

16. Regularly? (Excepted to)

A. Yes sir.

17. How long have you occupied that property by yourself?

A. Two years. I have been there alone two years. Mrs. Gardner has been coming there every summer, except the last two years, and spending six and seven weeks every summer.

18. Anybody else ever come there?

A. Her children.

19. Any other brothers and sisters? (Excepted to)

A. No sir.

20. Would Lorenzo come? (Excepted to)

A. Lorenzo would come once and a while.

21. Who has been the principal occupant of it since the sale?

A. I have been there, yes sir, but not been alone until the last two years, always some of them coming and spending the time staying there.

22. Who has paid the taxes on this property since the sale in 1902? (Excepted to)

A. I have excepting one year, 1912, I didn't pay.

23. You mean you paid all the taxes since 1902 with the exception of what year? (Ex. to)

A. 1912. I paid the taxes on it for twenty years.

24. The past twenty? (Excepted to)

A. For the last twenty years, since my mother has been dead.

25. How were the tax bills made out? (Excepted to)

A. In Emeline Gardner's name, sent direct to Petersville.

26. Who received those tax bills? (Excepted to)

A. I did, I was the only one there when they came and I received them.

27. Did you pay them by yourself then, or how did you pay them? (Ex. to)

A. Some I paid myself and some I took to Brunswick and gave the money and tax bill to Lorenzo he most always come to Frederick every week for him to come in and pay the taxes; 1912 I didn't pay.

28. Do you know who paid them last year? (Excepted to)

A. Brother Will told me that he paid them.

29. At any rate you didn't pay them? (Excepted to)

A. No sir.

30. But you didn't pay them all the other years? (Excepted to)

A. Yes sir.

31. Did you pay them for 1914? (Excepted to)

A. Yes sir, I paid for 1913 and 1914.

(Plaintiff herewith offers in evidence tax receipts for 1913 and 1914 respectfully, and same are filed with the Examiner and marked "Exhibit C")

32. Do have the tax receipts for the years other than 1912? (Ex. to)

A. Yes sir.

33. Do you have them here? (Excepted to)

A. No, I haven't them here.

34. Where are they? (Excepted to)

A. I don't know; whoever got Lorenzo's papers got those tax papers.

35. Then those tax receipts for 1911 and the year prior to 1911 were kept by whom (Excepted to)

A. Lorenzo Gardner.

36. Do know where they are now? (Excepted to)

A. No sir.

37. Did Lorenzo Gardner give them back to you after he received them? (Excepted to)

A. No sir; he would come in to Frederick and pay them, and told me at different times the tax papers were up at Mrs. Spitzer's where he boarded, in his trunk, and told me I should go up and get them but I never went up after them.