

My name is John E. Crum. I am fifty-seven years old. I reside in Woodsboro, Frederick County, Maryland. I have resided in the town of Woodsboro twelve years. I have served as Deputy Sheriff of Frederick County.

I knew Mary S. Donsife, the wife of Otho J. Donsife, in her lifetime. I would say that she has been dead six or seven years. She resided with her family on Front Street in Woodsboro. When I moved to Woodsboro twelve years ago, it was into a house next door to hers. Her house has not been added to since I moved to Woodsboro. It is my understanding that all lots in that square in Woodsboro are subject to a ground rent of One Dollar per annum, payable on February 8th in each year, which are held at present by Dr. George F. Smith.

When Mrs. Donsife died, her husband, Otho J. Donsife, was still living. He died two years ago last fall. I knew the children: the eldest son was William Luther Donsife, who died after his mother, leaving a widow, Emma Donsife, a son, William Luther Donsife, Jr., who has divorced his wife, a daughter, Evelyn N. Donsife, who is unmarried, and a daughter, Ruth D. Hall, whose husband is Gilbert Hall. The eldest daughter is Emma Gertrude Donsife Davison, whose husband is James G. Davison, who are now living in Woodsboro. A daughter, Mrs. Anna Matilda Donsife Aumen, who is a widow, and who resides in Woodsboro; a son, Robert J. Donsife, whose wife is Celeste Estella Donsife; a son, Maurice Donsife, whose wife is Blanche Donsife; a son Clarence Donsife, whose wife is Pearl Donsife, all of whom reside in Woodsboro; a daughter Charlotte Donsife Houck, who is now a widow. Her husband's name was Raymond Houck. He died last fall after the proceedings in this case were filed. I know Albert Eichelberger, who is a grandson, but I did not know his mother.