

JANE ANNE SMITH, one of the Complainants herein, a witness of lawful age, after having first been duly sworn, deposes and says:

Q: Please state your name for the Court.

A: Jane Anne Smith.

Q: You are the widow of Wilson Porter Smith?

A: Yes.

Q: Mrs. Smith, you reside in Baltimore, Maryland?

A: Yes.

Q: You are one of the complainants in this case to quiet title to certain land in Braddock District, Frederick County, Maryland?

A: Yes.

Q: Do you know the circumstances under which your husband acquired the land which is the subject of these proceedings?

A: Yes.

Q: Mrs. Smith, can you describe this property?

A: Approximately 7 acres located at the area known as Saw Mill Bottom, although the property was actually at the top of a hill. At the time my husband bought it the property contained a small house, containing 4 or 5 rooms, a barn, chicken house, and included a small orchard with various fruit trees.

Q: Mrs. Smith, did you ever visit this property?

A: Many times.

Q: You have said that you recall the circumstances under which the property was purchased. Will you please describe them for the Court?

A: In 1931 we owned an adjoining farm property which my husband and I used as a weekend and vacation home. During that year my husband learned that the 7 acre property which is the subject of this case, was to be sold for taxes and understood that he would be able to buy it. Up to that time the tenant who operated our farm had lived in the farm house and as this was unsatisfactory he wished to have separate quarters for the tenant. Accordingly, he purchased the 7 acres tract and our tenant, who