

2<sup>o</sup> C. Int: Do you know whether or not the money paid by Joseph and James Fick, as you have stated in your examination in chief, was all their own money, or whether any part of the money paid by them was furnished by anyone else?

Ans: I don't know nothing about that.

3<sup>o</sup> C. Int: Do you know whether Daniel E. Fick paid, or furnished any of the money that was paid for said farm?

Ans: I do not. I can't recollect that I ever heard the reason.

Whereupon, there being no other witnesses present to be examined and further time being required for the production of evidence upon the part of the Complainants, said Commissioner was adjourned to the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August A. D. 1875, at which time, and at the place aforesaid and in the absence of John E. R. Wood, Com. &c. I then & there proceeded to take the following testimony:

John R. Stoner, a witness of lawful age, produced upon the part of the Complainants, being duly sworn and examined to Interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Complainants and herewith returned, deposes and says, to the

1<sup>st</sup> Int: State your name, age, occupation and residence?

Ans: John R. Stoner, aged 48 years. I reside near Mechanicstown, Frederick County, Md, and am a farmer.

2<sup>d</sup> Int: Do you know the parties to this suit, or either of them? If yea, state how long you have known them or any of them?

Ans: I have known all the parties for 20 years

3<sup>o</sup> Int: Look at exhibit No. 1. and state whether you know the property therein mentioned and described and whether you know how and under what circumstances said deed was executed, or what interest the respective parties granters named in said deed had in such property? State fully all your knowledge herein?

Ans: I look at "Exhibit No. 1. now here shown me. I know the property and have been frequently on it. I don't know anything about the deed, but Daniel, who worked for me, said he had an interest in the property. He worked for me one summer (1861 I think) and he didn't draw his money. After his time was up he wouldn't take his money - he said he had a payment to make on the property described in "Exhibit No. 1." He didn't draw it until towards the Spring of the succeeding year. He harvested and worked for me at different times during 1862, I paid him all that time about \$52 or \$53 - He said, before I paid him this last money, that he wished he had not put his money in this property previously, on account of there being so many bushes on the property. He said all