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**INTO HISTORIC LAND LOSS**

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**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 0:00: To begin, one of our commissioners he is not hearing. He says he's not connected.

**MS. SWAN (Sect)** 2:05: So Counsel yes, he can hear you. Now the mic is muted. Can you hear me now? Counsel?

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 2:12: Now hearing. Good morning Commissioners, Chairman. I've only heard the last 10 seconds.

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 2:18: Okay. I'm sorry Counsel. I just indicated that Mrs. Frederica Forth would be joining us by Zoom. She's actually on and that Mr. Quinton Stovell will be joining us very shortly. And then I invited you sir, to begin.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 2:46: Commissioner, guide members and all persons viewing. Importantly, this morning is a continuation 034 is an application been made by the claimants in reference to the estate of grandfather James Talbot, who the claimants alleged owned 100 acres of land property in Tucker's Town. I'd like to ask at this time, that the witnesses who had been here before Miss Joanne Bernice Adams, and Mr. Dwayne Disney Talbot. I'd ask that they be sworn or affirmed depending on their conviction or religious conviction at this time.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 3:51: Joanne Bernice Adams, I swear by Almighty God that the evidence I shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

**MR. DWAYNE TALBOT** 4:42: I swear by Almighty God that the evidence I shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**  4:45: Thank you. On the occasion, the 29th of November I believe it was 26th November 2020, when we had heard evidence on the last occasion. We returned today in respect of some additional information, which is being supplied. Now, may I start with Joanne Bernice Adams? Good morning, Madame. How are you today? Good. Thank you. Now,

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 5:25: I'm fine thank you.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 5:28: In respect of the submission that you made, you are making a second submission today. Is that correct?

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 5:35: That's correct.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 5:37: And it is entitled Submission Part 2 to the Commission of Inquiry Land Loss, submitted by Joanne Bernice Adams and Dwayne Disney Talbot Claim #034 and is dated March 16, 2021. Is that correct?

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 6:02: That is correct.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 6:03: Thank you. The document consists of (seventeen) 17 pages.

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 6:08: That is correct.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 6:14: Madam Chair, I'm asking about a document entitled Submission Part 2 to The Commission of Inquiry Land Loss submitted by Joanne Bernice Adams and Dwayne Disney Talbot Claim #034 March 16 2021. That it be tendered and admitted as Exhibit JBA6.

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 7:01: I make the order that Submission Part 2 to the Commissioner The Inquiry Land Loss submitted by Joanne Bernice Adams and Dwayne Disney Talbot Claim #034 dated March 16 2021 is hereby entered as Exhibit JBA6.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 7:22: No. It is the initials of Joanne Bernice Adams.

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 7:31: JBA6. Thank you.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 7:37: That's correct, Madam. Ms. Adams you take us to the first page of the document.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 7:49: This submission is hereby presented to the Commission of Inquiry established on 31st October 2019 by the Premier, Hon. E. David Burke, JP MP, and directed to inquire into historic losses of citizens property in Bermuda, in keeping with the mandate of the House of Assembly as expressed in this resolution of 4th July 2014. This presentation, Part 2 will give further evidence to substantiate our claim and also provide further documentation as requested by the Commission at the end of our first hearing on November 26, 2020. This is what has been discovered since which by Joanne Bernice Adams and Dwayne Disney Talbot in regards to the land of our great great grandfather James Talbot, and it being passed on to our great grandfather, John Samuel Talbot. Today we will submit the following the will of James Talbot references from the Deed of James Talbot, current Google Map of the land identified in the Will and Deeds of James Talbot and a map from the Deed of Joanna Talbot.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 8:55: Thank you. Now the first document you wish to refer to is the Will of James Talbot. Book of Wills, Vol 27: Page 268-270

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 9:16: Before we move to that I need to make a correction on that first page I just read. No. 3 It should be the Will of Joanna Talbot. It shouldn't be and deeds; it should be the Will Joanna Talbot.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 9:39: So it should read Deeds of Joanna Talbot.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 9:52: Should be the Deeds of Joanna Talbot.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 9:55: Could I ask you to spell Joanna for us

