To the Honorable, the Judges of said Court:

The separate answer of Edwin Walters, one of the defendants to the bill of complaint filed in this cause.

He admits the execution of Complainants' Exhibit No. 2. mentioned in the 8th paragraph of the bill, but he knows nothing of Complainants Exhibit No. 3, set out in the 8th paragraph thereof, and says that if such paper was executed, the operation and effect of, is subject and must be postponed to his rights under, the mortgage to him hereinafter mentioned.

He admits that on or about the 6th day of November, 1885. Sarah W. Hodges Thomas Harris Hodges, her husband, Alice Hodges, Elizabeth A. B. Hodges, Sarah W. J. Fitzgerald, Edwin Fitzgerald, her husband, and Edwin Fitzgerald, trustee, executed and delivered to him a mortgage of certain property therein described, which has been duly recorded among the Land Records of Baltimore city, and the Mortgage Records of Baltimore county, and he believes Complainants Exhibit No. 4, mentioned in the 10th paragraph of the bill, to be a copy thereof, but he denies any want of authority on the part of the said mortgagors, or either of them, to execute the same; but on the contrary thereof he says, that he is a mortgagee for value and has a prior lien on the property thereby conveyed and therein mentioned, and further answering, he denies the authority of this Honorable Court to order any disposition of the interest thereby covered, or any part thereof, either by mortgage, sale or otherwise, except and unless the same be subject to the payment of the amount due to him under his said mortgage.

Further answering he says, that the property situate on the southwest corner of St. Paul street and Fayette street, in the

city of Baltimore, and mentioned in the 6th paragraph of the bill, has been sold, and out of the purchase money the sum of $1,250 was paid on account of said mortgage.

All allegations in said bill consistent with this answer, he admits to be true; as to all other matters contained in said bill, he puts complainants to full proof thereof.

Having thus fully answered, he prays to be hence dismissed with costs.

T. M. Lanahan,
Atty. for Deft.

Petition.

(Filed April 22d 1886.)

In the case of Sarah W. Hodges, et al. versus Edwin Fitzgerald, et al.	In the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, In Equity.

To the Honorable, the Judges of said Court:

The petition of Cassius Burkham and Ferdinand Burkham, of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, infants, under the age of twenty-one years, by Cassius C. Burkham, their father and next friend, respectfully shows:

1. That they are children of said Cassius C. Burkham and Anna or Adrienne Ridgely Hodges his wife.

2. That their said mother was formerly the wife of a certain Alfred L. Price, and was by a decree of the Circuit Court of Baltimore city, dated September the 13th, 1869, in a cause therein depending, divorced a vinculo matrimonii from said Price.

3. That said mother was married to their father, Cassius C. Burkham aforesaid, in the city of Chicago, State of Illinois, on the 16th day of July, 1883, by the Rev. Lewis Curtis, of the Grant Place Methodist Episcopal Church,