

2^d Int: - Have you ever heard Col. Hammond say anything (Excepted to) relative to the ownership of the land now occupied by Burgess Hammond and described in the proceedings in this Cause? If. (Exa. State, where and where and what, was said by Col. Hammond? or by any one in his presence?

Answer: - I have It was in 1852 and John Hammond was (Excepted to) in from the West, and wanted Burgess Hammond to go out West, with him - that, he would stock a place and give him one half of what he raised that the land here was too poor that the old ones of Hammonds had taken the cream off of it and it was very poor now and not fit to live on. So Uncle Tom Hammond objected to our going out West. He told Burgess that, he would give him a farm that he had no family, but that Uncle John Hammond had a family, and that he would do for Burgess, if he would stay here Burgess brother lived there, where we live now. Uncle Tom told Burgess, he could go and live there and take care of his stepmother and that he would give him the place I objected to going on the place, as it was not fit to live on - part of it was out on the common and the house was falling down and the stable fell down while we lived there. The snow was falling into every Room of the house. Well Uncle Tom told Burgess that, he should fix the place to suit himself and he would pay, for it that it was his he gave it to him that it would never be taken away unless Burgess sold it himself. He always said, it was Burgess and that, he intended to give him more.

3^d Int: - State if Mr. Burgess Hammond removed upon said land (Excepted to) and if yes, why, he did so.?

Answer: - He did remove there because his Uncle Tom requested (Excepted to) him to do so and because he gave him the place.

4th Int: Did Burgess Hammond out Richard Hammond? (Excepted to)

Answer: - Yes Sir he did. (Excepted to)

5th Int: Did Burgess Hammond take his step mother to live (Excepted to) with him upon said place.?

Answer: - Yes Sir he took his step mother to live with him. (Excepted to)

6th Int: Who supported his stepmother? (Excepted to)

Answer: - He did. (Excepted to)

7th Int: State, what was the condition of said place when (Excepted to) Burgess Hammond took possession as to cultivation fencing and improvements and what is its present condition?

Answer: - Why we could not raise anything at all out, when we (Excepted to) went there. The corn would not grow as high as your hand and nothing, would grow there. there was no fencing on part of the farm and there was no fencing, on two fields near the pike which were out on the common. There was no farm and nothing, but a little old stable which fell down and no smoke house and the dwelling was in the condition heretofore described Burgess has improved it very much we raise very good crops now Burgess has put