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 9:58: JOANNA

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 10:04: Thank you very much. Proceed Madam I took you to page three, which reads the Will of James Talbots book of Wills is this three the John Talbot or is this 3 James? It is correct as it appears here.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 10:35: Yes.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 10:36: Okay, thank you. Now the Will of James Talbot Book of Wills volume 27 pages 268-270. You retrieved it from the Bermuda Archives on November 30, 2020 Madam? Is there any part of the Will which is attached on the following pages page 4 that you wish to draw attention to Madam?

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 11:07: I actually I assumed I would be reading the entire Will.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 11:10: Please proceed madam

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 11:14: I hereby certify that on the 2nd day of July in the year of our Lord at 1896. Before me the officer administering the government and ordinary aforesaid presently appeared William Charles Trott one of the subscribing witnesses to the Annual Instrument of writing, learning date the 23rd day of February in the year of our God and 1893 purporting to lie the Last Will and Testament of James Talbot, late of the parish of St. George's in these islands planter diseased and he solemnly made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that he saw the said James Talbot sign and duly execute the same by making his mark at the foot at the court of and thereof as the said would apply thereon and that before such execution the said Will was used to the said tester in the presence of said William Charles Trott and of Charles Vidal Fitzgerald Smith, the other subscribing witness. He appeared perfectly to understand the same and that at the time of such execution, the said James Talbot was of sound disparate free mind memory and understanding to the best of this deponent judgment. That he also saw Charles Vidal Fitzgerald Smith subscribe his name as witnessed thereto. That the said Charles Vidal Fitzgerald Smith was present during such execution with him this deponent and that the said deponent and the said Charles Vidal Fitzgerald Smith did attest and subscribe the affixed test instrument in the presence of the said Testator William Trott whereof the said William Charles Trott both hereto subscribe his name and I the Office Administering the Government and Ordinary aforesaid, have set my hand and sealed at arms the day and year herein first written by this Honor's Command Archibald Alison, Colonial Secretary, In the name of God, Amen.

 **JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 14:14: I James Talbot of Tucker's Town in the Parish of St. George in the islands of Bermuda planter Do hereby revoke all former wills and other testamentary dispositions hereto made by me and to declare this to be my last Will and Testament. First, I do will and direct all my just debts funerals and testamentary charges be paid out of my estate as speedily as possible after my deceased. Second - I give and bequeath all my personal estate and effects whatsoever and wherever to my wife, Joanna Talbot. Also, I give and devise 19 acres that part of my present residence stands with the outbuilding gardens and appurtenances thereto belonging, situate in Tucker's Town in the Parish of St. George's, together with the lot know as Castle lot and measuring 15 acres situate in the aforesaid town and Parish, bounded northerly by the water of Castle Harbor, dividing easterly to the water dividing in Castle Island from my said lot, solidly by the sea and westerly by a wall the same with this residence of my estate to hold to my said wife Joanna Talbot her heirs and assigns forever.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 16:09: To my nine (9) children I give and devise my real estate in the following manner namely: I first direct that a road twelve (12) feet wide made extending northerly from the public road to such part or parts of my land as will give to my children Ingress and Egress. Secondly, that each shall hold his or her portion as his or her land marks respectively shows numbering from 3 to 11. i.e. to Benjamin Daniel five (5) acres marked (3); to John Samuel seven (7) acres marked (4); to Henry Thomas thirteen (13) acres marked (5); to Harrington Artemus thirteen (13) acres marked (6); to Princess Jennings six (6) acres mark (7); to Lydia six (6) acres marked (8); to Serena Cordelia six (6) acres marked (9); to Katherine Virginia six 6 acres marked (10); to Julia Ann six (6) acres marked (11); to hold to them my said nine (9) children their heirs and assigns forever. Should any of my children die without issue or interest in such case the inheritance so left shall go to my wife Joanna Talbot, absolutely.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 18:07: Should my said wife die interest, her real estate was that child subsequently shared and divided between my surviving children and heirs of my deceased children. Third and lastly I do here nominate and appoint Charles William Thomas Smith and Samuel Painter Richardson to be my Executives to this my Last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of February in the year about God 1893 James 'his mark' Talbot. Signed by the mark of the said James Talbot the Testator in the presence of us in His presence and in the presence of each other at the same time subscribe our names as witnesses William Charles Trott, Charles Vidal Fitzgerald Smith recorded 14th of September 1896 Archibald. Colonial Secretary. Here is the end of the Will.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 19:22: Thank you very much. May I take you to the following page, which reads James Talbot Extract from Book of Deeds, Volume 23, pages 170 and 171, 176 and 177? Go ahead, madam.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 19:46: I am going to read just the first four lines of page 170. And I'm going to read excerpts from the other pages and I'll indicate where they are when I get to that page.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 19:57: Madam when you read Please, just a minute, each page you read briefly to just indicate the significance that you wish the commissioners to attach to each page and why you have highlighted these pages madam.

