

"for he is doing nothing there. I want you to move down and take possession of of the property & keep your step mother. there will be no dower to pay, on this as there was on the Daniel Swamlog farm. This farm I give you - it is not all I intend to give you" Well, after having been put in possession of this farm by Col. Thomas Hammond my uncle I then went to uncle Tom and remarked to uncle Tom: "I can't live on that farm unless you furnish me some fertilizer" I am not positive as to the amount, but he furnished me the first year either one, or two tons of guano, for which I gave him one half of the crop of wheat I raised that season. I then went to uncle Tom the following fall and made the same proposition. That he would give him half of the crop, if he would furnish the fertilizer. He said "No, Bung, if you can make a friend give them half of the crop, because if I give to you fertilizers, the rest of them will want me to do the same thing for half of the crop". Now said he: "I have given you the place if you can make a friend, give them what you please - I want nothing" - since which time I have been getting fertilizers from different persons giving them one half of the crop for the use of the fertilizers.

5<sup>th</sup> Int: - State what was the condition of the farm when you (Excepted to) obtained possession as to, cultivation, fencing, improvements?  
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6<sup>th</sup> Int: - State what improvements you made on said farm?  
 (Excepted to)

Answer: - Since I have had possession, I have put fencing around (Excepted to) the entire farm, a part of which is post & rail fencing. I put all of the inside fencing there. I then put up a house in addition to the old log house. I bought & paid for all the timber required for the framework of that house from Nicholas Hall. Then I told uncle Tom, that I had no money there to buy the Lumber to, weatherboard this framework. - He then said Bung, I will send you a carload of Lumber weatherboard and shingling for the house & barn from Allegany County, by the Rail Road to Lewis Denton's Depot - That lumber he has me charged with now upon his book.

7<sup>th</sup> Int: - State whether or not, Col. Hammond knew of your (Excepted to) putting the improvements you have described upon said farm?  
 Answer: - (Excepted to) He did

8<sup>th</sup> Int: - State if you have had any conversation or conversations with Col. Hammond with reference to the ownership of this