

# YOUNG RICHARDSON ACCUSED

Did Millionaire's Son Rob His Father  
of \$300,000 ?

BOTH ARE DEAD, BUT HEIRS QUARREL

Lawyers for the son George Fight Application for a Receiver, in Superior Court Before Judge Prentice — Application, They Say, Is an Extraordinary Remedy

Lawyers White and Daggett, as counsel for J. Jaffred Butler, temporary administrator of the estate of Joseph Richardson, of "Split House" fame, of New York, made application this morning to Judge Prentice of the Superior Court for the appointment of a receiver "to take possession of and preserve and secure the property and estate in this State of Joseph Richardson, late of the State of New York."

The receiver was asked for on the affidavit of Mr. Butler, because, as he alleged, "there is imminent danger that before the trial of a suit now pending in the Superior Court in Fairfield County, the estate may be dissipated, concealed or conveyed away by the persons now holding it, and so virtually lost to Mr. Butler as administrator for Joseph Richardson and Emma J. Richardson."

Joseph Richardson died in New York June 8, 1897. Emma J. Richardson was his widow, and she has since died. They left two children, George Richardson of Bridgeport and Dellarifa G. Richardson of New York.

It is alleged in the application for a receiver that George Richardson, before the death of his father, took into his possession property belonging to his father which amounted to over \$500,000, and which included bonds of the Salt Lake & Eastern Railroad Company, of the Houston Water Works Company of Houston, Texas, of three per cent settlement bonds of the State of Tennessee, of bonds of the Utah Northern Railroad company, 25 shares of preferred stock of the Standard Coupler Company, stock of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, and of the Bridgeport Steamboat Company.

George Richardson died in Bridgeport, December 11, 1898; and left a will bequeathing all his estate to his widow, Mrs. Harriet Richardson, and his daughter, Annie Richardson. That estate comprised in great part what the administrator of the estate of Joseph Richardson claims as his, and the fact that the father died in New York and the son in Connecticut puts the Surrogate Court of New York and the Probate Court of Bridgeport at odds as to the right of the administration of the estate in the two States.

Lawyers Morris W. Seymour and Howard W. Knapp of Bridgeport, as counsel for George Richardson's heirs, opposed the appointment of the receiver, and the arguments took up a great part of the day. Judge Prentice reserved his decision.