

purchase price, even considering the additional expenditures necessary, seems rather low on its face, but real estate in Brunswick is not considered too safe an investment; in fact, all other parties approached who did not live in the community all advised me that they were not interested in purchasing property located there for investment. There is one other thing I might mention. At the time of the public sale several persons who were present approached me and also Mr. DeLauter in regard to the title and I assured them that if the title was not good they would not be required to fulfill any contract. There did appear in the Brunswick newspapers, at the time the advertisement for sale was running, a notice inserted by some persons in the City of Chicago claiming that they had an interest in this property and it might be that this notice had some effect upon the bidders, even though they were assured there was nothing to this claim, which had been decided by the Circuit Court for Frederick County many years ago.

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H. KEIFFER DELAUTER, being of lawful age, having first been duly sworn, deposes and says:

I attended the sale with Mr. Claggett and the statement made by him is my experience also and in addition to that I contacted a man by the name of Miller from Washington County, who looked at the property and made some investigation as to the cost of the repairs and then offered me \$12,500.00 for the property, stating that the repairs necessary to meet his business would run the property up to \$20,000.00, which he considered a fair price for the property. I talked with several people, Directors and others of the Peoples National Bank, and for another party requested the amount they would loan on the property. They