paid and how long did you so work there?

Answer. I commenced to work there in April 1857, at excavation for foundation of engine. I was paid one dollar a day. I suppose I worked there between four and six months. I worked on the machinery and on the masonry.

William P. Clark, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of Complainant, being by me duly sworn and examined to interrogatories to him propounded, deposed and said.

1st Interrogatory. Did you do any work at the Hoffman mines, for which you were paid by the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company? If so – when – what was it – at what rate were you paid and how long did you so work there?

Answer. In 1857. I worked at the stationary engine, at laboring work. I was paid a dollar a day. I worked there five or six months off and on, at that kind of work. I worked as a helper at pulling up the engine.

John Henderson, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of Complainant, being by me duly sworn and examined to interrogatories to him propounded deposed and said.

1st Interrogatory. Did you do any work at the Hoffman mine, for which you were paid by the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company? If so, when – what was it – at what rate were you paid and how long did you so work there?

Answer. I commenced to work there in April 1857 at laboring work. I did some work in the Slope, taking some rock out from there, that the miners were blowing. I was paid a dollar per day. I worked there three or four months to the best of my knowledge.

John Rusk, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of Complainant, being by me duly sworn and examined to interrogatories to him propounded, deposed and said.

1st Interrogatory. Did you do any work at the Hoffman mine for which you were paid by the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company? If so when, – what was it – at what rate were you paid – and how long did you so work there?

Answer. I did work there in 1856 framing and making timbers for the Slope at the Hoffman. I was paid a dollar and three levies a day. I worked there about three months.

Thomas Corcoran, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of Complainant, being by me duly sworn and examined to interrogatories to him propounded, deposed and said.

1st Interrogatory. What is your occupation and how long have you been engaged in it?

Answer. My occupation is loading coal at the Aston wharf – and seeing that it come out in good order from the mines. I have been

engaged as such about two years.

2nd Interrogatory. What was your previous occupation and how long have you been employed by the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company?

Answer. My occupation previous to going to Aston, was undermining Eckhart Cottage, and putting a forced stain underit. I also dug ditches around the cottage for drainage purposes. I worked at the making of the Aston Road. Before that I worked at Aston Mine, laying track and switches, cutting up timbers. Before that I worked in the Eckhart Mine at the same business. Previous to that I dug coal in the Eckhart Slope. Before that I dug coal at the Washington Mines. Before that I was a driver in the mine. Before that I loaded coal at the Washington Wharf – the mine wharf of Complainant and several other little things too tedious to mention.

3rd Interrogatory. What mines in this coal region have you worked in as a coal miner? Please designate them particularly.

Answer. New Washington – Eckhart and Slope mine those three of Complainant. Hampshire mines, these are all the different mines I worked in, up there, as miner.

4th Interrogatory. Do you know that any property belonging to the Complainant was taken for the mines and is now used at the Hoffman mines? If any, please state the same particularly.

Answer. Well to my knowledge of any property used at Hoffman mine belonging to the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company, was about a dozen set of latches and about five hundred feet of flat bar iron for railway track.

5th Interrogatory. Is there any bell on the Hoffman Pump House? And if so, do you know where the same came from and what it belonged to before it was taken there?

There is a bell on the Hoffman Pump house. It was taken from the Washington pay office and I always understood it belonged to the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company.

6th Interrogatory. Was the Washington pay office the property of the Complainant when said bell was so taken from it?

Answer. The Washington Pay office belonged to the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company.

7th Interrogatory. Do you know the location and direction of the Hoffman Slope? And do you know the property claimed by the parties who have been working the Hoffman mines?

Answer. I do know the location and direction of the Slope. The location is about two miles east of Frostburg. I know the property which is commonly called the Hoffman property.

8th Interrogatory. Do you know how the Hoffman mines in said property are now drained? And if so state how?

Answer. The Hoffman mine is drained out of its own mouth. The Hoffman Slope is drained through Eckhart mine of Complainant.

9th Interrogatory. Is the coal of the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company accessible by and through the Eckhart mine, worked out? And if not, how much, or what kind of coal still remains which