

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN,  
MILWAUKEE COUNTY COUNTY COURT IN PROBATE.

In the Matter of the Real Estate of  
Ignatz Trampala,  
Deceased.

Appearances:- Lenicheck, Fairchild and Boesel by  
Mr. Boesel for petitioner.

Hearing March 6th, 1907, P.M.

STEPHEN TRAMPALA, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:-

Q What is your name?

A Stephen Trampala.

Q Where do you live?

A 568 Newhall St.

Q Did you know Ignatz Trampala?

A Yes, sir, that was my father.

Q When did he die?

A He died the 17th of January, 1895.

Q 12 years ago?



A Yes.

Q Where did he die?

A In the house where I am living in now.

Q Here in this city?

A In this city.

Q Was this his home?

A That was his home.

Q And did he leave a will?

A He didn't make no will.

Q Never made a will?

A No.

Q Has his estate even been administered-- ever brought into this Court-- his estate?

A No.

Q How many children did he have?

A Well there was -- there is two left; there was six altogether.

Q Just name them all please?

A The two that are left are just myself and my brother sitting there.

Q What is his name?

A Mike.

Q Michael Trampala?

A Michael Trampala.

Q Now the other four did they die before your father or after him?

A Well, there is three died in the old country and one died here.



Q Well, before he died or after he died?

A After my father one died.

Q The three who died in the old country, did they die before your father or after?

A After my father.

Q They all died after your father?

A No, before.

Q Three died before?

A Yes, and one dead brother, that was after my father.

Q But the three in the old country they died before your father died?

A Before my father died, yes.

Q Did any of them ever have any children?

A No.

Q Sure of that?

A Sure of that.

Q Were they little when they died?

A Yes.

Q How old?

A Well, these was small; they was -- some was only two weeks old.

Q And the oldest of them was how old?

A I am the oldest one of the family.

Q I mean the oldest of those who died in the old country, the three that died in the old country?

A As quick as they came on the earth they are dead.

Q One of them died in this country after your father's death;



what was his name ?

A John.

Q And when did he die?

A He died--

Q Well, about when?

A About 1899.

Q About 1899; that would be about 7 or 8 years ago?

A Yes.

Q And did he have children?

A No.

Q Did he ever have any children?

A No.

Q Never had any children?

A No.

Q Was he ever married?

A He was married.

Q Is his wife living?

A His wife is living but she is married again.

Q And they never had any children?

A No.

Q So you have not got any nephews or nieces who are children of a dead brother or sister, either here or in the old country?

A No.

Q Or any grandnieces, any descendants of a brother or sister?

A No.

Q Now, your father when he died owned a piece of real estate did he?



A Yes.

Q Is this the deed to it? (Showing deed to witness)

A That is the deed. Witness produces a warranty deed dated November 13, 1888 by which the Lake Shore Investment Association conveys to Ignatz Drappala, for the express consideration of \$300 lot 10 in Block 3 in LakeShore Investment Association's Subdivision No. 1 in the 18th Ward of the City of Milwaukee, in the County of Milwaukee, and State of Wisconsin. The usual covenants of warranty. Signed by the corporation by president and secretary; corporate seal impressed; in the presence of two witnesses; acknowledged on the day of its date before a notary public. Left for record in the office of the Register of Deeds of Milwaukee County on November 14th, 1888, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon and recorded in Volume 248 of Deeds on page 183, being document No. 132,425.

Same offered and received in evidence, marked Exhibit A, and by order of Court struck from the files and returned to witness.

Q Now, who is that Ignatz Drappala mentioned in that deed?

A That is my father.

Q How does it happen that he is not described by his right name there?

A Well, he couldn't write; he couldn't write, only he told his name, that is the way they wrote it, but we write our name Trampala.

Q How do you know that that was your father to whom that property was deeded, you wouldn't know it, of course simply from



reading it; it says Ignatz Drappala. Now tell us how you know it?

A Well, I know because he raised me up.

Q Do you remember when you wne there to live?

A Yes.

Q And it was this same property, was it?

A This same property.

Q What year did you go there, in the year that this deed was given?

A Yes.

Q How old were you then in 1888- how old are you now?

A I am 35 now-- 36- 37.

Q Well you were about 15 or 16 years old then?

A Yes; I was working at that time.

Q Did you hear at the time anything about your father having bought that place?

A Yes.

Q Whom he bought it from?

A Well, I couldn't exactly say from whom he bought this, but I know when he bought it.

Q And from 1888to the time of his death he lived there?

A Yes, sir.

Q Who has been living there since?

A Me.

Mr. Boesel:-

Q Do you know who paid the taxes on this property all these years?



A Since my father's death?

Q No, I mean while your father lived?

A My father did.

Q Do you know in whose name the tax receipts were made out?

A My father's name.

Q What was it?

A Trampala, that is the way I spell my name yet; here it is in the deed there, it is different.

