know what they were conversing about

Question by Objectors — Was the remark by said Wills that there were two widows dowers in the land made to you or to the company generally

Answer — He thought the remark was made to the company generally —

Test John Barnes Clk of
Jany 25 1833 Charles County Court

Miss Ann A Hawkins a witness produced on the part of the objectors being duly sworn in open Court deposeth and saith —

Question — Have you or have you not a claim against the Estate of your deceased Brother Henry S Hawkins —

Answer. She has a Judgment obtained about the year 1807 an award, she has been informed the award is null and void she holds the award for the benefit of the Infant Child that she gave the award to Mr Orme to present to William B Stone —

Question by the Purchasers — Have you or have you not a life Estate in the dwelling house situate on the lands sold —

Answer — She thinks she has, but has been informed she has no right Deponent claims a right under her Fathers will & insists on it —

Test John Barnes Clk of
Jany 29 1833 — Charles County Court

Thomas Perry a Witness produced on the part of the objectors being duly sworn deposeth and saith that the Fieri Facias under which the lands mentioned in the Venditioni Exponas issued in this cause came into his hands as Sheriff of Charles County, that the said Deponent made the levy at the residence of Hugh Cox, in the dwelling of said Cox, That said dwelling is in sight of part of the lands taken that John B Wills Robert Guest Charles Cox and John D Hanson the appraisers summoned and sworn by him informed this Deponent they were well acquainted with the lands and that it was unnecessary to go thereon & that he this Deponent did not enter on said lands with a view to make the levy, that a part of said lands adjoins the dwelling plantation of said Cox, but what part he does not know. that the names of the lands levied on were furnished him by John Matheus, that the appraisers reside contiguous thereto and in the neighbourhood where the lands lie; that the said lands were appraised 8700$ that subsequent to the levy and appraisment, he did go on said lands to advertise the same for Sale; but believes it was the second advertisement giving notice of the sale; that he does not know who set up the first and third advertisements; that all the lands taken by him on the said Fieri Facias, were sold in a body for the purpose of satisfying the same, that he had instructions to take all the lands, but does not recollect that he had instructions to offer them for sale in a body by the Plaintiffs or any other person having the agency of the claims, That half a dozen or a dozen persons attended the sale, six of whom Hugh Cox John B Wills William Thompson William Lloyd John A Matheus and William B Stone as well as this Deponent recollects, bid for the lands; the sale was made at the sale was made at the Court House door of Charles County Court, five or six miles distant from the lands sold, about 3 o Clock in the afternoon; that the land was advertised at the Court House door of the County, and several other public places in the vicinity upwards of twenty days before the sale and that at that time there was no News Paper Edited in Charles County; that

the reason of this Deponent for offering the lands for in a body was, he had been informed, the lands were greatly incumbered, that they sold higher than this Deponent expected for he apprehended they would not sell for a sufficiency to satisfy the Venditiones, That the Purchaser of the land have not yet paid or tendered the purchase money, but he supposed the same to be ready to be paid when called for, that when the Deponent exposed the land for sale, he described the land and number of acres as recited in the Venditioni Exponas —

Question — Did or did not Mr William B Stone, while the bidding was going on, address himself to Col Cox and say that the sale was a bona fide sale and invite them to go on —

Answer — He thinks Mr Stone did make the declaration, but does not know that Col Cox heard it —

Question — Did you or did you not when you offered the lands for sale, state the sale was to be for cash agreably to advertisement —

Answer. He did — When said Stone stated money sufficient to pay of these executions would be required about Christmas, The balance at a more remote period, That it was his impression said Stone was acting as the agent of Mrs Hawkins and endeavouring to obtain the best price he could for the land —

Question From what circumstance did you infer that said Stone was acting as the agent of Mrs Hawkins —

Answer He had frequently understood previously that said Stone was the agent of Mrs Hawkins and his making arrangements to settle these claims he presumed he was Mrs Hawkins agent —

Question Did you not enter upon the premises for the purpose of setting up the advertisement, giving notice of the sale of the lands

Answer He did, and set up an advertisement at the gate about a quarter of a mile from the Old house, giving the second notice of the sale

Test John Barnes Clk of
Charles County Court
Jany 26th 1833

Hugh Cox a witness produced on the part of the objectors being duly sworn in open Court deposeth and saith that he has frequently been on the lands mentioned in the Venditioni Exponas, and is well acquainted with their value, that he considers the value of the lands sold to be about 12000$ that the lands are reputed to contain from 1000 to 1200 acres that he considers the tract of land called Hog Range to about 12$ per acre That he considers Saturdays Work to be worth 10$ per acre. That he has understood Saturdays Work contains about one hundred and five acres that Saturdays Work does not adjoin the other lands levied on, that he has always understood that the dwelling house is on the main body of the land, Which he supposes to be worth about ten or twelve dollars per acre; the whole Estate lies contiguous except Hog Range & Saturdays Work which are detatched, Saturdays Work is disconnected from the main body of the land about half a mile and was tenanted out at the time of the levy by the Sheriff and there is an intervening tract of land owned by another person; that he does not know the lines of the different tracts, and does not know certainly that Hog Range is disconnected from the main body of the lands, that this Deponent and William B Stone agent for Letitia A Hawkins admx of Henry S Hawkins were in conversation