

Q. You have, I presume sold real estate under jurisdiction of this Court on many occasions?

A. Yes, sir, many times.

Q. And you were duly appointed Trustee in No. 14,724 Equity?

A. I was.

Q. Would you please relate to the Court what you have done to carry out the duties as Trustee in No. 14, 724 Equity?

A. The property was advertised in the usual manner and the sale was held in the corridor of the Court House here. Mr. Ogle was the auctioneer. The property was offered for sale as usual. The auctioneer asked for bids and there were several bids. I stood there at the entrance to the County Commissioners Room and after it was bid up to either \$38.00 or \$40.00, there was a contention as to whose bid it was and there was an argument about the bidder. Finally, I found that they were getting no where and that the sale would have to be called off. I talked with all of the interested parties that were there. I talked to Harry especially because he told me that he was interested in the farm. I wanted him to sign an acknowledgment of purchase and even offered him to make his purchase price. He refused to do so. Notwithstanding the fact that I could get nobody to sign acknowledgement for the purchase of the farm, the sale naturally was called off.

COURT: He would not sign the acknowledgement to that price?

A. He would not sign at all. I then waited. I rather expected him to be back. I waited, but he didn't come. Later on I then put an ad in the paper in the Local Mentions or For Sale column. I had several people to come in to talk over the farm, but could get no offer from anyone. I talked to a score of people and tried to sell it. This went on for some time and it was coming near the first of April and we insisted on re-advertising the property which was done and the sale was held in the Court House again and Mr. Ogle didn't appear so Mr. Hooper auctioned the sale. He read the advertisement, made the announcement and asked for bids and cried for quite a while before anyone would bid at all. I talked to several people. Finally \$5,000.00 bid was made. It didn't appear that Harry wanted the property or he would have bid on it. After I had talked to him he still refused to bid. When no one else would bid, Mr. Hooper sold it to Mr. Grover Barrick and Mr. Maurice Barrick. He signed the acknowledgment of purchase and asked if he could get Mr. Dick Barrick's widow to sign. I told him that it would be all right. He took the acknowledgement of purchase with him. I again told Harry that if he wanted the farm and if he would give a substantial offer, it could be arranged for him to get the farm. I then received the offer of \$5,500.00. I wrote him that we wouldn't consider that. That we had had a higher offer. Mr. Geiss also came to see me and I asked him to make an offer and he said he saw that it was sold for \$5,000.00. He said he would give a couple hundred more than that mentioned. A Mr. Sines, came in to talk to me who was having sale on the Tom Culler Farm and I asked him if he wouldn't want a farm. He said if his sale went all right, he would be in the market for a farm. He asked me what I wanted. I said \$10,000.00. He said he might be interested in a price around \$7,500.00. His sale did not go all right and he told me that he was not interested in the farm.

Q. Mr. DeLauter about how long was the second sale cried?

A. It is hard to say. Nearly a hour. I would first employ someone to put on a bid and Mr. Hooper went around and solicited bids. There was every opportunity to bid for anyone who wanted to. As at any public sale, there were a number of people I din't known, but there were a few from up in that section that I did know.

Q. Where was the sale held?