

No 4858 Equity

8th Ans. My recollection is that there were but two bidders for the property from the commencement to next the last bid. Then Mr Casper Ramsburg bid 25 etc additional per acre, Dr Miller made the next bid of something and it hung there for some minutes. I looked towards Mr Ramsburg who was standing on my left with two gentlemen who I was afterwards told were Messrs Stulls. I asked them whether they done bidding and asked them several times, and then I knocked it down. The time that elapsed between the time the last bid and when the property was knocked down, I should judge was between three and five minutes

9th Int.

Did Mr Ramsburg or any one else at the time of sale, give any intimation even the slightest of an intention to make an advance bid? (Question Excepted to as leading)

9th Ans. No Sir.

10th Int.

Was the time which elapsed between the last bid and the time when the property was knocked down ample for any one to bid who so desired?

10th Ans. (Question excepted to as leading) I think so Sir. The bidding on the part of Dr Miller was prompt all the way through while on the part of the others was a drag all the way through

11th Int.

Was the sale in all respects conducted in the usual manner as sales of real estate are conducted in this section of the country?

11th Ans. The way I conduct them all Sir and I believe all others (This question was excepted to as leading after being answered and while the answer was being written.)

12th Int.

Now state specifically what you as auctioneer did to induce bidding on said property the time you gave to bidders present to make bids, and the manner in which you conducted said sale prior to knocking the same down?

12th Ans. I done every thing I could to get all for the property I could as auctioneer, whenever there was a bid made on one side I would then turn to the other side to get a bid from them. Well, I described the property while auctioneering, I spoke of the quality and location of the land and held out all inducements I was capable of as an auctioneer In selling the property I would make a good many "cents" as we call them and the opposite party to Dr Miller would use some moral suasion, I suppose. Mr Stull through Messrs Maulsby and Levy was rather slow bidding; many times the bid was a long time coming, but after Mess Maulsby and Levy would talk to them I would get the bid. It continued in that way until the end of the sale. There was plenty of time in my judgment given between each bid. I done every thing to get all for the property I could. We have as much pride in getting all we can for property we can as it is beneficial to the owners

13th Int.

After the property was knocked down what took place between you and Messrs Levy and Maulsby and what was said?

13th Ans. At the time the property was knocked down Mr Maulsby and Mr Levy were in the rear of a straw stack. I heard one of them say, I don't know which one; "He has knocked it down" They came up to where we were. Shortly after they came there Mr Levy approached me and said I had knocked it down too soon. I asked him then whether there was any other gentlemen that wanted to bid, I understood him to say: "I think there was". I then said if there is any gentleman present whom I had not given an opportunity to bid. I would like for him to say it right out, I then turned to Dr Miller and asked him if I should put up the property and I understood him to say "it is all right". I then turned around to Mr