

A. I suppose I have been on that farm 50 years. My father bought it in 1894 and I have lived there just about 50 years, ever since I was akid.

Q. And what do you think it is worth?

(Objection by Mr. Zimmerman)

(Objection overruled.)

A. Well, it is assessed at \$8,200.00. I think between \$7,000.00 and \$8,000.00 would be a fair value on it.

Q. You are taking into consideration, its present condition - the buidlings and all?

A. Yes, sir.

COURT: You formerly stated around \$10,000.00?

A. I needed a farm at that time.

Q. Now ere you present at the second sale?

A. Yes.

Q. And did you bid at the second sale?

A. No.

Q. Why didn't you bid?

A. I figured that would bid it up on my like they did at the first sale. They bid it up and no one would take it. I bid in good faith of taking it.

Q. Did Mr. Grover Barrick tell you the price they were holding the farm?

A. All I know, I went in after the first sale and asked Mr. DeLauter why they didn't sell. They wanted \$12,000.00. I said land hasn't come down any. Don't forget that. I know they wanted. That is why they didn't sell it. The lady in Baltimore wanted \$13,000.00.

Q. After the last sale in February, 1944, did you have any conversation with Mr. DeLauter about the farm?

A. After the last sale?

Q. That is the one in February, 1944.

A. I think I was in his office. I just forget whether I was or not.

Q. Did he ask you anything about making an offer?

A. No, he didn't ask me anything about making an offer, but I got a letter from him about a week after the last sale.

Q. What did that letter have in it?

A. He wanted me to make a better offer on the farm.

Q. In regards to that letter did you make an offer?

A. Yes, \$5,500.00.

Q. And after you made this offer did you receive the letter from Mr. DeLauter?

A. Yes, I received the letter.

(Letter from H. Kieffer DeLauter dated February 25, 1944, to Harry W. Barrick entered in evidence and marked "Exceptant's Exhibit No. 1)

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February 25, 1944.

Harry J. Barrick, Esq.,  
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Dear Mr. Barrick:

Sorry I did not get back in time to sell you yesterday, but I had some papers to file in the Court house, and it took me much longer than I expected it to take when I left the office.

I note what you sayd in your letter and I shall advise the other parties of your offer, but I fear they will not be much impressed with the offer of \$500.00 more than theri bid, and I have had another much larger bid than yours.

I shall be glad to see you any time and hope we can reach some kind of an adjustment of the matter before the end of the month.

Yours very truly,  
H. K. DeLauter