

Q. You were there during the entire time?

A. Yes.

Q. That gave you plenty of opportunity to bid?

A. Yes.

Q. Anyone else that wanted to have bid could have had the opportunity to do so?

A. Yes.

Q. Both the auctioneer and the Trustee asked numerous people to bid at the sale?

A. Yes. I have an idea they did, it is customary to do so.

Q. You saw them ask other people didn't you in the same manner as any other sale?

A. Yes.

COURT: You made no other bid on it?

A. No.

COURT: You didn't see anything extraordinary or out of the way did you at this sale?

A. No, sir.

Russell Ceiss, a witness of lawful age, produced on the part of the Exceptant, having first been duly sworn, deposes and says:

Mr. Holden S. Felton:

Q. State your name?

A. Russell Ceiss.

Q. Where do you live, Mr. Ceiss?

A. Creagerstown, Frederick County, Maryland.

Q. And how long have you lived in Creagerstown?

A. About 25 years.

Q. Do you own any farms in Creagerstown District?

A. Yes, I have three or four out there.

Q. And you have bought real estate and sold it in Creagerstown District, Frederick County, Maryland?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know the "Barrick Farm"?

A. I know it right well.

Q. How long have you known it?

A. I have known about it ever since I have lived in Creagerstown for the past 25 years.

Q. You have attended public sales in Creagerstown District?

A. Yes.

Q. And you are familiar with the valuation of them?

A. I think so.

Q. What do you think that this farm is worth?

A. Between \$7,000.00 and \$8,000.00. It would be to me.

Q. Now, Mr. Ceiss, did you attend this sale of this farm at public sale at the Court House in June of 1943?

A. Yes.

Q. Did you make any bid at that sale?

A. Yes.

Q. How many bids did you make?

A. The last bid was \$35.00 an acre.

Q. For whom were you bidding?

A. Mr. Harry Barrick?

Q. Were there any bids put on after the \$35.00 was placed on the farm?