occupation, attorney at law.

Q. Do you know the parties to this cause?

A. I do.

Q. Will you state what was your connection with this matter?

A. Attorney for the heirs.

Q. Will you tell the Court from what you derived your authority and the nature of the proceedings taken by you in reference to the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings?

A. I had all of the heirs sign a contract, similar to Exhibit "B". I had a number of these executed in order to save time, as the heirs lived in different parts of the country, and I could secure all of the signatures more rapidly by sending out carbon copies. Exhibit "B" containes the signature of Mrs. Charles Struhe, who is one of the defendants in this cause, she being Bertha R. Strube.

Q. Had you any other correspondence with Mrs. Strube which would enable you to be familiar with her signature?

A. I had other letters, and her signature on this contract is similiar to her signat ure on letters that I have received. I file two letters herewith for comparicon.

Q. After you secured the authority of the heirs, of which Exhibit "B" is a counter-part, will you state what you then did?

A. I proceeded to advertise the property, and offered the same for sale, sometime in February or March. and the property was knocked down to Bertha R. Strube, the defendah in this cause, for over $5100.00. I don't recall the exact amount. When asked to com-ply with the payment of the deposit money in the advertisement of sale Mrs. Strube wasnot to be found, and we waited for some length of time for her to make the deposit. In the course of about a half hour I then went to the place where I heard she had gone, the same being the Strube farm, about a mile distant, and asked her to make the deposit. She said her husband would not pay any such price as that. She was unable to make the deposit. She paid for the costs of the auctioneer and the advertising. I then re-advertised the property to be sold on April 10th, of which advertsements the one annexed to Exhibit "C" is a copy. On April 10th I then proceeded with the sale, and the property was knocked down to Benjamin C. Perry, agent for M9nnie N. Perry, at and for the sum of $3655.00. At the request of Dr. Perry, I prepared a Deed for the heirs at law of Ann R. Droneburg, to his wife, Minnie N. Perry. All od them signed this deed with the exception of Bertha R. Strube, the Defendane therein, eho I understand refudes to sign the same. It is not signed by her, although her husband has signed it I look at Exhibit "D" which is now handed me. It is the deed which I prepared, and contained the signatures of all the parties to this cause with the exception of Bertha R_Strube, the defendant. I forgot to add that ah the sale on April 10th Doctor Perry paid me $300.00, the deposit money required in the advertisement of sale, and after deducting fee and costs of advertising I turned the balanme, $250.00, over to Mr. Charles Dronenburg.

Q. What can you say to the price paid for this property by Dr. Perry, as to being a fair and equitable price for the property?

A. The price paid was a very high one. It was a big price. over $100.00 an acre.

Q. Will you look at Exhibit "A" which is now handed meu, and state what same is?

A. I look at Exhibit "A". It is Deed for certain real estate lying and being in Urbana District, of which the property sold by me on April 10th forms a part.

CROSS EXAMINATION.

1x. In answer to the fourth interrogatory, you stated you had all of the heirs sign a contract similar to Exhibit B. Where is the original of Exhibit B?

A. At my office. I will produce and file same with the Examiner.

2x. Is Mrs. Charles Strube Bertha R. Strube?

A. Her Husband's name is Charles Strube, and I believe them to be the same party.