

Involved Title.

A flurry of excitement and no little anxiety was created here last Tuesday when Attorney Coombs of Valley City arrived and informed several property owners that his client, Mr. A. A. Canfield, had bought the right, title, and interest of the Adam Gallinger heirs in certain lots in the original townsite of Sanborn.

It is claimed that Adam Gallinger never transferred his half interest in some twenty lots in the original plat, which includes some of the most valuable property in the village, such as the Bank Block on the corner of Front and Third streets, the old Brucker lot adjoining it, the Bagley hotel, the Waltemate residence, now owned by H. E. Siegfried of Fargo, and the Waltemate livery barn, now owned by the Tuckers, the southeast corner lots of Block 10, north of the depot, lots in Block 11, and some outlying property upon which are no buildings.

In addition to the undivided half interest, Mr. Canfield has also secured an assignment from the Gallinger heirs of their interest in the rentals and profits of this property.

That there was a flaw in the title to much of this property has long been known to many, but it has been left to Mr. Canfield to trace up the heirs and secure an assignment of their claims.

Mr. Canfield, in his offers of settlement with resident owners, has been inclined to be lenient and some have accepted his offer, Mr. Bagly and Dr. Lang (owner of the Brucker lot) among them. If a quit claim from him will quiet the title and leave them in full legal possession it will doubtless be to their interest to make the settlement, as the sum demanded has not been exorbitant. Property with a clouded title can never be very valuable.

The bank block belonging to non-resident owners is the most valuable, and the accrued rentals and profits will amount to considerable. The owners of the block will probably resist the claim and a lawsuit will doubtless result and the whole matter gone into by the Court. Mr. Canfield has already instituted probate proceedings and the estate will pass through the county court in the regular course. This will settle the matter, at least so far as the Gallinger claims are concerned.