

21. Give the Court an idea about how long you stayed at different times.

A. I stayed four weeks. The longest time I stayed was nine weeks; I was asked to stay by Lorenzo Gardner; his Aunt Betty was coming from the West and he asked me if I could clean the house up and make some sheets, pillows slips, towels, table clothes, and make the house look respectable the best I could, which I did. I also cooked for them, all but one dinner, while they were there.

22. When was that, do you remember?

A. As near as I can figure that would be fifteen years past, as near as I can figure

23. Since you owned the property?

A. No sir, that was before.

24. Have you been there during the last two or three years?

A. I was there three years ago, one week.

25. Is that the last time?

A. Yes sir, I left there and went down to where I am staying now, at Mrs. Kinna's.

26. Tell the Court whether or not you expended any labor or money toward the up-keep of yourself and Elmer Mateny while you were there? (Excepted to)

A. Yes sir, I bought butter and I bought ham and I bought flour and I bought coffee and different things too numerous to mention, knives, spoons and dishes.

27. Do you owe Elmer Mateny anything for the time you stayed there during the summer time? (Excepted to)

A. Not that I know of; if he charges me board, why I will have to charge him board, that is all.

28. Did you charge him anything for your work and labor that you expended while you were there?

A. No sir.

29. Did your husband send you money? (Excepted to)

A. Yes sir, whenever I needed any money, run out of money, I would send to him for money.

30. In these different years that you were there, did Elmer Mateny ever say anything to you about charging you for being there?

A. No sir, he invited me to stay as long as I wanted to.

31. On the other hand, did you do work around the place and furnish supplies for everybody?

A. Yes sir; whatever I got, I got enough for everybody.

32. Who was William Gardner?

A. The old gentleman was Mr. Gardner, my husband's father.

33. What relation was he to the Matenys?

A. Step-father.

34. How long did you care for him? (Excepted to)

A. Eight months and a half, from the 17th, of November, 1897, until he died, the 24th, of July, 1898.

35. How did you come to buy this property? (Excepted to)

A. Well, the property was put up for sale, and Mr. Gardner came in here and him and Lorenzo Gardner between them fixed it up and bought it in; and Mr. Lorenzo Gardner wrote to Mr. Gardner, my husband, and asked him in whose name it should be deeded, and he write back and said to me.

36. You mean Mr. Lorenzo Gardner, who had bought the property, wanted to deed it to one of you? (Ex. to)

A. Yes sir, and he deeded it to me.

37. Why? (Excepted to)

A. Because I had taken of his father. His father came out to stay with me because there was no one to take care of him at home. Mr. Elmer Mateny had a half sister that wouldn't do anything for them; she made coffee and wouldn't give them a cup of coffee; she didn't even speak to him in five years that I knew her. And Mr. Lorenzo Gardner sent him out to me to take care of, which I did to the best of my ability for eight months and a half.

38. What was the name of his half sister?

A. Mary Alice Mateny. He stayed with me until July 24th, and he died. I washed him, and lid him out and I paid his funeral expenses on the other end, which his casket cost \$65.00, embalming cost \$10.00, and his railroad ticket to bring him in, the same as a live person, was, \$8.00; and Mr. Lorenzo Gardner took care of the expenses on this end, paid the funeral expenses, whatever they were, on this end.