

Answer: - It was a part of a tract of land called Hammond's  
Good Luck.

5<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory: By what name is the tract contained in  
paper Exhibit A. No. know?

Answer: "Black Castle."

6<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory: How many acres are in the Black Castle tract?

Answer: Two hundred & ninety seven (297) acres.

7<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory: - In 1852 what was the land contained in paper  
Exhibit A. No. worth per acre?

Answer: It was worth eighty dollars (\$80-) per acre at least. He  
was offered One Hundred dollars (\$100) an acre for a  
portion of it but he said "he would not alter his lines for anybody"  
said he "Damn it I don't need the money, why should I sell  
any of my land?"

8<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory: Look at paper marked "Exhibit A. No." and state if  
you know the land described in the same? If you  
state who was in possession of the same in the year 1852 and who  
claimed and exercised ownership over the same and for how long?

Answer: I look at "Exhibit A. No." now. Now show me I know the land  
Col. Thomas Hammond was in possession of it & exercised  
ownership over it & claimed it in 1852. but how long before that I  
don't know and did in possession of it.

9<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory: - In 1852, what was the value of the land  
contained in paper "A." per acre?

Answer: About eighty dollars (\$80-) per acre. It was very good  
land.

10<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory: What was its value in 1862?

Answer: It might have brought sixty dollars (60\$) per acre.

11<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory: Do you know of any other land which Col.  
Thomas Hammond bought about 1852? If  
you describe the same and state its value about 1852?

Answer: He bought a tract of land from my wife containing  
eighty (80) acres that was in and about eighteen  
hundred & thirty four (1834) He sold it about eighteen hundred &  
seventy (1870) to Jacob Houck at eighty two dollars & fifty cents (\$82.50)  
per acre. In eighteen hundred and fifty two (1852) it was worth  
about fifty five dollars (\$55-) per acre.

12<sup>th</sup> Interrogatory: Do you know of any land owned by Col. Thomas  
Hammond in Carroll County, in 1852? If you  
describe the same?

Answer: I do, a good deal. Well it is what we term "Barren" or  
land. The fields are poor but it is rich in timber. Chestnut  
and so forth. I can't tell the amount of land. In eighteen hundred  
& fifty two (1852) it was worth twenty two dollars (22\$) per acre  
He was offered fifteen dollars (\$15-) per acre for it but  
wouldn't take it. It is the same land that he gave Mrs. Ellwellson  
a mortgage on.