bought with that understanding.

13 question. Can you tell why it was, that the lease and deed was made to your father?

(Objected to)

Answer. I cannot.

14 question. Who lived there from 1852-58?

Answer. William Robinson.

(Objected to)

Answer. I was living on Washington st. between Gough and Hatt, in the latter part of January 1858, in a house rented from Mrs. Simpson; my mother and father came there one evening, and notified me to go and tell Mrs. Robinson to move out of the house in question, and take possession of it, and do the best with it I could; that they had given me the house; it belonged to me; I then notified Mrs. Robinson the next day - my wife or I did; Mrs. Robinson moved out in a week or so, and my wife and I moved in, and stayed there until 1863.

16 question. State the condition of the house when you went in it; what was done to it; and at who expense?

Answer. The house was in a very bad condition; I employed first three men, William Ketchum, a painter, Charles M. Tumbleson, a paper hanger, and Edward Carlett, a plasterer; Mr. Ketchum painted the house, Mr. Carlett plastered the Kitchen, and Mr. Tumbleson papered nearly every room in it; I had all the old paper taken off; I have been keeping it in repair ever since I have been in it; all this was done at my expense.

17 question. What has been done to the house since; by whom, and at whose expense?

Answer. I have been continually having it repaired, whenever I wanted anything done; at the time of the Riot in 1861, I had a new fence put up by Charles H. Monnonier; I paved the yard myself; since then I have had the house

papered; I do not know how many times; the bills will show; I tore - the summer-Kitchen in 1871, extended the dining room six feet, built a room back of that, 15 or 16 feet, and two stories - a bath house outside of that; previous to that, I built a stable - a frame stable; I had the water introduced from Wolf street; put the gas-fixtures in it - two different chandeliers in the parlor; the stable I built, has a pit built of bricks and cement, and a loft over it, and a very good stall in it; all this was done at my expense; I also altered the dining room floor, and made the ceiling higher.

18 question. You have stated, that all those improvements and repairs were done by you, and paid for by you; did you keep bills or memoranda of those expenses?

Answer. My wife has saved a good many of the bills, and I have some memoranda; a great many have been destroyed, and some things I paid for, I got no bill for.

19 question. Will you file with the Commissioner, the bills you speak of?

Answer. Yes, Sir; bills filed, marked "Complainant's Commission Exhibit No. 1."

("Complainant's Commission Exhibit No. 2," filed.)

20 question What are these papers?

Answer. They are judgments on claims for improvements done to this house, which I have paid.

21 question. Have you examined these bills, or are you able in any other way to determine the gross amount you have expended on the house?

Answer. I have examined them and added up the amount to be $2,100; this is exclusive of $500 or $600, for which I have no bills; I have paid my brother about $64 or $74 for work on this house, and my boy worked on the house to the amount of $115 or $125.