

23<sup>rd</sup> Q. Int: Where is Reuben Falconer now.

Answer: He is dead.

24<sup>th</sup> Q. Int: Who paid Reuben Falconer bill for the work done on this occasion?

Answer: (Uncle Tom paid Reuben Falconer the bill and charged me with it on his books.

25<sup>th</sup> Q. Int: When was this conversation with Reuben Falconer?

Answer: I think it was during the first or second year of my possession of the property - I can't recollect exactly.

26<sup>th</sup> Q. Int: When did you have the conversation in which Col. Hammond said you had had the property a long while and had paid the taxes on it &c.?

Answer: I don't recollect the exact time I didn't take a note of it - I have had more than one conversation on the

subject and he assured me of the same thing every time

Whereupon the said Commission was adjourned to the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 1877 at which time and at the place aforesaid and in the presence of the Solicitors for the Complainant, and Defendant, I then and there proceeded to take the following testimony to Wit:

Charlotte W. Wood, a Witness of lawful age produced upon the part of Burgess Hammond, one of the Defendants, being duly sworn and Examined to Interrogatories filed with the Commission by the said Defendant and herewith returned deposed and Says (Excepted to as incompetent)

1<sup>st</sup> Q. Int: Did you know Col. Thomas Hammond in his lifetime? (Excepted to)

Answer: Yes Sir. (Excepted to)

2<sup>d</sup> Q. Int: How long did you know him? (Excepted to)

Answer: - Ever since I can remember - thirty, or forty years (Excepted to)

3<sup>d</sup> Q. Int: Did you at any time have a conversation or conversations (Excepted to) with him with reference to the land in possession of Burgess Hammond? If yes, state the first time such conversation took place & what was said by Col. Hammond & then relate in regular succession such other conversations if any, relative to said land?

Answer: - Yes Sir - some five or six years before Col. Hammond's (Excepted to) death, I went up there and after I was there a while (Uncle Tom said to me, "Lottie, one of your neighbors John Hood, has been up here" and I asked what business he came up for. "Why," said he "he is the tax collector and I paid your tax." "Well," said I, "you have as much right to pay mine as you have to pay Burgess and all the rest, you have nothing else to do with it but to give it to your poor relations." "Well," said he "Burg. makes as good crops as I do, according to the quantity of his land and he is able to pay his own tax - I gave him the property and I