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Question. Do you know the Fowler Branch?
Answer. I do.
Question. What is the quality of the land adjoining the Fowler Branch on the East side of it?
Answer. It is a medium soil medium quality.
Question. How does it lay?
Answer. It lays north up to the ridge.
Question. How does that portion of the land east of the Fowler Branch which is included in the Home Lot No 8 on the plat lay?
Answer. That lays north a strip of North ground all the way up pretty much.
Question. What would you consider the Home Lot of 152 acres as laid down on the Plat A as Lot No 8 to be worth per acre?
Answer. Fifty five dollars.
Question. Is that your estimate of its worth at this present time?
Answer. It is.
Question. What would you estimate the cooper Lot. Lot No 7 to be worth per acre?
Answer. Twenty five dollars an acre.
Question. Do you know Lot No 6 purchased by Maccubbin and Lot No 9 purchased by Miller sufficiently well to form an estimate of the value of either of them?
Answer. I do not know them sufficiently well to say what they are worth.
Question. Do you know the ground included in Lots Nos 3 4 & 5 in the Plat A and if so state what you consider them respectively worth per acre?
Answer. I am not well enough acquainted with said Lots to say what they are worth.
Question. Do you know the ground included in Lots Nos 1 & 2 on the Plat and if so state what you consider them respectively worth per acre?
Answer. I cant form an estimate of their value.
Question. Do you know that part of the Withers Estate which is known as the Bee Tree Run Tract?
Answer. Not to form an idea of its worth.
Question. Has the existence of the present war affected the rate of land in that neighborhood and if so in what manner and to what extent?
Answer. It has affected it I think one third or nearly a third in its value.
Question. How has it affected it. by depressing or raising its value?
Answer. By depressing it.
Question. Was the estimate you have given of the value of Lots Nos 7 & 8 based upon the condition of things as they are now or on what they would be worth in the absence of the war?
Answer. They would be worth that as times are now.

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Question. How many acres of woodland are there in the Withers Estate?
Answer. I cant give you any idea of the woodland – the number of acres of it on the whole Estate.
Question. How many do you suppose there are.
Answer. I have no idea.
Question. How many acres of cleared land about how many?
Answer. I have no idea.
Question. How many acres of land are in the whole Withers Estate?
Answer. I think between 13 and 15 hundred acres.
Question. What do you estimate the annual value of crops on such an Estate as the Withers property to be?
Answer. That is very hard for me to say.
Question. Are you a Farmer.
Answer. I am.
Question. Can you state about how many acres of the Withers property are in grass?
Answer. I cannot say exactly but there must be a hundred acres or more including pasture and all.
Question. About how much hay does it yield to the acre?
Answer. The Lot No 8 yields an average of two tons the meadow ground I think.
Question. You are again asked to say how much hay does it yield to the acre?
Answer. About two tons I think the meadow ground of the home track.
Question. How many tons of Hay do you estimate as the yield of the whole property?
Answer. A great deal of it is pasture I cannot state how much it would yield.
Question. In case it were all mowed how much would it yield?
Answer. I dont know how much it would yield the up ground but I have mowed some of the lower ground and that averaged in the neighborhood of two tons to the acre.
Question. How much would the good woodland you spoke of in your examination in chief cut to the acre. How many cords?
Answer. Sixty cords on the piece I had reference to along the branch.
Question. About how many acres of woodland had been cut by Edwin Withers since he took the management of the place?
Answer. I am not able to say.
Question. Has there been much wood cut on the place since that time?