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HAYTI'S PUBLIC SQUARE AND CITY HALL, PAST AND PRESENT.



A suit styled "Ivey Williams, B. B. Sanders and C. G. Shepard, plaintiffs, vs. the City of Hayti, a municipal corporation, Wm. York, B. L. Guffy, Frank Gwin, Von Mayes and Culpeper and Jackson, defendants, has been brought in the circuit court of Pemiscot county, February term.

The suit is to deny Hayti the use of her public square and the beautiful \$10,000.00 building erected on same by the citizens of Hayti, and states that the plaintiffs are entitled to the possession of the property and that the defendants are unlawfully withholding same from them. They ask damages in the sum of \$2,000.00 and state that the property has a monthly rental value of \$100.00.

As there are many new people in the county who are not acquainted with the merits of this case, and have a right to know the truth, we will briefly state the facts:

When the city of Hayti was platted in 1895, the owners of the property desired that the town should have a court square, a lot for jail purposes, and a square for public school purposes, and public streets, so they dedicated this property to the public, as follows:

We, the undersigned, hereby declare the above to be a true and correct plat of Gayoso City [Hayti was platted under the name of Gayoso City] and **FOREVER DEDICATE PUBLIC** the streets therein named. We also dedicate to Pemiscot county for court house purposes block 29, and for jail and calaboose purposes lot 5 in block 43. We also dedicate for public school purposes block 34.

Witness our hands and seals, January 22, 1895.
 GRANVILLE M. HAYES, S. P. WILLIAMS, F. M. GWIN
 CAROLINE HAYES, NANCY P. WILLIAMS, MARY P. GWIN.

State of Missouri,) On this 24th day of January, A. D.
 County of Pemiscot,) 1895, before me personally appeared
 Granville M. Hayes and Caroline Hayes, his wife; S. P. Williams and
 Nancy Williams, his wife, and F. M. Gwin and Mary P. Gwin, his
 wife, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the
 foregoing instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as
 their free act and deed.

Witness my hand and seal the day and date last aforesaid.
 [seal] J. F. GORDON, Clerk Circuit Court, Pemiscot Co. Mo.
 Filed for record at 8 a. m., January 25, 1895.
 J. F. GORDON, Recorder.

Notwithstanding the above, and the fact that every lot in Hayti was sold subject to this plat and dedications, and that by reason of the

enhanced valuation of the property on account of these dedications the Hayes heirs received many times the value of the property dedicated, after they had sold off the city lots at this enhanced valuation by reason of said dedications and by this means received their pay for the property dedicated, and after the county seat had been removed from Gayoso and after the death of Dr. Granville M. Hayes, the county court undertook to return the square to the Hayes heirs, after which the square was sold for a division, a Caruthersville company buying it for \$720, which the heirs received.

But the citizens of Hayti who had bought property around this public square and paid an increased price for business lots on this account, and realizing that the attempt of the county court to return the square to the Hayes heirs was nothing more nor less than a scheme fathered by a few in Caruthersville to injure Hayti, brought suit in the circuit court to recover the square. Judge Riley held the case under advisement from the November term of court 1905 to Tuesday, March 6, 1906, when he decided in favor of Hayti. After covering every feature of the case in his decision, he concluded by saying:

"And, further, who can say that the purpose for which the dedication was made have failed? As long as the law provides that county seats may be removed, and this property has not been nor attempted to be diverted to other purposes, is there not a probability that it will be used for courthouse purposes? The finding and judgement of the court is for the plaintiffs."

An appeal was taken from the above by the Caruthersville purchasers, and the case is still in the supreme court, undecided, but a decision can be looked for at almost any time. Hayti is holding under the decision of Judge Riley, which gave Pemiscot county the title; Hayti has never been out of possession, nor will she ever be, even were there no dedication, for the law says:

"When the owner of land causes a plat thereof to be made, subdividing it into city lots, SQUARE and alleys, and files it in the recorder's office, showing the location of the SQUARE, streets and alleys, and if he sells lots with reference to such plat, the dedication is complete though the plat is neither executed or recorded as required by law."

So the county itself has no power to act in the matter, even in a thousand or a million years or when Gabriel blows his horn, except to use the property for courthouse purposes, for the reason that every lot that has ever been sold in the City of Hayti have been sold with reference to this plat.

Now, people, is Hayti right or wrong?

Well, you see a sample of the treatment that has been accorded Hayti, which had its beginning with the inception of the town.

\$11,840.45 SHORTAGE.

The experts employed to audit the books, accounts, etc., of the county officials have not yet made a report of their findings except in the Tom Douglass case, which shows that office, under his administration, is short \$11,840.45.

Rumor has it that other and former county officials are behind in amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$7,500, the total of all the shortage reaching many thousands of dollars.

From what we can hear the investigation will reveal many ugly things, some of a purely rascally nature, some the result of incompetency and some with negligence.

The Citizen will try to get a copy of the report, when made and publish it so that our readers can see what their officials have done in the way of squandering our tax money—a sufficient amount it is claimed, to build and furnish a rock court house and gravel the principal public roads of the county.—Campbell Citizen.

The little infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lewis, died very suddenly Sunday morning at 1:30 and was buried at Dowd cemetery. It will be remembered that this is the baby who was born on a Frisco passenger train just as the train was coming into town and weighed but 22 ounces. She seemed healthy, however, and at the age of three months and eleven days, when she died, she weighed 3 1/2 pounds. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of their many friends.

The Portageville basket ball team played the Hayti team at this place last Friday, and was defeated by a score of 40 to 10. The Portageville boys have proven to be a good set, and make many friends by their excellent playing. The Hayti team is heading the list, and we suggest a try with the Cape second team. Wells was umpire and Arnold was referee. The fence riders were conspicuous and seemed to enjoy the game.

Atlee Jackson of the firm of Culpeper & Jackson, jewelers, and Miss Myrtle Murphy, were married at the home of the bride Friday night. They are among Hayti's most excellent young people, and we join their many friends in wishing them a long and happy life.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gunn of Concord were in town Saturday. Mrs. Gunn is in bad health, and came to consult physicians.

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