the words "my son Wm. S. Groff & my daughter Mary Amanda Todd" on second page between the 21st & 22nd lines & the words "share & share alike & in addition my executor shall have his commissions" on said page between lines 22nd & 23rd first being interlined

Joseph Barlow
John E. Davis
Amos F. Meusselman

Baltimore County S.S.
On the 26th day of April 1863, came Amos F. Meusselman and made oath on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God that he does not know of any other Will or codicil of Abraham Groff, late of said County deceased, other than the above instrument of writing, and that he received the same from the deceased a few days before his deceased
Test. Jas. L. Ridgely, Register of Wills for Baltimore County.

Baltimore County S.S.
On this 26th day of April 1863, came Joseph Barlow and Amos F. Meusselman two of the subscribing witnesses to the aforegoing last Will and Testament of Abraham Groff late of said County deceased, and made oath on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator sign and seal this Will, that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehension of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding and that they together with John E. Davis subscribed their names as witnesses to this will, in his presence, at his request and in the presence of each other
Test Jas. L. Ridgely Register of Wills for Baltimore County

"Certificate of, true copy "taken from Wills Liber J. L. R. No 2 folio 188 &c" dated the 26th day of Oct. 1863 & signed, "Samd F. Butler Register of Wills for Baltimore County," with seal annexed

Exhibit F. B. G. No 5

The State of Maryland Baltimore County &c.
The Subscriber, Register of Wills for Baltimore County, doth hereby certify, that it appears by the Records in his office, that Letters of administration of all the goods, chattels and credits of Abraham Groff deceased, was on the twenty sixth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two, granted, and committed unto Francis B. Groff, the Executor by the last Will and Testament of the said deceased appointed
In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name this 26th day of November 1863 & signed "Samd F. Butler Register of Wills for Baltimore County" with seal annexed.

Same day, Order of publication against non resident defts. fd.
And afterwards to wit, on the fourth day of September 1863, the complainants by A. F. Meusselman their Solicitor filed in Court here the following Petition, to wit,

Francis B. Groff, Executor of Abm. Groff, deceased, Wm. S. Groff and Mary A. Todd vs Edwin Pelzer	In Circuit Court of Baltimore County. In Equity To the Hon. John H. Price Judge of the Circuit Court of Baltimore County,

Your petitioners, the complainants in the above cause respectfully represent, that heretofore on or about the 21st February 1863, they filed their Bill of complaint against Edwin Pelzer defendant, a non resident of Maryland, and gave notice of the substance & object of the bill, under oath passed on the 21st day of February 1863, by publishing the same in the Baltimore County American a weekly newspaper published in Towsontown, Baltimore County, once in each of every four successive weeks three months before the first day of July last, the day fixed by said order for the appearance and answer of said defendant, all of which will more fully appear by a certificate of the Editor of said newspaper, & copy of said notice as printed in said paper, marked "Exhibit E. A." filed herewith, and prayed to be taken as part of this petition.

But your petitioners state further that said defendant did not appear and answer said Bill of complaint on the first day of July last A. D. 1863, nor has he yet appeared and answered the same or shown cause why the relief prayed should not be granted & therefore your petitioners pray that an order may be passed directing a Commission to issue, to take testimony ex parte in this cause and they will ever pray &c.
A. F. Meusselman Solr for Complts.

Same day, Exhibit E. A. filed, Certificate of publication
Thereupon the Court passed the following order, to wit,

Francis B. Groff & others vs. Edwin Pelzer	In the Circuit Court of Baltimore County In Equity

The order of publication heretofore passed in this cause having been duly published and the defendant having failed to appear and answer. It is thereupon this 4th day of September by John H. Price Judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County sitting in Equity, and by the authority of this Court adjudged ordered and decreed that the said bill of complaint be and the same is hereby taken pro confesso, against the said defendant, and a commission is hereby directed to be issued to standing commissioners of this Court to take testimony for the purpose of informing this Court what relief the said Complainant