

1 A. Yes. Ruined it.

2 Q. Ruined it. And did it cause flooding or standing  
3 water in the area?

4 A. Sure.

5 Q. And you think it was dryer before that?

6 A. Oh, yes. I know it was. But they had to take  
7 the beavers out on account of the highway.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. The water would come right over the highway.

10 Q. After they took the beavers out, did the area  
11 still stay wetter than it was before?

12 A. No. It gradually drained out. But when I say in  
13 draining, in this area there was little rivulets of water  
14 come down off of the higher spots into a low spot, and they  
15 run down there.

16 Q. So you're saying in the circled area, the thing  
17 we're calling the area, there were little rivulets or  
18 channels?

19 A. Sure.

20 Q. That's been for years that there have been little  
21 channels? Is that as long as you remember?

22 A. That's all it was, yeah.

23 Q. But there have been those channels as long as you  
24 can recall?

25 A. He made -- Mr. Brace made a channel to catch

1 those little rivulets so that the water would run straight  
2 down under the bridge on the road --

3 Q. To Sibleyville.

4 A. Yes..

5 Q. But before Mr. Brace did that, were there little  
6 channels or rivulets?

7 A. Oh, little ones, yes.

8 Q. Again, the place we've called the area -- Again,  
9 we're talking, you know, years ago. But were there parts of  
10 this area that we've circled that were wetter than others,  
11 had more standing water than others?

12 A. No.

13 Q. So you think pretty much the whole area that was  
14 circled is the same?

15 A. Sure. It was so that they could farm this land  
16 here, plant crops on it, take them off. There might have  
17 been -- might have been in the real spring of the year,  
18 might have been a little water there. But outside of a  
19 couple weeks of good weather, it was gone.

20 Q. But there were little rivulets and channels?

21 A. There was at one time, yes, where the water would  
22 naturally run off of the slopes.

23 Q. Before Mr. Brace changed things.

24 A. Sure.

25 Q.. Have you ever seen Canadian geese or birds in

1 this place we're calling the area?

2 A. Any what?

3 Q. Canadian geese.

4 A. Oh, there's a fly-over area.

5 Q. Have you ever seen them on the ground around  
6 there?

7 A. Not there, no.

8 Q. Have you ever seen other wildlife around there?

9 A. Sure. I've seen deer.

10 Q. Anything else?

11 A. Pheasants.

12 Q. Any other kind of birds?

13 A. Most all kinds of birds that fly through there.

14 Q. Have you seen fish in the little channels?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Have you ever looked for them or --

17 A. I was not a fisherman.

18 Q. Me neither. It's a good thing we don't have to  
19 get into fishing terms. Now, just so --

20 A. I see more ducks and geese across from my trailer  
21 out in an open field than I ever saw down there, though.

22 Q. But have you ever seen ducks and geese in the  
23 area we're --

24 A. Not -- Only just flying around there.

25 Q. But in the area you've seen them.

1 A. Yeah. I got a picture at home that shows a  
2 string of geese probably five hundred feet long. It was  
3 right on the ground.

4 Q. Now, I think you said you took off crops from  
5 someplace in this area?

6 A. Sure.

7 Q. And was that before -- Did you say that was in  
8 the 50's or the 60's?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Who were you taking the crops off for? Were you  
11 working for Mr. Brace's father?

12 A. For his grandfather. Probably in the 40's.

13 Q. Probably in the 40's?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And, again, do you remember where in the circle  
16 that was?

17 A. All this land in here (indicating) was -- Where  
18 the devil is Greenlee Road? Right there (indicating).

19 Q. So you're pointing immediately south of Greenlee  
20 Road?

21 A. Yeah.

22 Q. That was probably in the 40's?

23 A. Huh?

24 Q. Probably in the 40's?

25 A. Yeah. Could have been.



1 Q. Have you ever seen a beaver dam in the area we're  
2 calling "the area" circled here?

3 A. Not up there, no

4 Q. Are you social friends with the Braces? Do you  
5 come and visit them?

6 A. I've known them all my life.

7 Q. After there was a time -- I know there was a time  
8 when you actually did work in what we're calling the area.  
9 But after that, was there any reason for you to go in the  
10 area?

