

DENVER J. SHOOK, the Complainant in this cause, after being duly sworn deposes and says:

Questions by Mr. Steely:

Q. State your name and residence.

A. Denver J. Shook, Box 554, Frederick, Maryland or Frederick Memorial Park.

Q. You are the owner of Frederick Memorial Park?

A. Yes, I am the owner of Frederick Memorial Park.

Q. Are you familiar with a piece of real property located in Frederick County known as and described as Lots 1 and 2 50x140 Feet, more or less unimproved on Linden Avenue?

A. I am now. When I first took over the cemetery there were a couple of graves on this section and also shrubbery the full length of the section on Linden Avenue. I understand now that these people were supposed to have bought the property at a tax sale. I put up \$500.00 in escrow or would have had to remove the bodies from the graves in this section of the cemetery.

Q. You are familiar with this property which was assessed and titled in the name of Ruth E. Weller, deceased, is that right?

A. That is correct.

Q. Approximately when did she die?

A. I do not know.

Q. What steps, if any, did you take toward purchasing this property?

A. I did not know the property was for sale or anything about it until this man and woman advised me that they bought it at a tax sale.

Q. This man and woman, was that Mr. George W. Furry and Beverly C. Furry, his wife?

A. Yes, Mr. and Mrs. Furry came to the cemetery and said they could not find the piece of ground on Birch Street. Birch Street comes to a dead end as you come off Linden Avenue. They advised me that they purchased this ground. I was advised that this land was a part of the cemetery ground. There were people buried on this ground. I told them that the only thing I could do was to go to bat and buy it so that the bodies would not have to be removed from this section of the ground. I met with these people in Mr. Holter's office. I put up a \$500.00 escrow check. I mentioned to them about the care of the ground.