

Q Was that about the extent of your conversation with Mr. Toms?

A No, Mr. Toms said that the deed, he gave my father a deed to the ground about two years after he purchased it, after the house was built. The reason of that, the ground wasn't settled for in full until that time, because the Improvement Co. had sold off part of the ground. My father's portion from the Improvement Co. was deducted from the price of the lot and he paid the difference.

Q That was about two years after the house was built?

A That was about two years after the house was built, and the house was completed about June, 1909. We moved in before it was completed.

Q Did you have any other conversation with Mr. Toms?

A Yes, Mr. Toms said he recalled distinctly the original deed was made out to John D. Keller. Mr. Shepley will corroborate the same statement, Mr. Mel Shepley.

Q Mr. Keller, after the death of your father, or shortly before the death of your father did you have a conversation with Mr. Emory L. Coblentz?

A I did.

Q Where was that?

A In his home in Middletown.

Q What was said there in reference to the deed?

A My sister, Mrs. Gill, and I went to Mr. Coblentz' home in April, 1931, to see him in reference to some other business, and he said just before we left, he said, "I am glad you all came in to see me. There's a matter I would like to take up with you. John gave me the deed to his house for safe keeping, told me to put it in my safe deposit box". He said, "If I were to die ahead of time"-- this happened before my father died. My father died in September, 1931. And Mr. Coblentz says, "If I should die before your father it would be a very embarrassing position for my family to be in and have the deed, and be hard to explain it to have a deed for his property". He said, "I have been after John; wanted to get this thing straightened out", and that was all was said about it till we went out the door. He said, "I'll make one remark in your father's favor. He is the most honest man". He said, "Rather than buy beefsteak he would pay his obligations", words to that effect, Mr. Coblentz made before we left his home in the presence of my sister.

Q You never saw the deed to the property?

A No.

Q Did you have any further conversations with Mr. Coblentz after your father's death?

A Yes, I did.

Q You know where that was or when?

A I couldn't say exactly when. He came over to our home one night shortly after my father's death, not until after he was buried though.

Q And what was said then, if anything, regarding the deed?

A Well he inferred-- he directly stated that my father had some insurance and he thought it could be applied to pay some of his obligations at the bank, and I very definitely informed him he would never get his hands on it.

Q Was anything said at that time about the deed to the property?

A Was not.

Q Was not mentioned?

A Not to my knowledge or recollection.

Q Are those about all the conversations you had with him?

A Yes.

Q And that is about all you know about the deed.

Q (The Court) This last conversation was after your father's death?

A After his burial, yes.