Q. What is your age?

A. 54.

Q. And you were a former resident of this County?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Were you related to the late Susan Elizabeth Rice, of Jefferson, Maryland?

A. Youngest son.

Q. Your mother is dead?

A. Right.

Q. When did she die?

A. January, 1938.

Q. Will you state the names of the next of kin which she left surviving her?

A. Only myself and an older brother, Arthur E. Rice.

Q. Where is Arthur E. Rice located?

A. He is now at Springfield State Hospital, Sykesville, Md.

Q. Do you know when he was committed?

A. I only know that from correspondence that came to me from the Superintendent at Sykesville, which stated he came to them December 15, 1938.

Q. Can you state the nature of his trouble?

A. It is a little hard to explain; just a case of ----

Q. It is a mental condition?

A. A mental condition, mainly on the subject of money matters. Otherwise he can hold a conversation with you the same as other people, but he has these hallucinations, they call them about money matters.

Q. So far as you know, that condition has continued since December 26th to the present time?

A. Yes.

Q. Been no improvement or change in that condition?

A. That's right.

Q. And he is still confined to the Hospital at this time?

A. That is correct.

Q. Did your mother leave any estate at the time of her death?

A. Nothing other than a little personal property in the home at Jefferson and the home itself which was deeded to her, and to me, when we bought it from Mrs. Kessler.

Q. Has her personal estate been administered?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Who has served as Administrator of your mother's estate?

A. I have.

Q. Have you a copy of your letters of administration with you?

A. I have. (Produced and offered and filed in evidence as Exhibit as "Exemplification, Letters of Administration.")

Q. Have you completed the administration of your mother's estate in the Orphans Court and filed an account?

A. Yes, that was completed in March of this year.

Q. Will you look at that and state whether or not that is a copy of the account filed in the Orphans Court?

A. It is.

(Copy of Administration Account offered and filed in evidence as Exhibit "Administration Account".)

Q. In this account you state that you have paid or secured to be paid several items for which you pray an allowance. Will you state whether or not as Administrator you made