

# SUES DAUGHTER IN \$1,000,000 PROPERTY ROW

## Mother Claims Fraud in Signing Away Estate.

Loss of a \$50,000 yearly income through the plotting of a daughter and son-in-law whom she had supported for years was charged by Mrs. Clara S. Lowell, 75 years old, one of the earliest residents of Chicago, in a suit filed yesterday in the Superior court, in which she asks the return of property worth \$1,000,000.

An old landmark, the Dickinson-Lowell homestead, a 12 room brick structure, built in 1845 at the juncture of Milwaukee avenue, North Cicero avenue, and Irving Park boulevard, is involved in the suit. The building was a tavern back in the '50s, and many famous men, among them Abraham Lincoln, stopped there.

### Daughter Named Defendant.

The homestead and property surrounding it was taken from Mrs. Lowell by fraudulent means, according to her bill filed by Attorney Adelor J. Pett. She names Griffin M. Zimmerman, 4341 North Cuyler avenue, her son-in-law, and Mrs. Mildred Lowell Zimmerman, her daughter, as defendants.

Mrs. Lowell inherited most of the estate in 1904 and the remainder in 1915 with the death of her husband, Luzerne Lowell. In 1920, her daughter, who is 46 years old, married Zimmerman, who is 40, and the couple lived with Mrs. Lowell, dependent upon what she gave them.

Illness and increasing age caused Mrs. Lowell to entrust the management of the estate to Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman, according to the bill. In May, 1924, the daughter suggested that she and her husband act as trustees. Relying implicitly upon the two whom she had supported, the aged woman signed papers she did not read, she declares.

### Signed Away Rights.

A year later she learned that she had signed five warranty deeds conveying all her property to the Zimmermans as joint tenants. Instead of the daughter and son-in-law being dependent upon Mrs. Lowell, she was dependent upon them.

Her protests caused the Zimmermans to return one piece of property, she admits. But when she asked for the rest, they showed her a paper purporting to show that she had relinquished all her rights for an income of \$1,000 a month. Mrs. Lowell terms this document either a forgery or one obtained by fraud.

Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman now threaten to sell or encumber the rest of the property and flee from Illinois with the proceeds according to the suit. Mrs. Lowell asks that a receiver be appointed to manage the estate pending litigation, a reconveyance of the property to her, and an accounting of the rents the Zimmermans have collected.

## PRINCIPALS IN \$1,000,000 PROPERTY SUIT



Mrs. Clara S. Lowell, 75 years old, files a petition in the Superior court, charging that she was misled by her daughter and son-in-law in signing over to them property valued at \$1,000,000. Mrs. Lowell is the widow of Luzerne Lowell, real estate dealer. [TRIBUNE Photo.]



Griffin M. Zimmerman of 4341 Cuyler avenue, son-in-law accused by Mrs. Lowell.



Mrs. Mildred Lowell Zimmerman, daughter of Mrs. Lowell, jointly accused with her husband.