

intend to make him "pay his own taxes on his own property". I said "Uncle Tom's land is twice as good as mine" Well said he, it didn't cost any more than yours, when I give it to him he is a good farmer and has made it what it is". That ended that conversation - The next conversation was in April 1874, he was getting out some paper to prepare for writing, and I said to him "Uncle Tom, whenever I come up here you seem to be busy you are always writing and I want to have some conversation with you about some particular business". "Well" said he "Lottie I don't want to be bothered for I have got two or three deeds to write to day for the Mountain lands, and I want to send them by the 3 o'clock mail". "Well" said I, "Uncle Tom as you are writing deeds, you have gave Burgess his deed, you may as well write me mine". "Well" said he "Lottie I haven't give any of them any deeds, but I intend to give you all your deeds, & then you'll have to pay your own taxes, if you don't your places will be sold for the tax". "Well" said I, "How much tax would it be?" - said he "Just according to the value of the land, so much percentage on the dollar". "Well" said I, "I suppose we can make enough to pay the taxes if nothing else". "Well" said he, "I'm going to liberty to day to get a quire of paper and I'll give you all your deeds". There was no further conversation on that subject at this time. I next saw him about the latter part of May, 1874 - I went up there and my sister met me at the door and I asked how Uncle Tom was.

4th Int: Were you present at Col. Hammond's house in June prior (Excepted to) to his death? If, please state what was said and done by him with reference to making a deed to Burgess Hammond and Dawson V. Hammond's connection therewith.

Answer: - After supper on the 3rd day of June 1874, I was sitting by (Excepted to) the side of Uncle Tom's bed, and Burgess was attending at the foot of the bed and Uncle Tom was groaning and moaning and said to him "Uncle Tom, what's the matter with you?" "He" "You suffering a good deal of pain?" "no no" he said "my business don't suit me altogether, I don't want Dawson to sell your farms for the sake of a quarter of a dollar - I gave you a deed for them & go and tell Hollie to come down here and write four (4) deeds one for Burgess, one for yourself, one for William and one for Upton". They called Hollie and she objected to come down but did come down at last. Says he "Hollie get me my hand trunk, I have the form of a deed in it. I want you to write four deeds" - Hollie said, "You're all killing Uncle and I want to do it - Uncle they all a killing you", and he says to Hollie "Damn you, go up stairs" & he called to Burgess to hand him his trunk and he took out a form of a deed and told Burg. to go, and have four (4) deeds written and to send for the Magistrate - that he hoped he would live till the morning and have the deed executed. He said "If I have made my will, I can give you your deeds it don't make any difference I don't want Dawson to sell your