Pettit? State it fully; if you cannot state it exactly, give it as near as you can.

Answer. He spoke of the property that was for sale by the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company, that he thought it would be a good investment for me to enter into. That was the substance, but I cannot give it more particularly.

Twenteenth cross interrogatory. Did he state its value, the price at which it might be had, the inducements which made it a desirable purchase? State what he said?

Answer. I think he did, either then or subsequently, he said that the price of the purchase was 40,000 dollars that is to say 1000 in cash, three notes, each for 9,000 dollars and the assumption of the payment of 112 bonds of the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company, of 1000 each.

Seventeenth cross-interrogatory. At the time Pettit made these statements to you, had you seen Judge Sherman upon the subject? How long after did you see him?

Answer. I had not seen him; I saw him in a few days afterwards; I do not remember the exact time.

Twenty-first cross-interrogatory. Did not Pettit introduce you to him?

Answer. Perhaps he did, but I cannot say positively.

Twenty-second cross-interrogatory. Did Pettit, at the time proposed to, take an interest in these lands, either under your name or otherwise?

Answer. He did not.

Twenty-third cross-interrogatory. What is your age and occupation and where do you reside?

Answer. I am twenty-four years of age; my occupation is that of book-keeper, at the Union Straw Works in New York, in which city I reside.

Twenty-fourth cross-interrogatory. What salary do you receive as book-keeper, and how long have you received it?

Answer. 1,500 dollars a year since I have been with the Union Straw Company, which is since December, 1858.

Twenty-fifth cross-interrogatory. Where were you employed previously, and at what salary?

Answer. I was at the same place, with W. S. Anderson and Co., at 1,000 dollars a year.

Twenty-sixth cross-interrogatory. How long did you live with them?

Answer. I lived with them one year.

Twenty-seventh cross-interrogatory. Where did you live previously to living with Anderson & Co., and at what salary?

Answer. At No 63 Broadway, New York, with W. Carpenter Jr & Co. at 1200 dollars the last year, and at the same time I boarded with Mr. Carpenter without charge.

Twenty-eighth cross-interrogatory. What was Pettit to the Union Straw Company?

Answer. The President, sir.

Twenty-ninth cross-interrogatory. What are your means apart from your salary?

Answer. I have the control of about 15,000 dollars.

Thirtieth cross-interrogatory. Whose money is the 15,000 which you say you control?

Answer. My brother's who lives in California.

Thirty-first cross-interrogatory. Was the 1,000 dollars paid by you in cash on your purchase of lands, your own money or your brother's?



Answer. It was my own.

Thirty second cross-interrogatory. Had you ever been in Allegany County, Maryland, previous to your purchase of these lands, or have you been there since? Or were you acquainted with the coal trade of Allegany County, or were you ever in any coal trade before?

Answer. I have never been there, and I am not acquainted with the coal trade of that County, and have never been in any coal trade before.

Thirty-third cross-interrogatory. How much money have you paid on your purchase of lands from the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company?

Answer. About 10,500 dollars.

Thirty-fourth cross-interrogatory. From whence was it derived? State the various sources from whence you derived it.

Answer. About one half of it I borrowed from Mr. Pettit the balance I obtained from various sources. I cannot state them exactly, but I obtained it chiefly from my own and my brother's.

Thirty-fifth cross-interrogatory. How often did you see Judge Sherman after the suggestion of Pettit that you should buy the lands, and before the contract was concluded?

To the said thirty-fifth cross-interrogatory, he answers. I do not remember that I saw him until we came together to execute the papers.

Thirty-sixth cross-interrogatory. With whom, then, was the negotiation carried on?

Answer. I made up my mind to go into it, and carried on my negociations with the Company. My negociation were with Andrew Mehaffey.

Thirty-seventh cross-interrogatory. Had you nothing to do with Sherman in relation to it?

Answer. Nothing.

Thirty-eighth cross-interrogatory. With whom was it negociated that Sherman was to be a co-owner with you?

Answer. I so understood from Mr. Pettit.

Thirty-ninth cross-interrogatory. When was the papers executed, and — was present?

Answer. I think they were executed at the office of the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company. Mr. Sherman, Mr. Mehaffey, and myself were present. I do not remember whether any others were present or not.

Fortieth cross-interrogatory. What profit were you led to suppose you would derive from the purchase? Was it in the form of a profit from the sale of the land, or from working it?

Answer. There was no amount stated. It was expected profit from working the mines.

Forty-first cross-interrogatory. Who was to supply the capital for working it?

Answer. Allen M. Sherman.

Forty-second cross-interrogatory. What induced you to think it would not be profitable, and led you to sell it?

Answer. One reason for selling was that Mr. Pettit would like a return of the money which I had borrowed from him. I had also not much time to devote to it, and concluded to get out of it.