This Respondent denies that the real estate set out in the bill as being the real estate of William W. Hoye is incapable of division amongst those entitled to the same if the Court should be of opinion that the said heirs are entitled to the real estate to which it is charged in the bill they are entitled but this respondent denies that the Complainants are entitled to the real estate claimed by them in their Bill of Complaint. This Respondent admits the execution of the Deeds by by the Complainants and others as set out in the bill but denies that they are either fraudulent, void or voidable.

This respondent admits that he executed the deed of the 22d day of August 1846, and that Complainants have truly set out the contents of said deed. This respondent denies that the consideration of the several deeds from the Complainants and defendants to the said John Hoye were inadequate to the value of the interest conveyed, or that at the times of the execution of the several deeds the grantors had no proper information as to the extent and value of the real and personal estate therein conveyed. On the contrary the grantors in said deeds had each and all of them full and perfect knowledge of the value of the property conveyed, and knew as much of its value as the said John Hoye & and as much of its value as they could know for they were well acquainted with its value, having lived on or near the said lands a great portion of their lives, and in addition to the consideration mentioned in the said deeds the said John Hoye had expended for each of them and given to each of them more than the whole value of their interest in the property conveyed by said deeds of which the said Complaints were fully cognizant at the time of the execution of the said deeds.

This respondent admits that John Hoye departed this life at the time stated in the bill leaving his last will and testament as stated in said bill a copy of which is referred to in the bill as "Exhibit G" and found amongst the papers, the copy thus filed is a true copy of said will but the filing and making as exhibit G. seems to have been erased. But this Respondent refers to the same and prays that it may be taken as part of this his answer.

This Respondent further answering says that by the 16th item of the will of the said John Hoye, Catherine Ridgely one of the Complainants was devised the sum of five hundred dollars and that the said Catherine Ridgely received from George Smith Executor of the said will the said sum of five hundred dollars on the 26th day of October 1850 and executed to him a release for the same a true office copy of which this Respondent herewith exhibits marked D. J. No 1 which with all other papers referred to he prays may be

taken as part of this his answer. That by the 20th item of said will the three children of Tabitha Townshend were devised each the sum of three hundred dollars and their guardian S.L. Townshend who sues in this case as their next friend or the next friend of ~~two~~ of them to wit: Mary Virginia Townshend and Singleton Townshend the remaining one of the three having died in the lifetime of the Testator, on the 28th day of January 1850, received from the said George Smith Executor as aforesaid the said sum of Nine hundred dollars in full discharge of said devise and executed to him a release for the same as will appear by reference to a certified office copy thereof herewith filed & marked D. J. No 2.

That by the 21st item of the said will the Complainant Maria Drane was bequeathed the sum of three hundred dollars and the said Maria Drane on the 12th day of May 1851 received from George Smith Executor as aforesaid the said sum of three hundred dollars in full discharge of the same and executed to him a release for the same as will appear by reference to a certified office copy therewith filed and marked D. J. No 3"

That by the 22d Item of said will the said testator devised to Ann Drane wife of Marine Drane the sum of three hundred dollars each, that the said Ann Drane of this item is the Complainant Priscilla Ann Teasel wife of the Complainant Teasel, whose name is "William W" and that the said William W. Teasel and Priscilla Ann Teasel his wife on the 12th day of May 1851 received from the said George Smith executor as aforesaid the said sum of three hundred dollars so devised and executed to the said George Smith a release for the same which will appear by reference to an office copy duly certified and herewith filed & marked "D. J. No 4." That Richard Fairall as guardian of the said Richard Drane (and who now sues by his next friend Marine Drane) received from the said George Smith Executor as aforesaid the said sum of three hundred dollars so bequeathed and executed to the said George Smith a release for the same which will appear by reference to an office copy duly certified and herewith filed and marked D. J. No 5.

That by the 17th item of said will the said John Hoye devised to Maria Armstrong his niece wife of Thomas H. Armstrong the sum of five hundred dollars That the said Thomas H. Armstrong and Maria his wife on the 12th day of September 1850 two days before they filed their bill in this case received from the said George Smith Executor as aforesaid the said sum of five hundred dollars so devised as aforesaid and executed a release to the said George Smith for the same, which will appear by reference to an office copy