

duced was signed by the plaintiff's predecessor in title, and that he was a subscribing witness thereto and made his affidavit of the execution of the conveyance. Mr. Justice Patterson of the Supreme Court was counsel for the defendant. He asked the witness to read the document carefully and state whether he really was a witness to the conveyance of the land to the present plaintiff. Then followed a good deal of hedging. The witness said he knew he saw the man sign the deed. He could not be sure who was present. He was asked then to read the conveyance from the beginning and interrogated as each of the earlier statements as to the date of the conveyance, where made, who was the grantor and as to whether the grantee was present at the time. He said he was unable to remember all the details except that he was positive that he saw the former owner sign the deed, and that he put his name to it as a witness, and he made the affidavit of execution. The witness was, however, at last compelled to admit that the grantee was not present, and that there was no person named as grantee in the conveyance when it was signed, and that the deed was taken about the country until a purchaser was found, and when one was found his name was inserted as grantee in the deed. There was a nonsuit, and what the result of the action finally was, this deponent knoweth not.

Early one forenoon some years ago an old Englishman named Hall, and his wife, who had driven in from one of the back townships, consulted me as to what they called "a very providential case," as follows: The daughter of a Mrs. Hall had a farm of one hundred acres. She married a man named Acton and there were two daughters as issue of such marriage. Acton and his wife lived on this farm. Shortly after the birth of the younger of the daughters the husband was greatly troubled as to why his wife should or could own the land, *he* being still alive. He frequently told his wife what he thought of her wickedness in wanting to hold the land while he, her husband, was living. Determining to correct this anomaly he went