EMMERT R. BOWLUS, a witness for the Complainants, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

By Mr. Brown:

Q Will you state your name and occupation?

A Emmert R. Bowlus, auctioneer, insurance, appraiser, real estate.

Q Now, Mr. Bowlus, how long have you been an appraiser, approximately?

A In real estate since approximately 1935.

Q And have you been appraising real estate since that time?

A Approximately since that date, yes.

Q On or about February 9, 1965 did you make an appraisal of the Samuel Walter Brown farm?

A I did.

Q Will you tell me where that farm is located, sir?

A That farm is located on the southwest end of Jefferson. It is bounded on the west by U. S. Route 340, on the south or southwest by Horine Road, and then it is also bounded on the south by the Thrasher farm and the Easterday farm.

Q Is this farm in Frederick County?

A In Frederick County in Jefferson District.

Q Will you sate what the results of your appraisal were?

A At the time I made my appraisal I made it with the purpose in mind for the State Roads Commission - it was taking a right of way through the farm for the relocation of Route 340. It was made for that purpose, but I made a before and after value.

Q For whom did you make it?

A I made the appraisal at the request of the Western Maryland Trust Company and Mr. Lakin and Mr. McSherry, who represented the bank, I believe, or the trust estate.

The before value of the land and improvements at that time I valued at $106,200. After the taking by the State Roads Commission I valued the remainder at $96,800.