

Emmert R. Bowlus, a witness of lawful age, after having been duly sworn, deposes and says:

Will you state your name, age and address?

My name is Emmert R. Bowlus, and I reside in Frederick, Maryland.

What is your business?

I deal in real estate, insurance and auctioneering.

I hand you deed marked Exhibit No. 1, and do you know the property in question?

Yes.

Where is the property located?

The property is located in the town of New Market about eight Miles east of Frederick, on Route No. 40.

Will you describe it?

It is located near the public square in New Market, on the north side of the highway, and has a large frontage with side entrance, brick dwelling two and one-half stories, built in an "L" shape. The first floor of the property is used as a private residence except one front room which was used as a store room, and had a lot of antiquated shelving in it. In addition to this room there are four other rooms including kitchen on the first floor, and the flooring is in very bad shape. The joists are rotted. Very poor throughout. The floors are very uneven and sunken in several places. On the second floor there are four front rooms, large room over the store room, and two very small rooms and another fair sized room. To the rear are two bedrooms which might be termed usable. And the back two are in very poor condition, plaster falling off. Bedrooms and the upper porch leading to those rooms are practically unusable. The roof, to my knowledge, is fair. It is an old metal roof.

What, in your opinion, is the value of this property?

In the present condition, I would say approximately \$2200.00.

TO THE GENERAL INTERROGATORY:

The only modern convenience is electricity in the building with old electric wiring, and a well of water in the back yard, which I could not say was usable or not. There are no outbuildings. The rear of the lot is grown up in bushes.


Emmert R. Bowlus