

HALF CENTURY OLD LAND TILT BROUGHT TO LIGHT IN BOOK

Records of a 48-year-old land squabble in Birmingham are brought to notice today in a leather-bound law volume, titled "Irving vs. Ford," which was the property of R. A. Parker, who was solicitor for the defendant.

A dispute arising between the village officials and several land owners taken in "Oakland County" circuit court and appealed to the state supreme court. It was settled in 1880, seven years after litigation commenced. All of Birmingham's prominent residents in 1880 testified in the case and the heated controversy which ensued is a portion of Birmingham's legal history today. The thick book which encompasses the entire court battle from beginning to end was awarded the plaintiffs by the decision in supreme court also serves as a history of the village. Valuable data is contributed by many witnesses brought into the case for testimony.

Bill Is Filed

On August 20, 1880 a bill of complaint was filed in circuit court by Hugh Irving, Orrin Poppleton, Isabel Lowes, Lyman H. Peabody, Mary Lowes and Joseph H. Stockwell, plaintiffs, against R. A. Parker, defendant, on both sides of the street north and south of Mill street (now Maple avenue). These parties charge Frank A. Knight, Frank Hagerman, John Baldwin, Walter North, McAllister Randall, Edgar Lamb, Eugene Brooks, George Blakeslee, Samuel C. Mills, and others involved, as defendants.

The complainants set forth that they, as owners of land upon Saginaw and Mill streets, owned a strip of land on either side of the streets which had been in use for 40 years as part of the public highway and had sidewalks laid on it.

By a survey of the old Saginaw turnpike which was constructed by the authority of the United States, the Irving faction alleged that the width of the highway was 100 feet. In the year 1864 Birmingham was organized under the general statutes of the state and a president and six trustees were elected. Owners of lots on Mill street and Saginaw were ordered from time to time to construct board sidewalks along these streets a specified distance from their building lines.

Highway Use Center of Tilt
A highway of 130 to 135 feet had been in continual use as a public highway, recognized for public use, which the complainants alleged, usurped a portion of property from their land from 10 to 18 feet in width. Their buildings had been built there attested in compliance with the line set for a width of 130 to 135 feet and not utilizing the strip deducted to leave 100 feet right-of-way for private uses. In pursuit of what they claimed as justifiable rights to land beyond the building line, the complainants thus took steps. Action was taken by the property owners.

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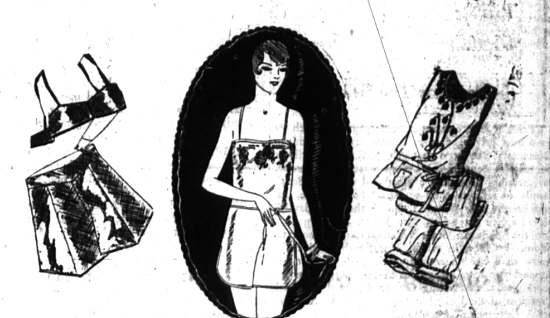
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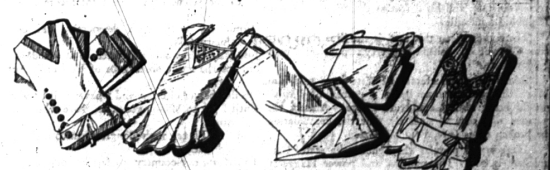
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