Stone relative to those claims.

Question. Do you recollect to have asked Mr. Stone, what amount of funds would be coming to you from all sources by which you might be enabled to pay your debts?

Answer. Deponent asked Mr. Stone sometime last summer what part of the proceeds of her own property would be coming to her for the purpose of paying off and discharging Mrs. Fenwicks claim against her.

Question. Did you tell Mr. Stone that you wanted your own private funds to pay Mrs. Fenwicks claim?

Answer. She did, the principal amount was about three hundred dollars, the interest she does not recollect, she does not recollect the amount which her property sold for, she thinks Mr. Stone did make a statement in his office, but does not recollect that statement embraced her own funds only, or her and her infants - the aggregate amount was about 400$: The Deponent recollects that Mr. Stone mentioned a claim due from her to Edelen and Thompson; but does not recollect the amount, the principal she thinks was 100$, the amount of interest she is not informed of.

Question. Did not you, not inform Mr. Stone that it was of great importance to you and your child that the land of Hoskins Smoots should be saved?

Answer. It is of great importance that the land should be saved, but she does not know that she communicated it to Mr. Stone.

Question. Do you know the amount of the liabilities on your late brother William Hoskins Smoots land?

Answer. That she heard that the original sum was one thousand dollars but does not know how much has been paid: She directed Mr. Stone to give up Col. Cox's note of one hundred dollars and add for articles purchased at the sale of Henry S Hawkins estate, and to reimburse the estate from her own private funds which might come into his hands and this is the same one hundred dollars of which she spoke in a previous part of her conversation.

Question. Do you know how a negro man spoken of as the property of her infant child was held?

Answer. That Mr. John W Smoot held him.

Question. How did Mr. John W Smoot hold him?

Answer - Mr. John W Smoot said he purchased him for the use of her brother, and at his death the negro was in the possession of John W Smoot, and after the death of her brother she called on John W Smoot, who refused to deliver up the negro until certain claims of his against her brother should be paid. Mr. Stone said he would, and did settle those claims, and at that time Mr. Stone had no funds of hers in his hands.

Question. What amount was paid by Mr. Stone to redeem the negroes?

Answer. Mr. Stone paid upwards of 100$: the amount not known, the deponent approved of the arrangement.

Question. Have you not in your possession an off set against the claim of George W Smoot adm. of Wilson Smoot an open account and to what amount?

Answer. She has an open account deponent thinks to the amount of about 14 or 15$.

Question. Do you or do you not know that Miss Nancy Hawkins has a claim against your deceased husbands estate?

Answer. Miss Nancy Hawkins herself has told me to day that she has none.

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Question. Did you not ask said Stone to try and save part of the land?

Answer. She does not recollect.

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Gustavus Brown a witness produced on the part of the purchasers being duly sworn in open Court deposeth and saith.

Question. Were you present at the sale of these lands?

Answer. He was.

Question. Did you hear any observation made by Mr. Stone at that sale?

Answer. Mr. Stone did state and addressed himself to Col. Cox while the bidding was going on with great emphasis that it was an actual sale and invite him said Cox and others interested to bid - that said Cox was as near said Stone as Deponent. Deponent believes said Cox must have heard him.

Question. Do you know the lands, late the estate of Henry S Hawkins?

Answer. He knows Saturdays work, purchased from Marshalls heirs, well. Deponent does not think it worth more than 5$ per acre.

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Francis R Wills, a witness produced on the part of the purchasers being duly sworn, in open Court deposeth and saith.

Question. Were you present at the sale of these lands?

Answer. He was.

Question. What observations did you hear William B Stone make at said sale?

Answer. William B Stone stated aloud and before the sale commenced and when it was going on, it was an actual sale, and invited the persons present to bid. Said Stone stated that for the accommodation of the purchaser and that the land might sell for a fair price; part of the purchase money only, would be required at Christmas, the residue at March Court thereafter, that Cox was near to said Stone as deponent when he said Stone made the statement, that if any person would go into the Clerks office they might there inform themselves, that he Stone had control of the executions.

Question by objectors. Did you recollect when the bidding was going on, that John B Wills remarked there were two widows dowers in the land?

Answer. He does not think said John B Wills did make such remarks. His impression is that said John B Wills stated there were two widows interests in the land soon after William B Stones bid of 1000$ for the land and before John A Matthews bid of two thousand dollars he thinks but is not certain.

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John S Hawkins a witness produced on the part of the objectors, being duly sworn in open Court deposeth and saith. That he knows the lands mentioned in the venditioni exponas well, that Henry S Hawkins the former owner thereof was his brother, and that they were raised on the lands, that he knows the tract of land called Hawkins Smiths Ford, which he supposes to be about 12½ pr. acre, that he knows the tract of land called "Smoots venture" which he supposes to be worth 12½ pr. acre; that he believes all the lands devised to his brother Henry S Hawkins by his father Smith

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