

No. 8984. Equity.

whether you know the parties to this suit.

A. Emory L. Cobbley, 43 years of age, residence, Indian Society, Maryland, occupation, attorney at law. I know all the parties to the suit except William Raumberg Ripley, the infant son of William R. Ripley. I am one of the defendants myself.

Q. Do you know the land mentioned in these proceedings containing 47 acres, 1 Rod and 39 Square Perches.

A. I know it very well.

Q. State what interest if any, you have in the same?

A. I hold, by virtue of Exhibits "B" and "D" the reversionary interests in said land of William R. Ripley and wife and Gilbert King Ripley, the said William R. Ripley and Gilbert King Ripley, being two of the children of Fannie Ripley mentioned in the will of William R. Raumberg Susan R. Ripley being the other child of the said Fannie Ripley. At the time Gilbert King Ripley conveyed his interests in said land to John D. Keller by Exhibit "C", he was then unmarried, though I understand he has been married since.

Q. State whether or not, in your opinion, it would be advantageous to all the parties interested in said land to have the same sold, and give your reasons for the same.

A. I think it would. This tract of land was originally assigned to Martha M. Foub as her portion of her father's estate under his will and at that time was entirely without improvements Mrs. Foub having what practically amounted to a life estate only in the property, put up, rather temporary buildings on the property. These buildings are now in such condition that they are likely to depreciate rapidly in value, and as Mrs. Foub does not have the means to replace them or extensively repair them, and as I consider the price of \$9500.00, mentioned in the Contract of Sale, a very fair price for the property, I believe it would be advantageous to all parties having an interest in the property that the Court decree a sale of the property at the price mentioned and direct the investment of the trust funds in accordance with the Will of William L. Raumberg.

To the Curator interrogatory
A. Nothing further.

Emory L. Cobbley.