

Thereupon, further to maintain the issues on his part to be maintained, called as a witness BELLE BROWN, who, being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION OF BELLE BROWN

By Mr. Corrigan:

Q Will you state your name?

A Belle Brown.

Q And are you married or single?

A I'm single.

Q And are you a widow?

A I'm a widow, yes, sir.

Q What was your husband's name?

A Roy M. Brown.

Q And where do you live, Mrs. Brown?

A 12031 Edgewater Drive.

Q And you are at the present time employed?

A At the Higbee Company.

Q And came here from work?

A That's right.

Q And want to go back to work?

A That's right.

Q Do you know Sam Sheppard?

A I do.

Q And when did you first become acquainted with him?

A When they bought our house in 1951.

Q And you were the former owners of that house that he now occupies?

A That's right.

Q Or did occupy. In relation to the carpet that is on the floor of that house, when was it placed there, Mrs. Brown?

A In 1943.

Q And when you sold the house, you sold it with the carpet?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you and your family lived there from 1943 until 1950?

A '51; eight years.

Q Yes. During the time that you lived there, did your husband have an accident?

A He did.

Q And what was the accident?

THE COURT: Did he have a what?

Pardon me. Did he have a what?

MR. CORRIGAN: An accident.

THE COURT: Oh, yes.

Q What was the accident?

MR. PARRINO: I object to this,
your Honor.

THE COURT: Well, she can state
the nature of it.

- A He fell on the beach wall and cut his shin.
- Q And did his foot bleed?
- A Very badly.
- Q And after that, did he come into the house?
- A He did.
- Q And will you tell which way he came into the house?
- A He came through the breakfast room. I think they refer to it as the den, and he came through the kitchen and into the living room.
- Q And into the living room?
- A And sat down in his chair there in the living room.
- Q And his foot was bleeding?
- A Very badly.

MR. CORRIGAN:

Cross-examine.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF BELLE BROWN

By Mr. Danaceau:

- Q Was that carpet ever cleaned from 1943 on?
- A No, sir. Vacuumed all the time, but never scrubbed or cleaned.
- Q How badly -- you say his shin was bruised?
- A Yes. Cut very deep. It required clamps. He went to the doctor and had it clamped.
- Q When was this injury? When did this injury take place?
- A Well, I think it was about two years before we moved.

About '48 or '49.

Q Well, when he came into the house, where was the first place he went?

A He came through the breakfast room door into the kitchen and into the living room.

Q And from the living room, where did he go?

A Sat down in his chair just inside the door.

Q Was there any bandage put to it at all?

A No. He went right to the doctor.

Q How long was he in the living room?

A Well, he just sat down in the chair a few minutes and put his foot up. He thought a bandaid would take care of it.

I said, "Certainly not," he would have to go to the doctor. And my son took him to the doctor right away.

Q Did this bleeding occur -- did you see any blood on the rug?

A No blood -- I wiped up no blood, but it was bleeding very badly in his shoe and his stocking, and on his trousers, there, too.

Q But no blood on the rug?

A I don't remember wiping up any blood on the rug.

Q You don't remember seeing any blood on the rug?

A I couldn't say. I don't remember.

Q How about the kitchen, any blood in the kitchen?

- A I don't remember. I didn't wipe up any.
- Q So as far as you know, there was no blood on the floors anywhere?
- A Well, I don't know. I couldn't prove that.
- Q There was no rug on the kitchen floor, was there?
- A No. We had a linoleum.

MR. DANACEAU: That's all.

MR. CORRIGAN: That's all.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

MR. CORRIGAN: Oh, just one
other question.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION OF BELLE BROWN

By Mr. Corrigan:

- Q Did the police ever come to see you or make any inquiry of you?
- A Since this has happened?
- Q Yes.
- A No, sir.

MR. CORRIGAN: All right. That
is all.

THE WITNESS: Is that all?

MR. DANACEAU: Yes, that's all.

MR. PARRINO: Thank you very much.

(Witness excused.)