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New Law Permits Record of Affidavit on Marital Status

(Editor's note: Due to an unusually large number of laws affecting both real and personal property, passed by the 1937 Legislature, The Enterprise is publishing a series of articles prepared by Henry T. McGaughan, Oakland County Register of Deeds, and Robert D. Hellich, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Civil Counsel for the County. All the acts discussed in this series, with one exception were passed this year. This article is the sixth of the series.)

HOUSE ENROLLED ACT NO. 134
PUBLIC ACT NO. 163
SESSION OF 1937.
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Introduced by Representative Watson.
AN ACT pertaining to marital status of male grantors, etc.
Section 1. All written instruments conveying or mortgaging real estate or any interest therein,

hereafter executed, shall state whether or not any and all male grantors, mortgagors, or other parties executing the same are married or single, and the Register of Deeds of the county in which any such instrument is offered for record shall refuse to receive the same for record unless it contains the provisions of this act: PROVIDED, There where any such instrument has been heretofore recorded in the office of register of deeds of any county without said instrument, showing the marital status as herein required, an affidavit by some person familiar with and showing the facts may be recorded in such register's office. Upon the recording of such affidavit showing the marital status of such grantor, mortgagor or party executing, on the date of such instrument, the record of such affidavit and the record of such instrument shall be effectual for all purposes of a legal record, and the record of such instrument and such affidavit or a transcript thereof may be given in evidence as in other cases, and such instrument shall be construed to be as valid and effectual as if such instrument had contained a statement showing the marital status of the person or persons executing the same.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.
This act amends Section 1327 of Compiled Laws of 1929. It provides for recording of affidavits of persons having knowledge of facts setting forth the marital status of a male grantor, mortgagor or party executing instrument. It also provides that such recorded affidavit, and instrument it affects may be used as evidence in court. The second paragraph of this act provides that if the instrument which does not give marital status of male grantor or mortgagor has been of record for ten years or more, it shall be as valid as if properly executed. The fact however, that an instrument which does not give the marital status of a male grantor or mortgagor is a matter of record for ten years or more does not in any way affect the rights of a wife of such male grantor in the property in question. Neither would the rights of a widow in such a case be affected or cut off by the fact that a false affidavit of her husband's marital status was signed and recorded. In case such a wife should become a widow she would have the same right to assert her dower interest in said property as if the deed in question had shown the marital status of the grantor. The legislative enactment merely controls the right of the holder of such a deed to have it recorded without attempting to fix the rights of the parties interested in the land.

WEST FARMINGTON

Mrs. Lawrence Giegler of Hartland called on Mr. and Mrs. John Graham, Monday.

Mrs. Eliza Rosinford and daughter Lillian, and Miss Lillian Robinson, spent Thanksgiving day with Mr. and Mrs. Smith Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Murray, the former being the son of Mrs. Sarah Murray, visited relatives in the neighboring territory. Thanksgiving day, Mr. and Mrs. Murray were united in marriage at the Norwegian Lutheran church in Detroit Monday evening. Mrs. Murray was formerly Miss Anna Liberta Rigstad, of Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Murray will reside at 29 Lake Street, Pontiac, and will be at home to their friends after December 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Knapp entertained the West Farmington Arbor of Ancient Gleasons at a meeting at their home, Friday evening.

George B. Hellicker, Jr., who is attending the University of Michigan, spent Thanksgiving day with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hellicker.

Mrs. Florence Bachelor spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Mettie Bachelor and family, at Walled Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kurtz entertained at Thanksgiving dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reinas and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reinas.

Mr. and Mrs. Starr Graham, Mrs. Charles Hellicker and Mrs. Edith Graham attended the funeral Monday of their cousin and nephew, Leslie Frank, 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Frank of Highland. Leslie died at the Oakland County Contagious Hospital, following an illness of 22 days. Funeral services were held at Richardson's Chapel, with Rev. Gansel of Milford Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Highland cemetery.

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The Sons of '76
In the middle of the last century the organization known as the Sons of '76 was one of a number of secret societies which was merged in the Know-Nothing order or party along with the Order of American Mechanics, American Protestant Association, Order of the Sons of America and other similar orders. Its decided characteristics were nativism. When asked as to the objects of this society members replied "I know nothing about them," hence the name Know Nothings.

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