

Q From your knowledge and observation of the man would you or not say he is competent to manage his affairs and business?

A No, sir, he is not competent to attend to his affairs.

Q Now then, Mr. Brown, will you please tell His Honor concerning any property that is owned by Herman R. Peters?

A Well, this house and acre of ground.

Q Where? A. At Thurston. It joins me, in Urbana District.

Q How is it improved, if at all? A. There is a house.

Q Log house? A. Log and frame.

Q Is it occupied? A. No.

Q Will you please give his Honor a little idea as to the value of it roughly?

A Well, approximately - it is in a poor condition of repair - a couple hundred dollars would be the value of it.

Q Who are the nearest relatives, if you known?

A His sister.

Q Where does she reside?

A She is down below Baltimore - Newcastle, Delaware is where she lives.

Q Is Herman Peters married or single? A. Single.

Q Mr. Davis' wife was related, also, wasn't she? A. Yes.

Q In your judgement is it advisable to sell the premises in question at this time?

A Yes, sir.

GEORGE L. DAVIS, the Petitioner, produced in his own behalf, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

By Mr. Bowers:

Q Will you give the Court your full name?

A George L. Davis.

Q Tell his Honor what relation you are, if any, to Herman R. Peters.

A Well of course I am no blood relation. I am just a brother-in-law, that's all.

Q Is your wife living? A. No.

Q How long have you known Herman R. Peters?

A Well, I have known him all his life.

Q Has he required any assistance in the management of his personal estate and, if so, just explain it.

A Well, I have been looking after it ever since he has been to Sykesville.

Q And for how long has he been at Sykesville ?

A 14 years this past June.

Q Was he committed there by two physicians - by the certificates of two physicians, do you know?

A Well, that is a question I really can't answer.

Q Have you visited him lately, Mr. Davis? A. Sunday a week.

Q And in what condition did you find him?

A Well, Herman is very thin, and I couldn't get him to answer anything I would ask him. He would just sit there with his head down and before I left I went around to see his doctor, one of the physicians, and I asked him if it was because he couldn't talk. He said it was his head, just his condition, nothing wrong with his speech. He can speak as well as anybody, but he wouldn't do it.

Q From your knowledge and observation of the man, would you or not say he was competent to transact the ordinary affairs of business?

A I say he couldn't transact anything.

Q You have heard Mr. Brown mention about the property owned by Herman? A. Yes.

Q What have you to say to that? A. You mean the value of it?

Q Is it true that he does own an acre of land down there improved by a dwelling?

A Yes, an acre of land and dwelling house - log and frame.