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 20:14: Counsel may I just interject and ask a question, please. Are you going to be entering any of these documents as exhibits? Y

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 20:22: Yes all of them.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 20:23: Exhibit JBA6, but we're reading JBA6 which is seventeen (17) pages, which consists of Exhibit JBA6.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 20:38: So I'm just going to read the first few lines, and I'll explain why. This indenture of 12 parts made the 17th day of December in the year of our Lord 1862, between Thomas Jennings Tucker of the Town of Hamilton in the Parish of Pembroke, in the islands of Bermuda merchant, and Augusta Martha Tucker formally Harvey, his wife of the first part, Seth Harvey, of the town of St. George's, in the parish of St. George's, in the islands of Bermuda. And this is the beginning of the deeds of James Talbot, and I'm now going to go over to the next part where we will see all the names of the people who are involved with other families of Benjamin Dickinson, Harvey. So on page 171, just about a half way down.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 21:40: Could you just count the lines for me how many lines down I would appreciate that

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 21:50: Page 9, and line 14

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 22:01: Started with the word daughter?

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 22:03: Yes, starting with the daughter, and devised in the Last will and testament of Benjamin Dickinson Harvey, Esquire, deceased, and James Talbot of Tucker's Town, the parish of St. George's aforesaid in the islands of Bermuda aforesaid Planter of the 12th Part. So that is just to indicate that all the people who are indicated from the beginning of page 117 down to line 14 and 171 have agreed that that this land is being sold to James Talbot. And if we turn over to the next page 176. Admit and acknowledge

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 22:57: We're at 176 first line?

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 22:59: Yes, Admit and Acknowledge, and of and from there the same and every part thereof, do severally and respectively, a quick release and forever discharge, the said James Talbot his heirs and Executives and administrators and assigned by their presence and which said several and respected sums of money making together the said sum of 810 pounds are in first for the absolute purchase of the inheritance in fee simple conditional in possession of the several and respective parts, shares or proportions of them, the said persons to the presence of the 11 part of and in the said several pieces or parcels of land and premises hereby intended to be granted and release and conveyed in in the now issuance and hereinafter expressed and which said lots of pieces or parcels of land are numbered respectively as hereinafter aforementioned, and that is to demonstrate that James actually purchased that land.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 24:51: Would you repeat that that demonstrates that they actually

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 24:54: Their transaction went through for James to purchase that land at 810 pounds. James Talbot purchased the land. Thank you. Page 177 line 14,

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 25:22: Line 14, that begins with the word titles

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 25:28: Must be line 13. Several and respected shares, shares, parts and state rights, titles and in interest of and in the same premises, grant, bargain, sell a lien, release, and confirm onto the same James Talbot his heirs and assigns. And that again, just to demonstrate that he purchased those lots of land.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 26:11: Now, just to be clear, I know the proper page of the document that we read earlier distinctly pointed out the pages that you're making reference to 171, 176 and 177. And just to be clear for the commissioners, you did not include pages 172 through to 175 in this document, correct?

