

1st Int: Are you the Charlotte Lettore one of the Defendants in this case?

Answer: Yes Sir I am.

2^d Int: Were you acquainted with Col Thomas Hammond in his lifetime and was he a relation of yours, if yes what was the relation?

Answer: Yes Sir he was my uncle my fathers brother.

3^d Int: Where are you now living and on what property?

Answer: In Carroll County Maryland on Beale Gossards property.

4th Int: Is it the same property now in dispute in this case?

Answer: Yes Sir;

5th Int: State to whom said property belongs?

Answer: It belongs to me.

6th Int: When did you get possession of the same?

Answer: In 1862 in November.

7th Int: How did you procure said property? State fully your knowledge herein.

Answer: In 1862 my uncle Tom met Joshua Wood going to Baltimore and he asked him if he had got a place yet, & Joshua told him to go and tell Basil to get him a place and he would pay for it and give it to me. Not to exceed 1000\$ so when Basil came home he told me what Joshua had told him, and I told him to go up & see Uncle Tom first and see if he was in earnest about it. Basil went up & saw Uncle Tom and he told him "Yes" he was in earnest that he would give me a place. He asked Basil if he knew any small place that he could buy? and Basil said yes he knew of a small place in Montgomery County. And he told him to go down and buy it if he liked it and come get it for 1600\$, or less and he would pay for it and give it to me so Basil went down and looked at the place and partially bargained for the place for 1400\$ and went and told Uncle Tom and Uncle Tom said "it was so far away from home he didnt think we could make a living on it - to buy some other place in the neighborhood close by. I was up along with Basil when this last conversation with Uncle Tom took place, says I Uncle Tom here is March on the 1st of April we have to give possession of the farm on which we live. I said Uncle Tom you ought to send us word unless you were in earnest about it. Said he I am in earnest. but I want you to buy one that you can make a living on says I." now here is the 1st of April and you have kicked us out of Browns farm. that we partly rented and I havent got time now to make a sale of my Cattle if I sell them. I'll never get them back again. Well said he Lottie sell your horses and send your hogs to the distillery and have them gotten up for you and bring your cows up and I will keep them for you until I buy you a place. Well says I. Uncle Tom there is eight fresh cows and one "Stripper" and Uncle Tom said I will keep them for you until I buy you a place. Then I replied to him We could nearly live off the the butter and milk from "the cows" says he "I will give you one half of all the butter and buy you a place within the year and pay you