

WILLIAM HICKMAN; one of the Defendants, produced on his own behalf, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. You are a brother of the late Thomas Hickman, deceased?
 - A. Yes sir.
2. Were you present at his last illness in Frederick and at the time of his death?
 - A. Yes sir.
3. Please tell the Examiner what personal property, if any, he had? (Excepted to)
 - A. They notified me he was right bad off and we got here along about 3.30 or 4.00 o'clock and went right to his house. This was on the 29th of November, 1913, We didn't go out of the house, and it was getting along toward dark and my sister-in-law said "You want to go around to see the horse and the store?" I said "Yes". They had a small boy used to work around the store, I don't remember his name, he took me around to the stable and fed the horse. While the horse was not very bad in condition, the boy said the horse wasn't working but one or two days a week. In the stable I saw plenty of feed for the horse and a barouche they bought in Baltimore. And from there the little fellow took me to the store and went in the store. There was plenty of potatoes and canned goods; they had candy there but wasn't much candy, I saw maybe sixteen or seventeen boxes and right sharp out of the boxes, boxes that average fifty cents wholesale and retail at seventy-two cents; and potatoes and Spanish Onions and canned goods and cabbage and ordinary silver skin onions and stuff on the floor in that line of goods you would have to shove it around to get through. From there I went down to the house, and they had oysters and fish there, served them to different people who didn't want to go far as the store. In the meantime I came in and had supper, and at quarter of four in the morning my brother died and they sent me to Baltimore to see what my mother said about the funeral. My mother says, "You will have to fix it between Gertie and ourselves," and Gertie agreed to come down.
4. What, in your opinion, was the value of the stock of onions and potatoes and things he had in the store there? (Excepted to)
 - A. Well, if I am not mistaken he told me those potatoes cost him sixty cents a bushel and didn't have any trouble to get \$1.00 a bushel. He bought the potatoes at a cheap price. A rough estimate of the potatoes, I judge sixty or sixty-five bushels. There wasn't less than thirty or thirty-two sacks, they were in Scotch sacks that hold eleven pecks, and these sacks were full and on the average about three pecks out of a sack, and a rough estimate would be about sixty or sixty-five bushels of potatoes.
5. Did you count them?
 - A. No sir. As for the Spanish onions, he had about three or four crates of them, they weren't all full, some taken out of them. And about some canned goods, I know some tomatoes and pears we had put up; and they even took and showed me the oysters, how they kept them on the ice.
6. Have right much oysters there?
 - A. No sir, it was late Saturday night and they were pretty much sold out; they had two or two and a half gallons there and some at home.

To the General Interrogatory.

 - A. No sir.

IDA GARRICK, one of the Defendants, produced on her own behalf, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows;

1. You are one of the sisters of the late Thomas Hickman, are you not?
 - A. Yes sir.