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 26:37: Correct.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 26:42: Now would you like to take us to the current google map of land area once owned by James and Joanna Talbot and heirs.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 27:10: Yes. And Mr. Talbot will speak to that.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 27:15: Thank you very much.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 27:17: Good Morning, Counsel and Commissioners

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 27:23: Just a minute, sir. Can I just ask the Secretary to take us to the next slide of this exhibit? JBA6, before you start, sir.

**MR. DWAYNE TALBOT** 27:31: I would like to go to the next one before that. Sorry that it's it looks like it's it's a little bit backward. But I'd like to go to the map of land an area owned by Joanna Talbot and heirs from the book of Wills first

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 27:47: Certainly. Go ahead. Could I just ask you to go to the following slide, Secretary? Scroll down to

**MS. SWAN (Sect)** 28:04: Counsel Mr. Talbot is verifying that this is the correct slide that I'm working on to the next.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 28:10: Yes, fine, thank you. Yes, right here. Thank you very much.

**MR. DWAYNE TALBOT** 28:22: Okay, the next slide. This slide shows you from the Will, the actual Will of Diana Talbot which was submitted earlier. You see highlighted in lime green highlight Lot #10 is the land that was bequeathed from Miss Diana Talbot, to her son, John Samuel Talbot. So that's the area that we have of interest. The whole area was the area that belong to Joanna Talbot, given to her through the Will of her husband James Talbot. The size of the Lot #10 is deemed to be seven (7) acres.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 29:31: Thank you. And this document where was this document obtained?

**MR. DWAYNE TALBOT** 29:38: This was obtained from the Will of Joanna Talbot from the Book of Wills.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 29:50: Could I just ask that we could see the entire document but more particular the foot the right hand side, lower right hand side of the document. Mr. Talbot, that that's circular. That stamp indicates the source of the document?

**MR. DWAYNE TALBOT** 30:19: Yes correct. That's from the Bermuda Archives.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**  30:36: You may continue, sir.

**MR. DWAYNE TALBOT** 30:39: So now if you go back to Google Maps where we will show us we have a more current situation. What Google Maps is showing you is the area known as Tucker's Town , and from my research and what we had researched, it appears that the land that and it's the dotted lines, that appears to be the land that Joanna Talbot held. Now, in that land that is of interest is the portion that goes on to the Google Maps headed named as Shell Point Road.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 31:40: I'm just going to ask with the assistance of the technicians that you could the cursor could be used to assist the commissioners to indicate the area that you are making reference to sir. Is that the area where the cursor is surfacing sir?

**MR. DWAYNE TALBOT** 32:03: No, if you prefer the computer right now just all in that area, greenery and all that there. And that area is where I am referencing.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 32:25: The area where the cursor is now, that is an area that you referenced earlier on the map of land.

**MR. DWAYNE TALBOT** 32:32: Yes, that that, that appears to be Lot 10, what I couldn't have done because of time, was to have it scaled according to how the map was from the Book of Wills to Google Maps. So I got to get the, the exact location, and therefore I've been able to identify homes that were in that exact location. But the area that it appears is where the cursor is right now.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 33:16: Thank you very much. And that area you based on the map of land, you indicate that it is seven acres?

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 33:27: Yes a seven (7) acre area.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 33:35: Thank you.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 33:40: Can I just make an addition to that? Based on the

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 33:46: This is Joanne speaking now?

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 33:52: It just says on page 177. And

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 33:58: You wish to take us back to page 177? You may go ahead.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 34:16: It begins with try to fit line up and Thomas margins between the South

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 34:22: Sorry, just a minute, you are on page 77 which take us to the fifth line.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 34:27: It's 5th line from the bottom I'm sorry,

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 34:29: From the bottom, and it begins with the word Trott. You may go ahead madam

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 34:46: Just one second.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 34:53: Could I probably ask you to start reading before because that at that point that you have mentioned the Part of a name. So could I ask you just to review where you'd like to draw to the Commissioners attention?

