

Biography

Will Contest In Fields Estate

Objections to the probate of the will in the estate of James K. Fields, deceased, were filed yesterday by Gertrude Sawyer, a daughter, represented by W. M. Gardner, as attorney.

The petitioner alleges undue influence had been used on the deceased and alleges that the will was filed on August 18, and that besides herself there were three other heirs at law, E. W. Fields, M. I. Fields and Clara Rathke, if the deceased died intestate.

She says he was not of sound and disposing mind, and that the will was secured by the undue influence of Jennie Pinard, who was named as residuary legatee of the estate.

She says, that following the death of her mother, she entered into an agreement with the surviving parent for purchase of the property at 29 Campbell street, reserving one room in the house for her use. That she and her family took possession of the home on July 24, 1924. That during July, 1924, the said Jennie Pinard, who was a roomer on the premises, wished to take up residence in larger quarters.

That Fields had a house at 96 Barson street, and that Mrs. Pinard stated that she wished to have such a house to herself, and removed to it on August 1, 1924.

"By designing influence," recites the objection, said Jennie Pinard soon thereafter induced decedent

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to leave the Campbell street home to take up residence with her at the Barson street place, where they remained until his death.

The daughter says that owing to the advanced years and feeble condition of the deceased, he was unable to transact business, and the woman prejudiced him against his children and succeeded in inducing him to refuse to see or talk to his children and unduly influenced him to make a deed conveying to her the Campbell street property on August 26, 1924, the deed being filed on June 11, 1926.

That previously he had executed a will bequeathing his entire property to his four children, which is now in the custody of Stanford Smith, the attorney.

She asks that the purported will be declared null and void and that it be denied admission to probate.