

1842. *and this plaintiff, George Graves, from whom they had never received any instructions or information, who had never retained them, or knew any thing, as it appears, of their proceeding; and who could not therefore have been said to have reposed a confidence in them which it was in their power to abuse.*

*Rendered on
Graves.*

But matters did not take that turn. The ejectment against the two Bryants upon the demise of the present plaintiff George Graves was tried in September, 1849. Before it came on, the defendant Mr. Smith had become aware, as he admits, that the Bryants claimed under a title from Samuel S. Bridge, to whom one Samuel Doty had conveyed the land, but he could not find what right Samuel Doty had to make the conveyance; no deed from the patentee Adam Graves to Samuel Doty, or to any one, having then been discovered. Upon reference to the plaintiff's mother, Mr. Smith found, as he states, that she either did not know, or pretended not to know, that the plaintiff's grandfather Adam Graves had ever disposed of the land in Pittsburg. Not knowing, as he swears, whether Adam Graves had ever made a conveyance of the land, or had only agreed to sell it for some consideration which he had, or had not received, he went on with the action against the Bryants. Before the trial, however, he hunted up the heir of Samuel S. Bridge, who it seems had died, namely, his son Thomas H. Bridge, and got from him, as he admits, for the heir of Adam Graves, a release of all his right to the land for a very trifling consideration, telling Bridge that it was for Adam Graves' heir that he was buying up the claim, though nothing of that kind was expressed in the deed, which was a release in fee to the defendant Smith.

This release or quit-claim he states Thomas H. Bridge gave him for the small sum of £25, being content to do so, because the title was imperfect, there being no conveyance to shew from Adam Graves; and also

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