

Saturday, 26 September 1959

One of the divorce cases yesterday afternoon was of interest. My slow rent paying tenant, Ernest Brown, came to Court representing a plaintiff wife named Grace G. Smith of New York (Husband - William Wikoff Smith.) There was a settlement agreement. When I looked through it, I was quite surprised. The husband has deposited, in escrow in a New York bank, (\$1,500,000.00) one and one half million dollars in cash to be delivered to the wife - upon receipt of a copy of a divorce decree. I hope Brown got a big enough fee out of it so he can pay his rent on time for awhile. After the divorce was over, Brown brought Mrs. Smith into my Chambers and introduced us. She seemed to be a very nice person. Why would a man pay 1½ million to get rid of her? Possibly he got caught with his pants down or off.

As usual for a Saturday, I went to my desk in Chambers at 9:30 and worked until noon on cases - under advisement, or to come up in the future. Next week will be an easy one for me - because of the Judges' Conference and the Bar Convention at Glenbrook. The Courts all over the state will be closed from Tuesday to Friday - inclusive. The week following will also give me some spare time, because Miller v Power Co. will be settled, I do believe - and Judge Wines will be using my Courtroom for a case I am disqualified to hear, as it involves my former clients.