

The widow and children of Robert P. Hastings are now on their way to California. In the meantime their interests will be protected by Garber, Boalt & Bishop. The children's names are Elizabeth Parker Hastings and Harry Coghill Hastings, and they are aged respectively 8 and 5 years. It is understood that some time prior to the death of their father, Robert P. Hastings, considerable real estate was conveyed to him by his father, which has been left in trust, one-half of the income accruing therefrom to be annually paid these children and the other half to their mother, who is also their guardian, for her own use. The will of Robert Hastings devised everything to his widow, but his father, through Ryland B. Wallace, as attorney, instituted a contest. Finally a truce was patched up one afternoon in Judge Coffey's chambers, which by the way are destined to become historic in connection with this vast property. All parties were present and a deed of trust was executed, putting the Robert Hastings property in its present shape. It would be simply the irony of fate if Mary C. Hastings should cause the same trouble over the settlement of her father-in-law's estate as he, in his lifetime, caused her trouble over her deceased husband's property.

The deeds of trust mentioned in the will are two in number. One of these bears date of 1874 and conveys in trust to Thomas P. Madden property estimated to be worth \$2,000,000. The income was to be divided, one-half going to Mr. Hastings himself, the other to his then surviving children in equal shares. In case of either of them dying the portion payable to him or her to go to his or her children, if any survived. The trust was not to terminate until each of the Judge's children had died, and then the principal was to be divided among his children's children. Thomas P. Madden, named as trustee, resigned about one year afterward, and C. E. Dio Hastings succeeded him. Mr. Hastings served until a year ago last March, when he too resigned, being succeeded by the present trustee, William Giselman. The second trust deed, under which Mr. Giselman also acts, is dated in 1887, and conveys property in interior counties of the value of about \$400,000. This was the profit saved from the Judge's share of the income of the other trust and accumulations thereunder and was for the benefit of his daughters Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. Lillian Jerome, Mrs. Clara Catherwood and Miss Elizabeth Hastings. It is now terminated; and the property by his death became theirs. The distribution will occur in due course of time.

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Madden as trustee part 3

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