To the 4th Int. ~ That it is not, but that it would be for the benefit and advantage of all parties interested that the same should be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the parties entitled; that the property consists of a small farm, and if divided, the parcels would be too small for advantageous cultivation or sale, and that it is not situated contiguous to any town. ~

To the 5th Int. ~ The four children of Julia A. Simpson, namely, Clarence, Elmer, Edward and Julia. ~

To the 6th Int. ~ That he left a widow named Ann T. Hammond, aged about Eighty years, and children, namely, W. G. Hammond, Mary A. Shelby, Edith H. Roach; William C. Hammond, Upton J. B. Hammond, Thomas C. Hammond, Rezie R. Hammond, Julia A. Simpson, since deceased, and leaving four children namely, Clarence, Elmer, Edward and Julia Simpson, grand children. ~

There being no other witnesses present to be examined, and further time being required for the production of evidences, the said Commission was adjourned to the tenth day of May Eighteen hundred and Seventy-two, at which time, and at the place aforesaid, and in the presence of the Complainant's Solicitor We did then and there proceed to take the following testimony. ~

Ephraim Richmond a witness upon the part of the Complainants, and of lawful age, being duly sworn and examined to interrogatories, filed with the Commissioners by the Complainants and herewith returned, deposes & says.

To the 1st Int. ~ That he knows all the parties except William Hammond and has known them for some years. ~

To the 2d Int. ~ That he knows Lane very well; that he is dead, that he died intestate. ~

To the 3d Int. ~ That he died seized and possessed of the real estate described in "Exhibit No. 1."

To the 4th Int. That he does, that it cannot be advantageously divided, and that it would be for the benefit and advantage of all parties concerned, that said real estate should be sold and the proceeds distributed among the parties entitled; that the said real estate consists of about one hundred and twenty four acres of land and but one set of buildings on it and it is so located that it cannot be subdivided among so many heirs, there being a widow and seven children.

To the 5th Int. That they are all adults except the children of Julia A. and Richard Simpson.

To the 6th Int. ~ That he left a widow named Ann T. Hammond, aged about Seventy seven years, and resides in Indiana; and children, Wesley G. Hammond, Upton J. B. Hammond, Mary A. Shelby, Edith R. Roach, William C. Hammond, Thomas C. Hammond, Rezie R. Hammond, Julia A. Simpson, now deceased, wife of Richard W. Simpson, and grand children; Clarence, Elmer, Edward and Julia Simpson, children of said Julia A. and her surviving husband, Richard W. Simpson, all infants under the age of twenty one years. ~

There being no other witnesses present to be examined, and no further time being required for the production of evidences, the Commissioners closed the said Commission, and herewith return the same, under their hands and seals, on this Tenth day of May, Eighteen hundred and Seventy two. ~

Wm B Nelson Commr. (Seal)
J C R Wood Commr. (Seal)

Petition to Apply to Security

Court's Order

Decree