

SAMUEL L. BIRELY, a witness for the Complainants, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

By Mr. Brown:

Q Mr. Birely, will you state your name, your residence and your occupation?

A My name is Samuel Luther Birely, residence, Thurmont, Maryland; occupation, real estate and insurance.

Q Are you also an appraiser, Mr. Birely?

A I have been, yes.

Q And over the period of years how many properties have you appraised?

A I would say approximately one thousand.

Q At one time were you not associated with the State Roads Commission of Maryland?

A I was.

Q And were you doing appraisal work at that time?

A I was.

Q Directing your attention to several weeks ago, did you make a physical inspection of the property of the late Minnie C. Earhart?

A I made two inspections of that property, one of which was made several weeks ago, yes.

Q Now as a result of your inspection will you inform the Court as to what you found? Will you describe the property?

A Physically an attractive six-room brick dwelling, situate on a lot approximately 120 by 200 feet, on the road known as the Ballenger Creek Road at the intersection of the road leading to Adamstown. The property from the outside is much more attractive than the interior construction would indicate. By that I mean it is from a rather inadequate professional construction on the inside. It is nicely located overlooking the Blue Ridge Mountains to the West. The potential so far as business is concerned is entirely out of line. There is no such thing, in my opinion.

Q Clarify that, please, sir.