it, to whom and for what price.

Answer It is about a mile and a half from Parkton East adjoining Daniel Slaters, I sold it in the year 1854 to Thomas Wilson for twenty dollars and Twenty five cents per acre.

Question; had it any improvements if so; what

Answer. It had a right good Barn on it, a tolerable good dwelling and other little out houses.

William Scharf, a witness of lawful age produced sworn and examined on the part and behalf of the Defendants; deposes and says.

I reside in Baltimore City, I am a real Estate Broker and have been engaged in this business nearly seven years.

Question; what has been the condition of the market as to Baltimore County farming Lands and other real estate during the past year.

Answer. I find in my business since last October Farms have been very much in demand I have sold some four or five since October I think at fair prices,

Question; please mention some of the Baltimore County Farms or tracts of Land so sold by you and the prices

Answer I sold a farm about 13 miles on the Old Liberty Road belonging to Chauncey Brooks some 95 Acres I think a good stone House upon it, a good Barn some of the stock amounting to $200 or $300 was included. for $8,000 I sold one about 2 months ago I think north of the Philadelphia Road about a mile and about 11½ miles from the City belonging to Williams Henby, it had a good frame House upon it and a good orchard, 141 Acres 70 Acres cleared, the ballance in timber for 7000 dollars a pretty good price a fair price and so considered throughout the neighborhood, I bartered a Farm on Palapsco neck for a fair price, this farm had been sold three or four times within the last seven or eight years and the average price had been about $7000.

Traded it even trade for a brown stone front House on Franklin Square opposite the Park Mr. Wm Geo Read with whom I made the trade said the House cost between Ten and Eleven thousand dollars in building, it has a ground rent of $300 per annum it is a very fine House I have also sold a very fine property on Charles Street Avenue 38 Acres with a very fine House, the property belonged to William B. Duvall for $30,000.

Question. What is the market for Baltimore City property and how does it compare with that for County property especially farming Lands.

Answer the demand is much better for County Property and Farms than for City property

Question; How much better

Answer; the demand is greater, I have sold since last

October twice of County property to that of City property a great many persons are desirous of exchanging City property for Country property, County people are not disposed to give lands and property for City property I find it so in my experience

Cross Examined for Complainants

Question, Did you sell any Land in Baltimore County from May till November in the year 1861

Answer; the only price I have any knowledge of is a tract of 16 acres on Charles Street Avenue opposite Broadbents Place, as a Building site, no improvements on it, to Mr. Edmonson for $5000 cash. I think this was in October or November

Question; For whom did you sell it

Answer. Frederick Schumacher bought it

Question; what were the terms of sale, and was there any part of the payments to be in trade or exchange for other property of the farm you sold on the Liberty Road

Answer. Each sale about one half City six per cent stock at par and the ballance cash

Question; when did you first get the agency or instructions to sell said Farm

Answer I must have had it six or eight months may be more before I sold it

Question; what was the price demanded when first placed in your hands for sale.

Answer. I think he asked $9000 for it

Question; who purchased it and when

Answer. Joseph Mathews of the firm of Slothower and Mathews Geo; at least his wife purchased it; it being in her name it was purchased since October I think

Question; At what time did you first get the Henby Farm for sale before you sold it

Answer. A year and very likely two years previously

Question, what did Henby ask an acre for it the farm when he first offered it for sale

Answer, he wanted $60. an acre for it

Question In what were the payments made

Answer In money one third cash and the ballance in one and two years

Question, Did you sell any other farm in the County from April to November 1861 than those you have mentioned

Answer No sir except a Country seat at Lutherville of 26 Acres.

Question, Whose property, at what price and to whom sold, Please state.

Answer. It belonged to the estate of Wm P. Ponder, was sold to James G. Magraw of Baltimore for $10,000 cash