11 A. Sure. I would drive through there.

12 Q. You would drive through. But did you ever walk  
13 over it?

14 A. No, I would drive through it, though.

15 Q. You didn't do any work on it after what we talked  
16 about?

17 A. (Witness nods head negatively.)

18 MR. DANA: Can I just take a minute? And

19 I'll just check my notes.

20 (Brief recess held at this time.)

21 BY MR. DANA:

22 Q. Mr. Sharpe, did you talk to anyone before you  
23 came here today about the deposition?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Did you talk to Mr. Brace?

1 A. Only on the telephone. Called me up. His  
2 daughter did.

3 Q. And what did she tell you?

4 A. That they was going to take -- I talked to them  
5 before a little bit.

6 Q. What did you discuss?

7 A. Discussed the trouble that it's causing them for  
8 him making that so that he can use it.

9 Q. Did they say they wanted to use this area?

10 A. Sure.

11 Q. For farming?

12 A. Sure.

13 Q. And what else did they say? Did they ask you to  
14 come testify?

15 A. They asked me if I would answer some questions,  
16 yes. Which I've tried to do.

17 Q. You've done very well. Did they ask you what you  
18 were going to be questioned about -- or did they tell you?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Did you look at any documents preparing for this  
21 deposition?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Just one more time, and this may be repetitive,  
24 but bear with me. Pointing to what we've been talking about  
25 today at this deposition, this area marked with a circle, do

1 you remember any differences as to how -- within the area,  
2 some of it being dryer or less dry, some used for pasture,  
3 some not used for pasture?

4 A. It's been dryer since they straightened it.

5 Q. Since Mr. Brace straightened the channel.

6 A. Yes, straightened it out.

7 Q. But just over the years, do you remember  
8 differences within this area about how it was used?

9 A. Yes. For many years it was used as a pasture  
10 land. And I suppose years ago it was used as crop land.  
11 Before my time. But, see, there was a house and a barn in  
12 there. Years ago they had small parcels of land that had a  
13 house and a barn and little acreage. And that was in this  
14 area up here (indicating).

15 Q. You said before your time it was used for crop  
16 land?

17 A. Sure. Must have been. They lived off it.

18 Q. But that was before your time?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. That it was used for farm -- for cropping? Is  
21 that right?

22 A. (Witness nods head affirmatively.)

23 Q. You have to say yes or no for the --

24 A. Yes.

25 MR. DANA: All right. I don't have anything

1 further,

2 MR. WARD: Just one question.

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4 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

5  
6 BY MR. WARD:

7  
8 Q. Do you remember about what year that you say Mr.  
9 Brace put a channel in down there in the area, what we're  
10 calling the area?

11 A. Gosh, I don't. I don't remember the year.

12 Q. If you don't, that's all right. I think you said  
13 he channeled it somewhere in here.

14 A. Went down here. There's the Sibleyville Corners.  
15 The beaver dam was right there (indicating). And it flooded  
16 the land from the road back.

17 Q. But you don't remember what year or so Mr. Brace  
18 made a channel -- channelized the water, do you?

19 A. No, sir, I can't tell you the year.

20 MR. WARD: Okay, fine. I have no further  
21 questions.

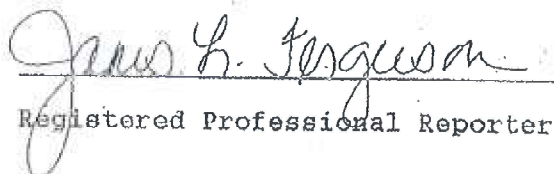
22 MR. DANA: Thank you, Mr. Sharpe.

23 MR. WARD: Let the record show that I'll take  
24 Exhibit A.

25 (Deposition concluded at 3:12 p.m.)

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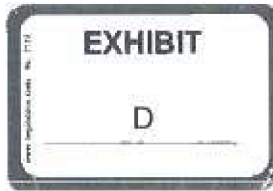
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