

of the defendants Basil Wood & wife being duly sworn & examined to Interrogatories filed with the Commissioner by the Defendants Basil Wood & wife herewith returned by the Commissioner do pose an usage (objected to, as incompetent)

1<sup>st</sup> Int: Were you acquainted with Col. Thomas Hammond (Excepted to) in his lifetime?

Answer: I was.

2<sup>d</sup> Int: Where are you now living and on what (Excepted to) property?

Answer: In Carroll's Remedy, on the property claimed by Charlotte Le Wood & now in dispute, in this case.

3<sup>d</sup> Int: Do you know to whom said property belongs? If you state to whom?

Answer: I do. It belongs to my wife.

4<sup>th</sup> Int: State, if you know, how she became the owner of said (Excepted to) property; from whom she got it and the circumstances attending her getting it?

Answer: In 1859, my father told me, that Uncle Tom told him to tell me to go & buy a farm not exceeding \$1600 in price & he would pay for it and give to Lottie my wife. My brother told me of a farm that was for sale in Montgomery County. I went up & told Uncle Tom that I had partially bargained for this farm & he said it was too far from him and he objected to it - said it was too poor to receive anything on it without time & told me then to get a farm up in Frederick County, not so far from my friends - I looked at several farms, but he had objections to them all until sometime in 1862, I was up at Liberty & he told me that he had plenty of money, now he would buy a farm that he had our stock there & had kept them so long, & disappointed us in getting a place that he would now buy a place & pay the cash for it, in consideration of keeping our stock for near two years, and he asked us if we knew of a little place - we told him that George Davis had told us of a place belonging to Gosnell's heirs & that he thought it would be bought, low. He told us to go down & look at it & make a note, also to George Davis to go & look at it & see if it was adapted to the growth of tobacco. George Davis wrote a note to him & stated that it was adapted to the growth of tobacco & stated what he thought it could be bought for, & he thought it was low for the price. He then told me to go down & buy it. If I thought I could live on it & I did so. - I bought, Gosnell up & closed the contract, & then sometime in November of the same year now own it & have been living on it ever since, cutting & doing, on it as we please.

5<sup>th</sup> Int: What was the character of the cutting which you did (Excepted to) on said place?

Answer: Cutting across - ties making rails, cutting cordwood, & cleaning up.

6<sup>th</sup> Int: Did you cut any standing timber? If you what kind (Excepted to) and what size timber & how much?