

Answer: Yes Sir. I acted for him for about 14 years as an
(Excerpted) Agent, transacting business for him in different ways
for sales and purchases of lands and in transactions of business
renting his properties and collecting rents &c.

3rd Int: Have you ever heard Col. Hammond say anything as to
(Excerpted) the ownership of the land now in the possession of Burgess
Hammond described in "Exhibit No. 6." filed in this cause of
year. State what was said by him?

Answer: Frequently. I have talked with him on that subject.
(Excerpted) He told me that he had given Burgess that property
and that Burgess had improved it very much since he had given
it to him.

4th Int: Who exercised acts of ownership over said property
(Excerpted) and who was the ultimate owner?

Answer: I considered Burgess the owner. He exercised the
(Excerpted) ownership of it ever since he had it in possession.

5th Int: Do you know of any act of ownership over said property
(Excerpted) exercised by Col. Thomas Hammond during Burgess'
possession?

Answer: No Sir. (Excerpted)

6th Int: State if you know the condition of said land as to
(Excerpted) cultivation, fencing and improvements before
the Burgess got possession?

Answer: I rented it before Burgess got it. I considered it a very
(Excerpted) poor farm. Very much out of order. There was two fields
out in the corner without fencing - about one half of the farm
was without fencing. There was no barn when Burgess went
there. The dwelling was in a very bad condition.

7th Int: State the present condition of said land as to cultivation,
(Excerpted) fencing and improvements?

Answer: It is in a high state of cultivation. The fencing is all
(Excerpted) in good order what I've seen of it. There is a barn on
it now.

8th Int: Has any other person than said Burgess Hammond
(Excerpted) occupied said land and cultivated and improved
it since he first took possession?

Answer: Not to my knowledge. (Excerpted)

To Cross Interrogatories filed with the Commission by the Com-
plainant and therewith returned, the said William P. Hammond
deposes and says:

To the 1st Q. Int: State what acts of ownership Burgess ever
exercised over the property?

Answer: He would do as he pleased. He would cultivate what he
pleased and do as any farmer would do, and always
spoke of the same as his own.