

WEALTHY FARMER UNABLE TO MARRY LADY OF HIS CHOICE

Jerome J. Carter Patronizes Agency For Wife—Family Opposes the Match.

Ottawa, Sept. 30.—Jerome J. Carter, a wealthy farmer living four miles southwest of Grand Ridge, has succeeded in putting one over on his relatives as well as his many friends by slipping away to Chicago a couple of days ago and, it is alleged, wedding the lady of his choice.

Notwithstanding the fact that Jerome is on the shady side of 70 years of age, he has been very active in looking up a suitable better half and as none of the ladies in his own neighborhood appealed to his fancy he decided to try and obtain one through a matrimonial agency in Chicago. In answer to one of these advertisements he is said to have left for Chicago a week ago. On his return a few days later to his daughter, Edna, who lives with him, he made it known that he was going to get married to a woman in Chicago.

In the meantime Melvin Carter his son, who lives in Iowa, was sent for and he arrived in Grand Ridge at noon Friday where he was met by his brother-in-law, George Provence, and his sister, Edna, all three going direct to Ottawa where they sought legal advice to restrain their father from incumbering his property as he is said to have agreed to give this particular fair one in Chicago, \$10,000 to become his bride, and on this condition she is said to have accepted his proposal.

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DEFIES CHILDREN AND CLAIMS BRIDE

Jerome J. Carter, Seventy Years Old, Weds Despite Much Opposition.

LICENSE ISSUED IN CHICAGO

Offspring Sought Court to Appoint Guardian—Reached Satisfactory Un- derstanding by Dividing His Prop- erty Among the Children.

In spite of the opposition of his hard hearted children, who even tried to have him committed to the insane asylum because of his yearnings towards matrimony, J. J. Carter has succeeded in getting married. At least, it is supposed he has, for yesterday a license to wed was issued in Chicago to J. J. Carter, aged 70 years, of Grand Ridge, and Clara Atkins, 57 years of age, Chicago.

About two weeks ago Carter's troubles commenced. A letter, supposed to be written by him to a Chicago friend of his offering the friend \$10,000 if he would find a good wife for him, fell into the hands of Carter's daughters. They immediately filed a petition in the probate court, charging that the old man was not able to manage his own business, and asking that a guardian be appointed. Carter is said to have told his children that he would take his own life rather than appear in court, and a satisfactory understanding was reached by the old man dividing his property among his children, reserving one-sixth, however, for himself and a possible wife.

And now the possible wife has become a reality, as the license issued yesterday in Chicago will bear witness. Whether or not the Carter children will forgive their prodigal parent and his bride is yet to be seen, but it is thought that the newly weds will receive filial forgiveness and blessings.

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