and says.

I know all the Complainants. I know Michael P. C. Wilkins and have seen Mr. Denmead and Mrs. Wilkins, but have no acquaintance with them. I reside in the 8th district of Baltimore Co. The Wilkins Estate is situated in the 7th District. I am a Farmer. Have been engaged in Farming from my childhood. I am forty six years old and never followed any other business. I have been farming all the time in the same neighborhood. I do not own a farm. I work on my father's farm. I have the control of it I live on his farm. My Fathers said farm is about 200 yards from the Wilkins Estate on the east side of it. I know the home farm as designated on the Plat as Lot No 8. I was born on it. There is timber on the home lot, the timber is chesnut and oak is of good quality such as is suited for a farm.

Question. What would you consider Lot No 8 worth per acre in 1860 or now if there had been no civil war!

Answer. I consider it worth $50 per acre now and it would be worth a great deal more before the war — seventy five dollars per acre.

Question. State what are the peculiar advantages of that Lot in reference to its soil its situation roads and waters?

Answer. The soil is excellent it is situated conveniently every way as to roads and waters.

Question: Do you know of any farm within five miles of the Wilkins Estate of 150 acres or upwards that is more desirable per acre than Lot No 8?

Answer. No sir, not of that number of acres.

Question. Do you know the land that is included within the limits of Lot No 7 on the Plat, and if so state the quality of the soil the character of the timber growing upon it whether light or heavy what portion is arable and what in woodland what is the character of the wood upon it what is the arable best adapted for producing and what the whole Lot is worth per acre?

Answer. I know it the soil is excellent and good the timber is part good timber and part thriving timber Oak and hickory part of it is tolerable heavy and part young growth. I should suppose that two thirds or upwards is in arable land and the balance is in woodland. The arable land is adapted for any kind of grain you choose to put on it. I should consider it worth somewhere in the neighborhood of $40 per acre.

Question. Do you know the land that is included within the limits of Lot No 6 and if so state the quality of the soil the character of the timber grown upon it whether light or heavy and about what portion is arable and what in woodland what is the character of the wood upon it. what is the arable land best adapted for producing and what the whole Lot is worth per acre?

Answer. I know it very well the soil is very good, the timber is very good. There is oak, chesnut and hickory such of the timber as is now standing is part heavy and part young growth. hardly two thirds is in arable land the balance in timber. The arable land will produce mostly any kind of grain that is put upon it. I should consider it worth from $35 to $40 per acre.

Question. Please answer the same question as applied to Lot No 5.

Answer. The soil is very good part of the timber is heavy and part young growth. I should suppose that a little more than one half is heavy timber. The young growth I should suppose is between seven and ten years old. I should not suppose there is more than ten or twelve acres of arable land on that lot and the balance in wood land the arable land will produce wheat and corn. It is worth $30 or $35 per acre.

Question. Please answer the same question as applied to Lot No 4

Answer. I know this lot, the soil is very good one part of the timber is heavy and one part light. two thirds of it is in young growth and the balance in good timber. I dont think there is more than eight acres of arable land the balance in woodland. It might to be worth $30 per acre any way.

Question. Please answer the same question as applied to Lot No 3

Answer. I know this Lot the soil is very good part of it is heavy in timber two thirds of it, the other is young growth, about 20 acres is in arable land. This is worth $45 per acre and is the best Lot on the whole farm excepting the Home Lot by reason of the improvements thereon

Question. Please answer the same question as applied Lots Nos 1 & 2 respectively. Answer. I know both of them the soil is very good on both of these Lots the timber is of young growth principally on both I cant give the proportion of arable and woodland. Putting the two lots together there is good water power in one and wood scratch on the other I should consider each lot worth $40 per acre.

Question. Do you know that lot that Mr. Miller bought from Mr. Denmead at the sale last October?

Answer. I know it very well. The timber on it at the time of the sale was tolerable good timber just medium chesnut and oak. There was wood on that Lot from which bark could be obtained I suppose a hundred cords Bark is worth $11 or $12 a cord. The whole expense per cord for peeling hauling and transporting to Baltimore would not be over $4 a cord. The wood as it stood was worth $20 per acre. Mr. Miller who purchased from Mr. Denmead sold the land from which he had cut the wood at $12 per acre. I know that portion of Lot No 8 that lies East of Stoney Branch. I am in sight