Q When did you find out it was different in the deed? When did you find that out? Did you know it before your father died?

A I noticed it right away as soon as I seen the deed when my father bought it.

Q Did Mr. Trzebiatowski call your attention to it?

A Yes, sir.

Court:-

Q You noticed it when your father first bought the property?

A Yes.

Mr. Boesel:-

Q You understand that question?

A (No answer)

Court:- He answered that in answer to your question; he said "I noticed" when he brought that home.

Q Did your father notice it that time?

A He noticed it but he said as long as it was in the deed --

Q You spoke about it at the time?

A I spoke about it yes.

Court:-

Q Your father brought that deed home with him?

A Yes.



Q In 1888?

A Yes, he brought that deed home.

Q And he had that deed until the time of his death, and you have had it since, have you?

A Yes.

Mr. Boesel:-

Q Where did you find it when he died?

A In the house;; it was in the house always.

Court:-

Q Now, what is your street number there?

A 568 Newhall Street.

Q And is that the same number described as Lot 10 Block 3, in LakeShore Investment Association Subdivision in the 18th Ward, or don't you know about it?

A Yes, the same thing.



CHARLES TRZEBIATOWSKI, having been first duly sworn, testified as follows:-

Q Your name, residence and occupation?

A Charles Trzebiatowski.

Q Occupation?

A Real estate.

Q Residence?

A 846 Racine St.

Q Do you know the property 368 Newhall St?

A I do.

Q Is that lot 10 in Block 3 of Lake Shore Investment Association Subdivision No. 1 in the 18th Ward?

A It is.

Q No mistake about that?

A No mistake about that, no.

Q Who owns the property do you know?

A Mr. Trampala, owned it.

Q Do you remember back in 1888 when Ignatz Trampala bought it?

A I don't remember when he purchased it but I remember of him purchasing the property.

Q Did you know Ignatz Trampala?

A I did before he bought this property, yes.

Q You knew him before he bought it?

A Yes, sir.

Q And you remember his buying the property?

A I remember his buying the property, yes.



Q He lived there for some years before his death?

A He lived on Pleasant St. before purchasing this property.

Q Then he lived in this property on Newhall Street for some years before he died, didn't he?

A Yes, sir, before he died.

Q And has his son Stephen lived there ever since?

A Yes.

Q How many years did you know Ignatz Trampala?

A Oh, twenty years or more.

Q You knew him quite well?

A Yes, knew him well.

Court:-

Q You know anybody by the name of Drappala?

A No, I do not.

Q Did you ever know anybody by the name of Ignatz Drapala ?

A No.

Q Nobody of that name has lived in this place in the last twenty years?

A No.

Q Sure of that?

A Sure of that.

Mr. Roesel:-

Q You lived right there in the same neighborhood?

A Yes, in the same ward, the ward is subdivided; live in the First Ward now.



STATE OF WISCONSIN -:- MILWAUKEE COUNTY COURT.

In the Matter of the Real Estate  
of IGNATZ TREMPALA,

Deceased.

The above matter coming on to be heard at a term of Court held in the City and County of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin, on the 6th day of March, A. D. 1907, upon the petition of Stephen Trempala, and it appearing that due notice of the time and place of hearing said petition has been given as required by law and by order of the Court made herein on the 20th day of November, 1906, and a copy of said petition having been filed showing thereon the endorsement and consent of Michael Trempala, duly acknowledged,

Now, after hearing the allegations and proofs and fully considering the same, the Court finds:-

1. That Ignatz Trempala died <sup>intestate</sup> on the 17th day of January, 1895, at Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, and that said place was his last place of residence.

2. That the said Ignatz Trempala died more than three years before the filing of the petition herein, and that no administration of his estate has been granted in this state.

3. That the petitioner herein is an heir of said Ignatz Trempala, deceased.

4. That the following are all of the heirs of said Ignatz Trempala, deceased, to-wit:-

Stephen Trempala, a son, residing at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Michael Trempala, " " " " " "

That all of said heirs are of age.

5. That said Ignatz Trempala died seized of an estate of inheritance in the following described lands, in this state, to-wit:-

Lot numbered Ten (10), in Block numbered Three (3), in Lake Shore Investment Association's Subdivision No. One (1) in the



Eighteenth (18) Ward of the City of Milwaukee, County of Milwaukee,  
and State of Wisconsin.

That said property was deeded to said Ignatz Trempala under the  
name of Ignatz Drappala, but that Ignatz Trempala and said Ignatz  
Drappala were one and the same person.

THEREFORE, the Court finds, and it is determined and  
adjudged that the said Stephen Trempala and Michael Trempala, are  
each entitled to an undivided one-half interest in the title of  
the said Ignatz Trempala, in and to the lands hereinbefore  
described, *subject to lawfully liens thereon.*

Dated ~~February~~ *March 12<sup>th</sup>* 1907.

By the Court,

*Lauch Carpenter*  
County Judge.

*Stewart ok.*