

Thomas Hammond & have frequently seen him write,

When upon there, being no other Witness present to be examined & further time being required for the production of evidence, the said Commission was adjourned to the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, A. D. 1877 at which time & at the place aforesaid there being no Witness present to be examined the said Commission was adjourned to the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June A. D. 1877, at which time & at the place aforesaid, I then & there proceeded in the presence of the Solicitors for the Complainants & Defendant, to take the following depositions to Wit:

Burgess Hammond, a witness of lawful age produced upon the part of the Defendant, Burgess Hammond being duly sworn & examined to Interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Defendant & herewith returned, deposed & says as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Int: State your name, age, residence & business?  
(Excepted to)

Answer: - My name is Burgess Hammond my age about 60 years & I reside in Frederick County, Maryland. I am a farmer.

(Excepted to by complainant)

2<sup>d</sup> Int: - Did you know Col. Thomas Hammond in his lifetime?  
(Excepted to) was he related to you? If yes state how long you knew him and what was the relationship existing between you?

Answer: - I did Sir - He was my uncle. I have known him for

(Excepted to) fifty odd years.

3<sup>d</sup> Int: - Did you, at any time procure any real estate from said  
(Excepted to) Col. Hammond? If yes describe the same?

Answer: - I did Sir I procured the property upon which I lived in  
(Excepted to) 1852. It is situated in New Market District Frederick County, Md. & contains 97<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> acres of land is the same land as is described in "Exhibit No. 6" filed in this case & which is now known to me - I bought of Elias Delashmatt, two (2) wood lots I then rode up to Liberty and told my uncle Col. Hammond that I had purchased two (2) wood lots of Elias Delashmatt. I told him that I had bought these lots. They were two lots separate from each other and not adjoining each other - one for \$20 per acre & the other for \$10 per acre amounting to \$300 - I then told him that I would have to borrow the money to pay for the lots. Well, says he, I'll pay for the lots you haven't got land enough he did pay for them - he paid for the lots.

4<sup>th</sup> Int: - State when you obtained said real estate, and how  
(Excepted to) you obtained the same? State particularly all the circumstances connected therewith?

Answer: - In reference to the Home Farm described in "Exhibit  
(Excepted to) No. 6" I obtained that in the fall of 1852, uncle Thomas Hammond said, Burg, I want you to buy your brother Richard's stock