Corner of Pulaski Street and New Street I can not say how many other ground Rents he told me he had purchased I was Mr Maurers step daughter He was a close man but I cannot say anything as to his being a good man I heard Mr Maurer frequently say no woman need marry him for his money for they would not get it. The Witness desires to qualify her testimony so far as hearing from Mr Maurer of the ground Rent of twenty four dollars Witness heard of the Marriage Contract from Mr Walker and after Mr Maurers death and has Confounded the two, The furniture in the house remained in possession of Mrs Maurer up to the time of the sale a period of about six weeks after Mr Maurers death, Mrs Maurer occupied the front bed room up stairs which was the only one she occupied, and which she furnished herself, The tenant furnished the rest of the house she boarded in her own room and did her own Cooking. Signed R Kemp.

And Alfred Bond second Witness produced on part of plaintiffs in their resumption of the examination in Chief being of lawful age and duly sworn did depose and say I do not think to my Knowledge Mrs Maurer could have been in possession of Four thousand dollars and I do not know it I am a Nephew of Mrs Maurer I have only known Mrs Maurer well since the death of her husband I know of her being in poor circumstances since the death of her husband she has borrowed a dollar or so at a time from me to get a quarter of a Cord of Wood, The first she ever borrowed of me was five years ago, and since small sums up to the present time she has never returned me any of the money borrowed but promises to do so whenever she is able.

And on Cross Examination by Counsel for defence did depose and say It has been five years since Mrs Maurer has borrowed of me the small sums I have mentioned at intervals of one Month, Three months and six months I knew Mrs Maurers Circumstances from the Condition in which she lived and from her borrowing Money I never heard Mrs Maurer say she had any money but she has stated she did not have any. I never heard of any one having money belonging to Mrs Maurer in trust or otherwise I do not know this of my own personal knowledge outside of her own statements and of the Coarseness of her dress am borrowing money

Signed Alfred Bond

The taking of these Depositions herewith adjourned until such time as shall be agreed upon by the respective Counsel D Williams Comr

Saturday April 25th 1863 11 A M Resumed the taking of these depositions pursuant to the previous adjournment in the presence of Counsel for respective parties. And Alexander Bond Witness produced on part of the Complainants being of lawful age and first duly sworn did depose and say, I am a Nephew of Mrs Rachel Maurer I have known her from 10 to 12 years and a year or two before she was married to Paul Maurer Her Condition has been as far as I know from appearance, and accounts overheard I have known her quite