

"EXHIBIT "B"

My name is Raymond A. Browning. I live at Mt. Airy, Route 3. I will be seventy-two years old in December, 1957, and all of my lifetime I have lived in the Mt. Airy-Kempton area. My father owned a farm in New Market District, down close to Plane No. 4, and I grew up on this farm. Mrs. Mary J. Owens owned an adjoining farm containing something over one hundred acres, and I knew her well. She had one son, whose name was Lewis E. Owens, and mother and son lived together on the farm. I understand that Mrs. Owens and her sister, Sarah Houser, bought this farm from Jacob Rohrback, Trustee, in 1913. I also understand and am told that upon the death of Sarah Houser, her heirs conveyed their half interest in the farm to Lewis E. Owens. I think he must have borrowed money from the Fredericktown Savings Institution in order to make this purchase, because I am told he gave the Fredericktown Savings Institution a mortgage on the farm. Lewis E. Owens was older than I was, and as children we went to the Owens place frequently. Mrs. Owens was very good to us, and as children we referred to her as Aunt Minnie. In her later years Mrs. Owens became very much of an invalid and was bed-ridden. Her son, Lewis E. Owens, was very good to her and waited on her during her last illness and while she was an invalid. While I do not remember just when Mary J. Owens died, I believe it was in the 1920's. I think she is buried in the graveyard belonging to the Providence Methodist Church at Kempton, Maryland. I know that Lewis E. Owens is buried in that graveyard. After his mother's death Lewis Owens continued to live on the farm by himself. I understand that Lewis E. Owens was a drinking man and as a result did not get along too well with the operation of his farm or in a business way. I understand that he deeded this farm containing over 100 acres

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