

to hold any interest in said claim?

Ans: Probably about two months.

6th, C. Int: How did you dispose of said claim? and what price did you receive for said claim?

Ans: We sold it to Charles E. Cassell. Charles E. Cassell is one of the indorsers on a promissory note, upon which money was borrowed out of the "First National Bank of Westminster", and he took this claim as collateral to pay the same.

7th, C. Int: How did you transfer the claim to Cassell?

Ans: By giving him a transfer of the claim in writing and signed it "Maesche Bros. & Co., per L. N. Maesche", who was authorized to settle up the affairs of the partnership.

8th, C. Int: Was it an absolute sale to said Cassell of all the interest of the firm of Maesche Bros. & Co. in said claim?

Ans: It was.

9th, C. Int: Was said Cassell ever jointly engaged with you in business? If yes, when & what business were you engaged in?

Ans: He was - In the lumber business from the Spring of 1871, to the Spring of 1872.

10th, C. Int: Who furnished the lumber for the building of the house?

Ans: Maesche Bros & Co.

11th, C. Int: Where did Maesche Bros. & Co. get the lumber?

Ans: From Castle, Maesche & Co.

12th, C. Int: Has said lumber ever been paid for by said firm? And if yes, have you any receipt showing the payment of the same?

Ans: It has - No Sir, but I could show it from a settlement in Castle, Maesche & Co's books.

13th, C. Int: Was the claim assigned to Cassell in payment of the lumber purchased of the firm of Cassell, Maesche & Co.?

Ans: No Sir.

14th, C. Int: You said you have lived in Mechanicstown, since 1867, were you acquainted with the lot on which said house was built?

Ans: Not until the time of building, or just before.

15th, C. Int: Did you or not know where said lot was?

Ans: Yes Sir, I suppose, I know where the land was - I didn't know who it belonged to - Prior to that I had been in a different business and never concerned myself about lots.

16th, C. Int: Were you present when said lot was laid off into streets, alleys and building lots?

Ans: I was.

17th, C. Int: When was that?

Ans: In the Spring of 1871, I think.

18th, C. Int: What is the size or about the size of said lot?

Ans: Ten and about 60 feet front, running back about 100 feet I suppose.

19th, C. Int: Is said lot inclosed in anyway?

Ans: No Sir, it was not at that time.

20th, C. Int: How say the said lot was laid off into streets, alleys