

MO 8752 Equity

- A. Yes Sir.
- Q. How far is this improved?
- A. Well, it has a bark barn and I think the house is a frame house.
- Q. Who built the bark barn?
- A. Joshua Crumpton.
- Q. About when?
- A. It was built about 18 years ago.
- Q. Did he build any other buildings?
- A. He tore the old house away and built a new one.
- Q. About how many years ago was that?
- A. It was after the Civil War, about 30 years ago.
- Q. To your knowledge, did Joshua Crumpton at the time of his death own any other land in Frederick County the name of 140 acres, already referred to?
- A. Yes, he owned two mountain lots, the one of which he bought from Jacob Teaster many years ago, possibly 60 years ago. To my knowledge he never got a deed for this property but he has used timber from it ever since he had it and has exercised continuous ownership of said lands as fully as though he had a deed for it all the time.
- Q. How many acres is in this mountain lot?
- A. I don't know the number of acres, but I suppose 8 or 10 acres.
- Q. Whose land does it adjoin?
- A. It adjoins Jacob Culler on the South, and on the West Oscar Coblett and John Hibbs, on the North Joe Huffer and William Reed, and on the East by Charles Fulmer.
- Q. What is the value of this lot?
- A. I suppose it ought to be worth \$20.00 an acre.
- Q. From who did Joshua Crumpton purchase the other mountain lot?
- A. From Mrs. Sylvia Stone.
- Q. I have you a copy of a deed bearing date the 23rd day of May, 1885, signed by Sylvia A. Stone, marked Exhibit Z, which purports to convey to Joshua Crumpton 9 Acres, 2 Roods and 33 Perches of land, more or less, and which deed is duly recorded among the Sacred Records of Frederick County, State of this deed describes the last mentioned lot.
- A. Yes, it describes it exactly.
- Q. What is this mountain lot worth?
- A. About \$20.00 per acre.