

Balser Bittel estate

#1 - 19 April 1899

Shiawassee County, Michigan

Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate for said County.

The Petition of Jacob W. Bittel of Shiawassee respectively shows:

That Balser Bittel died 3 Feb 1889 leaving no will and as your petitioner is informed and verily believe

"Your Petitioner further states that he is interested in said estate as son an heir at law of said decease."

Said deceased was at the time of his death, an inhabitant of New Haven Township, Shiawassee County. That he owned real estate in Genesee County and the estimated value is four hundred dollars.

Names & residences of the heirs at law of said deceased and other persons interested in said estate are as follows:

Your Petitioner a son of deceased-New Haven aforesaid
[Shiawassee County]

Philip Bittel a son of decease-Manistee Co. Mich.

John Bittel a son of decease-Genesee Co., Mich.

Mathias Bittel a son of decease-New Haven Co. Mich.

Katherine Glenn a daughter of decease-Detroit, Mich.

Anna Penabaker a daughter of decease-New Haven, Mich.

.....That administration of said estate may be granted to Your Petitioner....April 19th, 1899 [signed,] Jacob W. Bittel

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#2 - 22 May 1899
Shiawassee County, Michigan
Probate Court for said County

Corunna, Michigan, Monday the 22 May 1899
Mathew Bush, Judge of Probate

Estate of Balser Bittel, deceased.

Petitioner, Jacob W. Bittel is asking an administrator to be appointed for the estate of Balser Bittel, decease, estate value at Ten Hundred dollars. Jacob W. Bittel of New Haven Township in said county is a competent and suitable person for that trust and is appointed administrator.

Further ordered, that J(?) J. Hibbard and George W. Ponten be appointed as appraisers of the estate.

Ordered that the administrator be allowed one year from 22 May to dispose of the estate and pay the debts of the said deceased.

Further ordered that six months from this said 22 May be allowed for creditors to present their claims against said estate for examination and allowance; and that James Hopson, Alfred Crickmore and Frank E. Welch be appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all such claims against said estate. [Signed] Mathew Bush, Judge of Probate.

[kk Note - James Hopson is a brother to Norman Hopson. Norman married Mary Ann Dandison Pearsall, mother of Mary Frances Pearsall Bittell, wife of Mathias L. Bittell.]

Alfred Crickmore is husband of Sue Dandison, sister of Mary Ann Dandison Pearsall Hopson.]

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#3 - 22 May 1899

Shiawassee County, Michigan Probate Court
Mathew Bush, Judge of Probate Court

Balser Bittel deceased

Your Petitioner appeared the 22 May 1899 and was appointed administrator of the estate and that no personal estate of said deceased has come into his hands.

Jacob further states he is informed and verily believes, the just debts and valid claims outstanding against the estate amount to the sum of Ten Hundred and fifty four dollars, exclusive of interest and that the charges and expenses of managing and administering will amount to the sum of about one hundred dollars.

That it is necessary to raise the sum of Eleven Hundred and Fifty four dollars to pay all expenses.

The description of the property in Richfield County of Genesee, Michigan are as follows, viz:

"The South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 13 in the Township of Richfield County of Genesee, Mich."

Names & residences of the heirs at law of said deceased and other persons interested in said estate are as follows:

Your Petitioner a son of deceased-New Haven aforesaid
[Shiawassee County]

Philip Bittel a son of decease-Manistee Co. Mich.

John Bittel a son of decease-Genesee Co., Mich.

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#4 - 20 June 1899

Shiawassee County, Michigan Probate Court
Jacob W. Bittel, Administrator is required to return within
30 days, a true and perfect inventory of all the personal
property and any real estate. Also, to report in 1 year to
give a true account of his administration to the Court.
Mathew Bush, Judge of Probate.

#3a - 20 Dec 1899

Jacob asks that he be authorized to sell the property.
[Signed] Katherine E. Kelsey, Probate Register

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*[Sandi, The above is on the bottom of item #3 and if you
have the vol. numbers or books that these records are
recorded in, I would greatly appreciate the info. I've
numbered the documents, hoping you will be able to match
them. I really appreciate you sending these to me.]*

#5 - 18 Sept 1899 - 20 Dec 1899

Within the sixty day time limit at the office of Frank E.
Welch in the City of Corunna and showing that all notices
for claims by the creditors were posted including in the
"Corunna Journal", Mathias Bittel & Jacob W. Bittel
presented a claim for \$527.00 each for a total of \$1054.00.
There were no objections.

*[Note; kk - I believe, after looking at the list that was
presented to the court, Balser may have taken turns living
with Mathias and Jacob as they both declared $\frac{1}{2}$ of Balser's
support from March 1st, 1889 to Feb 3, 1898, 9 years at
#3.00 per week. Mathias and Jacob also shared in Balser's
Funeral expenses to Knapp & Smith, 6 Feb 1898.
Or Jacob & Mathias could have been living together because
neither of them were married before Balser died 3 Feb 1899,
Jacob married 30 August 1899 and Mathias married 7 Dec
1899. John married 28 August 1877*

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They each gave credit of the rent & profits of the farm which probably came from the farm in Richfield township, Genesee County, Mich. ½ of rent and profits of farm of deceased from March, 1889 to March 1899, ten years at \$45.00 per year, \$450.00, ½ total \$225.00 each.

Possibly, Balser was living with John Bittel before 1 March 1889 or John was living with Balser and when Balser went to live with Jacob & Mathias, John paid rent & a share of the farm profits.

Jacob & Mathias must have paid the \$60.00 for Sophia's funeral 8 March 1899 and took the opportunity to be reimbursed.]

#5 - 20 June 1899

Shiawassee County, Michigan Probate Court

Jacob W. Bittel as administrator 29 January 1900

In pursuance of said order or decree of sale, executed a Bond, with sufficient sureties, was approved and took the Oath before sale; that he did, on the 22 February 1900 at his house in the township of New Haven County of Shiawassee and State of Michigan, sell and dispose of the following designated and described Real Estate at private sale, to-wit:

The South half of the South West Quarter of the South West Quarter of Section Thirteen in the township of Richfield, Genesee County.

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John Bittel of the township of Richfield, County of Genesee, Mich. for the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars, said sum being the highest price obtainable therefore, and not a less sum than the value of said Real Estate, as determined by the said Probate Judge; he therefore respectfully requests that the sale be made.

[Signed] Jacob W. Bittel.

Approved by Mathew Bush, Judge of Probate. 26 Feb 1900.

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#6 - 15 May 1900

Easton Michigan

A receipt to Jacob W. Bittel for \$260.40 in payment of claim as filed by commissioners in the matter of Balser Bittel, deceased. [Signed] M. L. Bittell

[Note-kk- I wonder if that was his portion of the Real Estate Sale. Did Philip, Katherine, & Anna get anything from the estate? Also note that M.L. signed his name as Bittell]

7 - 21 May 1900

Shiawassee County, Michigan Probate Court

By Mathew Bush, Judge of Probate

In the matter of the Estate of Balser Bittel, deceased. Jacob W. Bittel as Administrator has duly preformed his duty and is hereby discharged. As Administrator.

[Signed] Mathew Bush, Judge of Probate.

21 May 1900 at the Probate office in Corunna.

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