

Q The building is nearly opposite the school building, isn't it?

A Yes, sir.

Q You know when the house was built?

A The house was started in 1908 and completed in the spring of 1909.

Q And you moved in with the rest of the family at that time?

A I did.

Q And you lived there how long?

A Until the spring of 1917.

Q You know anything about the payment of taxes and insurance on the house?

A Well I think my father paid it up to a certain time and then his health failed and my brother helped him whenever it was necessary.

Q Who managed the property or looked after what was to be done?

A My father.

Q Was there any one else that exercised any acts of ownership or dominion over the property that you know?

A None whatever, not to my knowledge.

Q You lived there with the family just the same as though the home were yours?

A I did.

Q And nobody interfered with it?

A I wasn't married in 1917 and I kept my home there till marriage. I wasn't married till 1922. I didn't live there after the spring of 1917 when I was employed.

Q Did you have any conversations regarding the deed with Mr. Coblantz or Mr. Toms?

A Not with Mr. Toms. With Mr. Coblantz.

Q Where did you have a talk with him?

A In Mr. Coblantz' home.

Q Who was there?

A Mr. Coblantz and my brother.

Q What, if anything, was said regarding the deed for the property on that occasion?

A Well up to that time I knew nothing about the deed, nothing more than any other daughter would know about the deed for the house in which we live, but we went to see Mr. Coblantz on another matter of business, and in personal conversation he told us, if I remember right, he said, "Your father gave me the deed to his house for safe keeping and asked me to put it in" his safe deposit box, that is, Mr. Coblantz' box, and he said, "Not very long ago I said to John that he ought to take that deed and get things straightened up". He said "because if I were to die it would look very strange for me to hold the deed for your house, have your deed in my safe deposit box", and I said, "Mr. Coblantz, I would like to see Papa get things straightened up, but I want it thoroughly understood before I take any part in it, we will not mix finance and sentiment. I want to do everything on a straight business basis", and then he made the statement my brother told. He said, "Your father is as honest a man as I know", he said "maybe too much so for his own good sometimes".

Q Did you have any other conversations regarding the deed with Mr. Coblantz?

A No, I didn't until after my father died, and he suggested that we make a stipulated payment, and he said he couldn't find it, but if we would pay in advance so much he would turn over the deed to us.

Q Was there anything said at that time as to to whom the property had been deeded?

A No, but in Mr. Coblantz' conversation that day in his home I inferred that it was my father's deed.

Q Did he refer to it as your father's deed? (Objection)

A He said my father came to him and said, "Emory, I want you to take this deed for safe keeping and put it in your safe deposit box", and if I had ever known it it would not have gone in there.