

EARLY HISTORY OF CLOUD COUNTY BY H.E. SMITH

AN EXTRAORDINARY TRAGEDY

In the estimation of acquaintances everywhere, a man of greater integrity than he did not live. His ability was such also that he was sometimes spoken of for Congress. Doubtless that and higher positions would have been reached if his shoulders had not been borne down by the burden of his home life.

The beginning of the difficulties above alluded to arose out of attempted interference by the now very wise son, with improvements the house was then under-going. It is understood the son was sent away by the father, but was not sent empty. The son, stood high in the estimation of acquaintances. He went down and spent some time with relatives in Washington county, Ind., and was liked there. Next he was over in Louisville, became an editor, and was highly spoken of there. There he also became connected with a real estate agency, lived high, and it is supposed complications of some sort sent him away.

He retreated to the paternal mansion. Soon after this there was correspondence by "the boys" and mother with Perrin, of Indiana, as to settling title to the property in them. Life was advancing, and Perrin wanted the settlement. Young's Indiana security debts were kept alive. Perrin "quit-claimed" to Mrs. Young. Albert now regarded himself as master of the situation. There was a concerted attempt-so it is said-to drive the old man away. Five week ago the father undertook to put a stop to their acts of usurpation. He took an ax from Albert and another of the boys, but in the struggle was thrown and severely cut on the neck and bruised on the back of the head. The matter nearly got into the courts then, but the tender-hearted man relented. "The boys" kept a store in Glen Haven; debts were crowding them. Time and time again the father indorsed for them and thus relieved them. The father's name would get credit for anything, although it was well understood he had title to nothing... "The boys" now tried to borrow a large sum by mortgaging the farm. They failed to find capital that would risk the complication. An amount was obtained by fraudulent paper. Early last week the fraud was scented. "The boys" supposed Albert was about to be arrested. On Friday, the 14th inst., two of them went out in search for settlement of the fraudulent paper.

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Judy Lambert
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