

KENNETH R. RICE, COMPLAINANT, produced on his own behalf, after being duly sworn, deposes and says:

Questions by Mr. Sheffield:

Q. State your name, age and residence.

A. Kenneth Robert Rice, 1000 Taney Avenue, Frederick, Maryland.

Q. Are you one of the Complainant's in this case we are now taking testimony in?

A. Yes.

Questions by Mr. Bower:

Q. Mr. Rice, as Mr. Sheffield has asked and you responded; you, along with your wife, Mary Jane Rice, are the Complainants in this matter. Is that correct?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Mr. Rice, I hand you a deed and ask you to look over the deed please. Now, I hand you a copy and ask is the copy the same as the original deed?

A. Yes sir.

Q. And the deed in question is dated May 31, 1974 by Mercantile-Safe Deposit and Trust Company, a body corporate, Trustee, Charles H. Conley, Jr., Trustee, Charles H. Conley, Jr., Individually, Helen Conley Wight, Victoire Conley Griffin, Claire Conley Pitts, Eleanor Brooke Conley Lee and Martha Conley Hall, conveying a parcel of real estate unto you and your wife. Is that correct?

A. Yes sir.

By Mr. Bower: I would move for the admission of a copy of the deed as Complainant's Exhibit No. 3.

Q. Mr. Rice, you and your wife entered into negotiations with the Conley heirs for the purchase of a parcel of real estate containing 6-1/2 acres, more or less, located in the Ballenger Election District of Frederick County, Maryland. Is that correct?