

A Yes, I was a member of the Committee from the bank that looked at that property at the request of Chester J. Simmons, who desired to make a loan thereon in the event of purchasing it.

Q Will you look at Exhibit A and state if this correctly describes the property?

A I look at Exhibit A. It is a certified copy of a deed from John H. Summers et al to Dorsey B. Gilbert, and it describes the property in question.

Q What would be your judgment as to the value of this property?

A When Mr. Gilson and I looked at the property we understood that Chester Simmons had a contract to purchase it for \$1500, and we thought that was a cheap price for the property and were willing to lend him 60% of that sum of \$900 on a mortgage. I now understand that there is an offer of \$2,000 for this property and I think this sum represents a fair value for the property. I believe it would be well sold at his figure.

Q Do you believe that it would be to the best interest and advantage of the parties to this cause and particularly the infant defendants to accept the \$2,000 offer for the property?

A Yes, I do.

Q Is the property susceptible of division among the parties entitled? There are seven or eight interests.

A No, it would have to be sold and that money distributed.

TO THE GEN. INT.

Nothing further.

William O. Kolb

C. ALBERT GILSON, a witness produced in behalf of the Complainants, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

By Mr. Mathias:

Q Mr. Gilson, state your name, age and residence.

A C. Albert Gilson; my age is 70; my residence is 7 West Third Street, Frederick, Md.

Q Mr. Gilson, are you familiar with the property mentioned in these proceedings: A. I am.

Q Will you look at Exhibit A and state whether or not this correctly describes the property? A. It does.

Q I believe you and Mr. Kolb were members of a bank committee that looked at this property with the view to making a loan to Chester Simmons who was interested in the purchase of the property?

A That's right.

Q Mr. Simmons had the property contracted for \$1500, and there is a subsequent offer by John F. Bussard for \$2,000 for the same property. What is your judgment as to the fair value of this property?

A When I first looked at the property I thought it was cheap at \$1500. I think that the \$2,000 offer is a fair value for the property as I saw it.

Q Do you think it would be to the best interest and advantage of the parties to this suit, and particularly that infant defendants, to accept the \$2,000 offer for this property?

A I do.

Q And in your judgment the property could not be divided among the parties entitled without a sale and distribution of the proceeds?

A No, sir.

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Nothing further.

C. Albert Gilson

Whereupon there being no other witnesses to be examined and no further time being re-