and that although the question of his testamentary capacity, or the validity of any one of the said codicils was not made, yet the fact that it does not seem to have been suggested, even is of itself proof that it was never doubted by those who were the best qualified to judge.

And these respondents say that the conveyance aforesaid, by the said Hester Ann Chase to the said Thomas and William L. Winans, executed, acknowledged and recorded according to law, was notice to the said complainants and all parties interested in the questions now involved, and that beside the constructive notice thus afforded, the said complainant had actual notice that the tract of land here referred to, had been conveyed to the said Messrs Winans, and that the failure of the said complainants to give notice to the purchasers or to any claiming under them, of the pretentions now set up was laches on their part to the wrong and prejudice of the said purchasers, who, on that event, and prior to the death of the said Hester Ann Chase, might have instituted proceedings against her, to recover the purchase money, had they been satisfied, and been able to prove that the title which they had purchased was a defective one, owing to the incompetency of the said Jeremiah Townley Chase, to execute the will and codicils aforesaid.

And these respondents submitting that they have fully answered every matter and thing in the said bill of complaint averred and charged, pray to be hence discharged with their reasonable costs in this behalf unjustly sustained.

John H. B. Latrobe
for Respondents.

State of Maryland,
City of Baltimore, to wit:

I hereby certify, that on this 4th day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for the City of Baltimore aforesaid, personally appeared Ferdinand C. Latrobe, one of the parties named as defendants in the above bill of complaint, and made oath according to law, that the matters and things therein stated are just and true as far as he has personal knowledge thereof, and that so far as they are stated on information derived from others, he believes them to be true.

Jno. T. Maddox J. P.

Answer of Matilda Chase, et al.
(Filed 15th December, 1880.)

William Hallon Chase, et al. vs Ross R. Winans, et al.	In the Circuit Court of Baltimore City.

The joint and several answers of Matilda Chase and of Hester Ann Ridout, and Samuel Ridout, her husband, to the bill of complaint of William Hallon Chase and others against these respondents and others in this Honorable Court exhibited:

These respondents reserving all exceptions to the said bill, to which they are entitled, say that they rely upon and adopt and pray leave to make part of this their answer, the answer of their co-respondents Ross R. Winans, William L. Winans, Elizabeth K. Winans, Walter Scott Winans, DeWitt Clinton Winans, Calest M. Winans and Ferdinand C. Latrobe, to the same effect as if your respondents had set forth the said last mentioned answer at length herein.

And these respondents further answering, say that by