

Q. How have its operations been conducted?

A. By tenants not of the best quality.

Q. I show you a Contract of Sale between George B. Garrott, Sr., et. al., Parties of the First Part, and Marshall W. Crouse and Senah J. Crouse, his wife, dated November 18, 1947, purporting to sell the property known as the Barton V. B. Garrott farm, for the sum of \$8,000.00. Will you state whether or not in your opinion you believe it is for the best interest and advantage of the present owners of the property that this proposed sale be consummated?

A. Yes, sir, I would say so.

Q. Do you believe that the proposed sale price of \$8,000.00 represents the fair value of the Garrott property?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. You believe it is a good sale?

A. Yes, a good sale. Ordinarily it wouldn't bring near that much. After you leave the Harper's Ferry-Frederick Road you have to cross a creek. Then the lane winds around and up a steep grade. In the winter time or in the summer after a rain it is slippery and washes out. It is unhandy to get in and out. The ground is pretty hilly. It is not an economical farm to work. The only advantage I can see is that a man who had another farm could graze cattle there.

Q. You will observe that one of the parties to the Contract of Sale is an infant.

A. That is right.

Q. Do you believe it is particularly to the benefit and advantage of the infant party to this proceedings that the sale be completed?

A. Yes, sir.

To the General Interrogatory: Nothing further.

Signature Waived by agreement of
Amos A. Holter, sol. for plaintiffs,
and Arthur H. Lambert, guardian ad
litem.

George Eugene Hemp, a witness of lawful age, produced on behalf of the Plaintiffs, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

Q. Will you state you full name, age and address, please.

A. George Eugene Hemp; forty-eight; Jefferson, Maryland,

Q. What is your occupation, Mr. Hemp?

A. Farming.

Q. How long have you been farming?

A. All my life.

Q. Are you acquainted with the Barton V. B. Garrott farm near Knoxville, Maryland?

A. I am.

Q. How long have you been acquainted with this farm?

A. Practically all life.

Q. Where is the Garrott farm located.

A. It is the last farm on the right going from Jefferson towards Knoxville on Route 340.

Q. What is the general character of the farm?

A. It is hilly and rough, and is not an attractive farm to the ordinary farmer-operator. It is hard to get into and hard to cultivate. It probably could be made a very good grazing farm.

Q. Are you acquainted with the present condition of the buildings on the farm?