

the place Joel Keall, Col. Hammond Burgess Hammond and I, think William Hammond, and myself were present. They were running the line between Burgess Hammonds place and Worthington place. It appeared that the line was under dispute, at this time and I heard Col. Hammond say: that he wished to see the line run as he had given Burgess the place he didnt wish him to have any "trouble with the line" That was the whole of the conversation relative to the place.

3^d Int: Was that the only time you ever heard Col. Hammond say anything about the place?

Answer: Yes Sir it was the only time.

4th Int: How long within your knowledge has Burgess Hammond occupied the place?

Answer: Well he was living on the place when I moved from Frederick there about twenty years ago.

5th Int: During all that time who has been exercising acts of ownership over said place claiming the ownership thereof if you know?

Answer: Nobody but Burgess Hammond. I bought some timber from Burgess Hammond since that circumstance I had no reason to suppose that no one had any ownership to the place except Burgess Hammond.

6th Int: State some acts of ownership which he has exercised over said place?

Answer: He has always lived there from the time I moved there. He had used the same authority over the place that any other man would use over his place. Burgess Hammond has let some fences out on some occasions without any one questioning his right to do so.

7th Int: State if you know what was the condition of the place in 1852 or immediately thereafter if you describe the same?

Answer: Well I did know its condition in 1852. The field south of the pike was out on the common as long as I know and a good while after Burgess was there. He enclosed it I saw him enclose it. There is a field laying down the pike out off from the west of the place by Daniel Swamly's place. The land was in a condition that wouldnt bring a crop of anything wheat, or corn or anything.

The fencing was very indifferent. I could step over it anywhere. The barn had fell down. The house was in a very bad condition. The house was in a very bad condition. There was no smoke house.

8th Int: Describe if you know what is its present condition?

Answer: Well it crops as well as the generality of the farms in the neighborhood. There is a good deal of the fencing post and rail, and most of the outside fencing is post and rail fencing. The balance is very good and from eight to ten logs high. The improvements are comfortable. The barn is common but Burgess can make out with it. Its a tolerably good barn.