**MR. DWAYNE TALBOT**  35:40: Permission to step out for a couple of minutes and come back

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER**  36:09: Counsel the evidence may continue in Mr. Talbot's absence.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 36:14: I'm sorry I didn't get in whose absence? I didn't hear I'm sorry.

**MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 36:24: Mr. Talbot asked to be excused for a minute. He requested that the evidence can continue until he returns from the Mrs. Adams.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 36:33: So Francis James Samuel Trott

**MRS. LISTER (Secty)** 37:07: Counsel Ms. Lister here Mr. Talbot was just taking military leave did you want to continue with Miss Adams or did you want to wait until he is back in?

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 37:18: Once the commissioners have indicated that they're fine to proceed, then that's okay. But yeah, normally it would be best to wait, but once the commissioners are satisfied that they wish to continue, then they may

**MRS. LISTER (Secty)**  37:37: Yes, the Chair has confirmed that they can continue.

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 37:43: Counsel Commissioner are okay, you may proceed, they have no issue proceeding, and the witness has no difficulty

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 38:00: Thank you, Madam Chair. Miss Adams, you were about to point out towards an area that you wish to draw the attention of the commissioners, you may proceed madam Where exactly are you on page 177

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 38:21: Sixth line from the bottom. Francis James Samuel Trott and

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 38:34: You may proceed.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 38:35: Okay, Francis James, Samuel Trott, and Thomas Parsons, between the South and the West, by the Glebe Land, and between the West and the north, by the Little Sound, and also and in all that certain lot as parcel of land situated lying and being in Tucker's Town. You see where the land that he's showing you shows the Little Sound which would be indicative of where he's pointing it out on the map.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 39:38: Thank you very much. So, would you wish is there any other reference or point that you wish to make regarding the maps or the Google photograph?

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 39:55: No. Thank you.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 40:00: Could I just invite you then to take us to the closing you’re closing remarks?

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 40:10: At the end of our first hearing, we were asked what we would like to get out of this hearing. Upon further discussion and reflection, we seek reparation for the two acres of land for which our great grandfather was not compensated to be fulfilled through one of the two means listed below: To be paid in monetary form using the selling cost of that error, compounded to the current year, or by conveyance of two acres of land within Tucker's Town to us Joanne Berniece Adams and Dwayne Disney Talbot. I'd like to thank the Commission for having us back and hearing from us again. And there was one thing that he did request that we weren't able to get the information. And that was whether or not the people who signed the petition the Tucker's Town residents who signed the petition were living whether or not they got land and what what they actually received. I did do some research but wasn't able to turn it off at that point in time. And so we weren't able to support that. Another question was asked as to whether or not I knew if people were black or white, and we were talking about, and I did find a bit more information about the gentleman Priest, his land was some of the land that was purchased back by Furnace Weed, and he lived overseas, and he may have only been here once and he did sell his land. I guess basically, because he wasn't on the island, he had nothing else to do with the island yet just happened to purchase. And indications of from what I read where he lived, would indicate that he was indeed white. That was the other thing that I hadn't put in there. But I did look, and we couldn't find it. I know some of the people who presented have been collecting information for years, and we've basically done this since the beginning of June, July, up until now so I feel we've done very well collecting information and try and get into Archives and Land Valuation and all the other places to be able to present you as fully as we could what happened.

