

deed is filed among the proceedings in this cause marked "Exhibit A".

That the auctioneer, John L. Butrew, received as the highest bona fide bid for the property offered, after crying said sale for a period of ~~over~~ ^{about} one hour and a half, the bid of Fourteen Thousand and Two Hundred dollars, and said bid was not considered a fair and adequate price for said property by two of the three parties in interest in the sale of said real estate, namely Peris W. Ward, widow, and Berkely Ward Jr. her son, both of whom were with your Petitioners on the inside of the house during the crying of the sale, and both of whom were not reconciled to the acceptance of said bid of \$14,200.00, and H. Bersey Etchison, one of your Petitioners, was instructed by the said widow and her son, to go on the porch of the residence and make the announcement, that the owners were not satisfied with taking less than fifteen thousand dollars for the property, and if that amount or more was offered, the person offering the highest bid after the amount of fifteen thousand was reached would get the property and, therefore, your Petitioners would report the sale to the Court; and immediately after said announcement was made, the crowd in front of the property dispersed, and when the auctioneer stopped crying the sale, not a single person who had been there since eleven o'clock A.M. was in sight, and it was then nearly one o'clock P.M.

That on that same evening, your Petitioners were offered the price of Thirteen Thousand, Five Hundred dollars for the property from a bona fide bidder, but in pursuance of the views expressed only a few hours before, by two of the parties in interest in the sale of said real estate, your Petitioners promptly refused said offer, ^{as one of said parties in interest} was on the railroad train on route to his home in New Jersey.

That then for two weeks after said April 25th. 1925, your Petitioners diligently offered and tried to sell to diverse parties at private sale, said real estate, and up until Saturday, May 9th. 1925, not a single bona fide offer was made to your Petitioners except one of Thirteen Thousand dollars, which your Petitioners would not accept, and another offer of an advance over this amount through a real estate agent but which afterwards turned out not to be bona fide, and then on said Saturday, May 9th. 1925, a bona fide offer of Thirteen Thousand and one Hundred dollars was made and a deposit check of one Thousand dollars presented accompanying said