Hendry is deceased and therefore incompetent.)

Ans. My name is John T. Williams; I reside at Ijamsville, Frederick county, Maryland, and am one of the complainants.

2d int. Are you acquainted with the handwriting of Eleanor Hendry; if yes, look at the paper now shown you, marked "Exhibit W.J.R.;" in whose handwriting is the same, and is the signature "Eleanor Hendry", attached to said paper, in the proper handwriting of said Eleanor Hendry?

Ans. Yes, sir; I look at "Exhibit W.J.R.," now here shown me; the signature attached thereto is in the proper handwriting of Mrs. Hendry.

3d int. In whose possession has this letter of Eleanor Hendry been; state all your knowledge herein?

Ans. Well, Mr. Ross had it in his possession for about two years: I was in his office one day, and he gave it to me and told me to take care of it, it might be of great importance some day; since that time I've had it in my possession.

4th int. When did you see the letter of Mrs. Hendry?

Ans. I think it was in 1868, when Mr. Ross sent for me and my wife to come up, and he showed me the letter when I came up.

5th int. Was the compromise of the case between the legatees of Jane Burgee, made in consequence of this letter?

Ans. Yes, sir.

To cross-interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the defendant, and herewith returned, the said John T. Williams deposes and says:

To the 1st c. int. You say the compromise of the case between the legatees of Jane Burgee, was made in consequence of this letter; do you mean by this that the letter in question was the basis of the compromise of said case?

Ans. I do.

2d c. int. Was that letter the only basis of the compromise?

Ans. It was.

3d c. int. In that compromise, did Mrs. Williams surrender to the other grandchildren of Jane Burgee, any of the land held by her. Mrs. Williams, under conveyance made to her by Mrs. Jane Burgee?

Ans. She did not.

4th c int. Look at "Exhibit No. 4," to bill of complaint, and say whether that is the agreement or a copy of the compromise entered into, in the case between the legatees and devisees of Jane Burgee?

Ans. I look at "Exhibit No. 4," to bill of complaint now here shown me; it is, I think.

5th c. int. Was there ever any other written agreement in that case?

Ans. Not that I know of; not that I remember; I think not.

Whereupon, there being no other witnesses present to be examined, and further time being required for the production of evidences, the said commission was, by consent, adjourned to the — day of —, A.D. 1882; at which time, and at the place aforesaid, — —.

I hereby certify, that the aforegoing is a true statement of the evidence in No. 4661 Equity, in the Circuit Court for Frederick county, taken before me, and written down by me, as given by the several witnesses sworn and examined upon the part of the complainants.

Witness my hand and seal on this 28th day of March. A.D. 1882.

William B. Nelson, (Seal)
Commissioner.

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