Baltimore County about 33 miles from the City on the Northern Central Railway on a farm adjoining the Withers Property. Question. Do you know the Withers Property and if you state from your knowledge of the Property, what you think of the prices brought at the sale made by Mr. Stemmead, the Trustee in October 1861. Answer. I know the Withers Property and know a portion of it very well, which is the portion that adjoins me and a portion lying along the Rail Road near Walkers switch. The prices brought at the sale were higher than I thought they would reach, and that was the general impression of all in the neighborhood with whom I conversed on the subject. Question. Were you present on the day of sale and if so state what was the character of the Company present? Answer. I was present at the sale, I think the Company was as large and respectable as usually attended such sales. Question. Did you go there with an idea of buying any of the Property. Answer. I did. Question Did you or not buy any? Answer. I did not. Question Why. Answer. Because it sold for ___ than I thought it was worth. Cross Examined for Complainants Question. Where about does your farm adjoin the Withers property. Answer. At the Bee Tree Track. Question How many acres do you farm? Answer. There are about 100 in the acres in the tract but not more than 15 or 20 acres under cultivation. Question. When did you purchase your land? Answer A portion of it in the fall of 1858 or the Spring of 1859, and another portion in the summer of 1860. Question. From whom did you purchase Answer. The first portion from Peter B. Hoffman and the last portion from Joseph Walker. Question What did you pay an acre for that purchased from Walker and what were the terms of payment? Answer. I considered the purchase from Hoffman to be about $7 50/100 an acre. It was a trade for stock that was selling from 45 to 50¢ in the dollar. The purchase from Walker was one hundred and fifty dollars cash for the lot of from 18 to 20 acres which is not far from $7 50/100. The first lot was appraised by two persons under oath, one of them, Mr. Clement Bussey who lives adjoining to the place, on the first of October or November, 1859 after there had been expended some $200 in improving the place, at $5 per acre which I consider the full value of the land in the state that it was, and also of the adjoining land which I bought of Mr. Walker and of that portion of the Withers property which lies on the Bee Tree. The reason why I gave $7 50/100 for the Walkers tract cash was because it lay so close to the house on the Hoffman tract as to annoy the family living there in case it was improved by the erection of a tenant house and which Mr. Walker intended to do. I desire to add that this place belongs to my wife and is used as a summer residence which is the object of the place

Question. Was it improved when you got it? Answer. It was improved by an old log house and an orchard, an Apple Orchard. But it had not been farmed for about twelve years. Question. How were the fences? Answer. The fences were nearly all gone. There were some left. Question. Who valued the property with Clement Bussey. Answer. A man by the name of Davis and I do not know his first name or place of residence. Question. Is Bussey supposed to be a good judge of property in that neighborhood. Answer. I cant say. I never heard him spoken of in that connection. Question. How many acres of the Withers farm lies on the Bee tree run? Answer. I think about 160 acres in the tract, but it does not all lay on the Bee tree. Question. Taking it all together what do you estimate it to be worth per acre? Answer. I dont think it can be sold for seven dollars an acre. Question. Are you speaking now of the present time or the price in ordinary times? Answer. I am speaking now of the present times, I dont believe it could have been sold at any time previous to any residence there for four dollars an acre. Question. Do you know any other portion of the Withers property? Answer. I know the portion in the neighborhood of Walkers switch. Question. What do you consider that worth per acre. Answer. Fifteen dollars per acre. It's a different kind of land than where I am. I think it is better worth $20 than that where I am at $7 50/100 even. Question. What is your business. Answer. I am a mechanic. Boiler making is my leading business at the present time. Question. Where have you resided before you purchased that land? Answer I have resided in Baltimore City for nearly thirty years. Question. What is your age? Answer. Sixty six. Question How long have you resided in the country since you bought the farm. Answer. I dont consider it my residence. Question. How many months have you lived there since you bought it Answer. I go out sometimes every day sometimes twice a week and sometimes in the Winter season. I dont go there for a month perhaps more, I am there more or less every week through the summer season, I would say from april to September. Question What portion of the Withers property did you intend to purchase at that sale. Answer. The Bee Tree portion. Question With whom is the neighborhood of the property, did you converse about the prices it brought at the sale? Answer. Mr. Joseph Walker, Mr Joseph Maccubbin and another person who lives near Lot No 1. whose name I do not recollect

George R. Cennamend, a witness of lawful age produced