**MR. DWAYNE TALBOT** 42:55: And the other thing that I would like to mention is that the fact that late Walton Brown had submitted a statement and I took this from recollection about this very items. And though I wasn't able to find anything in the archives, I'm still going to research it. In his statement he said that that the Colonial Secretary whose name you saw affixed to some of the documentation was a little bit upset because, after the Steam Company for furniture after they had bought it, the first right of refusal was supposed to go back to the former owners, former residents of Tucker's Town. I am a Talbot I do not own the land in Tucker's Town and I believe my grandpa, no, my grandpa, my grandfather and my grandmother did not go again according to how the Colonial Secretary wanted it. But again, like I'm, I'm gonna continue on researching these items and stuff like that. It may not be in time to be presented to this to this type of body. But I'm gonna continue researching different things. With that, thank you.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 44:48: Thank you very much. Now I have some follow up questions. On the final page of Exhibit JB A6 Where you indicated to what you have described as seeking repatriation for the two acres of land for which your great grandfather was not compensated to be fulfilled through one of the two means listed below. I just like to speak, ask you some further questions on the two means listed below. First one being be paid in monetary form using the selling costs of that era compounded to the current year. We are aware that on the previous occasion that you appeared before the Commission on November 26, 2020, and based on your submissions, and the document, which is now an exhibit, you had made reference when I say you I mean both you Mr. Talbot and Ms. Adams, to your submission, where you spoke about purchase prices and comparison to the purchase of the property of John Samuel Talbot, you had used a number of examples in respect of other persons whose land had been sold, and you reference the purchase price, you mentioned a Stuart McLean, a Charles Hollis, Mr. George Smith, Benjamin Creed you had also mentioned the comparison of similar properties in today's market and you made reference to Rego Sotheby's International reality. And finally, what Caliber Bermuda advertise. So having said all that, what my question is, have you haven't made a submission to be paid and monitor form using the selling costs of that era component to the current year, recognizing that you are making reference to acres of land? Have you arrived at a figure which you wish to share with the commissioners as to what your calculation is as to what that figure should be that monetary form?

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 47:29: No we haven't bought me could send something subsequently.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**  47:33: Okay, thank you. In respect of the second means listed, you have indicated by conveyance of two acres of land within Tucker's Town to us, Joanne Berniece Adams and Dwayne Disney Talbot. I make reference now to the maps that was just referenced and Mr. Talbot give evidence with regards to the said map, the map of land area owned by John Talbot from the Book of Wills as also the Google Map of the land area.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON**  48:14: Now you'd agree with me that what is represented on the map and the Google map? This is property which has for want of a better term it has beach it has not this beach, but it has seaward it has the sea is next to the sea. Yes. Now you put your means lists, such as two acres of land, is that your submission here is that you wish for preparation of two acres of land anywhere or is that you're asking for two acres of land which is either front

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 48:59: Preferably beyond the water side, but within Tucker's Town definitely.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 49:05: Or would you like to give some thought?

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 49:06: We could give that some further thought

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 49:16: Okay. Chair, Commissioners, I have no further questions at this time.

**MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 49:36: I'd like to ask one question on Mr. Robot and it's a generic one. What relation would you have had with the Talbot brothers?

**MR. DWAYNE TALBOT** 49:57: I go in the shower quite often, I've tried to sing don't have this singing voice of theirs. I haven't found out the direct link. Some of the links to Tucker's Town and the Talbots that are in what is known as Harrison Bay right now. But the direct link to the Talbot brothers I haven't seen that as yet. Like, and my voice hasn't showed up as yet to today

**MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 50:32: Yes, the reason I had asked, because I know that our Josiah Smith had some relationship to it seemed like everyone was this possessed of Tucker's Town most of the black paper related to Josiah Smith, and lineage seem to have gotten or going to the Talbot brothers. And that's why whenever I hear that name, Talbot is related to Tucker's Town and I immediately asked the question to try to establish some linkage back to Josiah.

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 51:07 : And the interesting thing is great grandmother, Vinnie, married, John Samuel was a Smith from Tucker's Town, and also born in Tucker's Town. So my great, great grandfather, Bibi Talbot was one of his children. And when I was looking through records, I can see some relationship to I think, would be what would be some of the Talbot brothers.

**MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF**  51:37: I'd make a request of you. And it may it was not too onerous. In order for us to have permission to establish a nexus between you and some of the other claimants, if you could trace your family tree, is that possible? And at a further time, I know we don't have a lot of time, but if it's possible at all, if you could try to establish those linkages. Okay, they're your family tree,

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 52:10: Because I didn't go off. Because of this we went straight down our line and I didn't check all of like, I know, the store. And all of those people I know are related.

**MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 52:35: But have you presented that family tree that part of your family, to this Commission at all?

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 52:47: Yes. The witnesses had submitted that evidence, it is contained in one of our exhibits from the previous hearing.

**MR. WAYNE PERINCHIEF** 52:55: Yeah, they present witnesses that that's what I was trying to establish. To refresh my memory on that. Thank you very much.

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 53:05: Thank you Commissioners. Thank you. Mr. Starling.

**MR. JONATHAN STARLING** 53:13: I'm also trying to refresh my memory and I regret I seem to have misplaced rather than binder, I don't have it with me. So it couldn't refer to your previous exhibits. I just wanted to confirm my understanding memory was that your ancestor had five acres and he has to be compensated by I think 1000 pounds, but he was only awarded by 400 pounds he had a wooden house,

**MR. DWAYNE TALBOT** 53:41: And he actually had a total of about 14 was compensated in one instance. And seven was compensated and although seven being compensated, five was compensated in the others.

**MR. JONATHAN STARLING** 54:05: So that's why you're saying that there's these two acres were not compensated correctly. Thank you. I was trying to get my head around that. Thank you very much. Appreciate it.

**MS. FREDERICA FORTH** 54:16: I have a question.

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 54:29: Whatever question you're on zoom. Go ahead, please.

**MS. FREDERICA FORTH** 54:35: Thank you. The land in question the two and a half acres. We're talking about undeveloped property. Is that correct? Or was there something erected on the property

**JOANNE BERNICE ADAMS** 54:56: There was something on the property but I cannot say which two acres. They've just do two acres. So I can there was something developed actually on that piece of property.

 Okay, the other question I have I heard Mr. Tolbert indicate several properties in today's world having being either sold or listed. I'm wondering if you know that an appraisal is just an estimate. And also it's, it's takes in consideration the amenities of one's property, because I heard him mention a property listed recently by KW. And I think that property has a dark and has huge. I'm just wondering if you understand and wrapping it back into what you're expecting as far as compensation, the value of the property, then up to two and a half acres, it had been had he been compensated, at that time, the dollar value at that time? Are you indicating based on that the accrual of what would have been compensated as far as investments of that property? Or are you looking at how is it going to be measured, and who in particular, will provide that type of information for you so it comes across as being fair in today's world?

**MR. DWAYNE TALBOT** 56:27: Okay, you had asked the question last time, as well. And the answer that I gave that was a Layman's estimate as we put today, the other thing is that in the Google map document that we have for today, you'll see that there is also bordered ocean, the ocean side, and you'll see that without me having specifically identified as far as it to scale, with the assistance of surveyors and things of that nature. Um, there's there is like, a dark darks in that area. So, who will we get it done? Some sort of professional, I would not leave it just in my, estimation or anything of that nature, but we'll have to go toward the professionals to get it done.

**MS. FREDERICA FORTH** 57:46: Okay, thank you.

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 57:52: Other questions, Mr Stovell no questions. Ms. Binns any questions? Thank you, Counsel. Is there anything arising from the questions and answers?

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 58:03: Nothing, Madam Chairman,

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 58:05: Thank you for the evidence. Thank you. Mr. Talbot and Ms. Adams that will be the end of proceedings for the morning counsel. We will take the morning break now, and we will certainly resume tomorrow at 10 am.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 58:26: Madam Chair and Commissioners,

**JUSTICE NORMA WADE-MILLER** 58:28: Thank you.

**COUNSEL DIRK HARRISON** 58:30: Thank you to the Secretary and the other support team

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