

PRESIDENTIAL FAMILIES.

A son of a president of the United States died a few years ago in St. Louis, where he had lived in poverty and obscurity for a number of years.

President Tyler had a son by his second wife, who was conspicuous in the politics of Virginia, and who became president of William and Mary College, the institution from which his father had graduated.

As a rule, presidents' sons have shown themselves amply able to care for themselves. John Adams left a fortune of \$50,000 to his son, John Quincy Adams, but the younger Adams had been elected president of the United States before he received his father's bequest.

Jefferson's children were not so fortunate. He was so poor that he sold his library to congress for \$25,000 (about one-quarter of its value), and later he endorsed a note for \$20,000 for a friend, which he was compelled to pay.

Madison left no children to share his small estate. Monroe died poor, but his two daughters had married before his death, one of them being the wife of George Hay, of Virginia, and the other of Samuel L. Gouverneur, of New York.

John Quincy Adams left an estate about as large as that of his father—\$50,000; but the Adams family was quite able to take care of itself without inheritance, and down to the present day it has earned honors and wealth.

Jackson left no children. His grandniece is a clerk in the government departments. Van Buren was one of the richest of the presidents. It was said he drew no salary till he left the White House, and that he received the \$100,000 which had accumulated during his term in one lump.

William Henry Harrison left a small estate, which went eventually to his son, the father of Benjamin Harrison, who was a member of congress from Indiana for four years. Benjamin Harrison inherited very little of his money, and he had to make his own way from the beginning of his career.

President Tyler's first wife died while he was in the White House. One of his sons, Robert, went to Philadelphia, where he held several civil offices. Then he went to Richmond, where he was appointed register of his term of office he moved to Montgomery, Ala., where he edited a newspaper until his death.

President Cleveland will leave a large fortune to his little ones. He was worth comparatively little when he came to Washington, but between his first and second terms he was credited with accumulating a large sum through fortunate speculations in Wall street.

Ex-President Harrison's son is in business in Terre Haute, and he is prospering. Mrs. McKee, the ex-president's other child, is married.—Washington Star.

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A WIFE'S PROPERTY RIGHTS. An eminent writer on jurisprudence once said that he could see little good in making settlements on married women to the exclusion of their husbands, as "they are kissed out of their property or kicked out of it within six months after marriage."

This was probably the condition of affairs at the time the author wrote—for from time immemorial under the law the property rights of wives were so blended with those of their husbands as to be undistinguishable. She could not contract or sell excepting through him, and her personality could be appropriated by his creditors.

By piece by piece the legislatures and courts have been tearing down the once magnificent structure of the husband's rights until at last the supreme court of New York, construing the statutes relative to married women, from which the Missouri statutes on that subject are copied, has recently rendered an opinion to the effect that the wealthy woman's lord can not even keep a dog on her premises without her consent.

Not only is the husband thus despoiled of man's best friend, but the court goes further and states that she can make the husband pick up his duds and vacate. Nor is this all. The same tribunal, in a case other than the one referred to, holds, relating to the husband and wife: "The law now regards them as standing upon the same plane of equality as if they were strangers."

The wife's rights outlined.—The opinion which deprived the husband of the companionship of his choice property, grew out of the case of Josie Quilty vs. Rebecca B. Battle and her husband, an action for damages for personal injuries resulting from a dog bite inflicted by a dog belonging to Mr. Battle, which had attacked the plaintiff at the Battle residence. The real defendant was Mrs. Battle, the owner of the premises, the husband being only a nominal party.

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The Missouri law also provides that the wife, if she gives to her husband or reduces property to his possession, to make it valid it must be in writing. The same chapter also provides that the wife may sue and be sued separate from her husband.

The decision of the New York court interprets the law for Missouri. It appears from it that a man may be monarch of all he surveys, but his wife's fortune, under the present condition of things, he can not touch without her consent. The seeker after the rich widow and the heiress is balked unless he expects to gain his point by suavity and pleasant-

ness. The mercenary man who steps into the shoes of another for the purpose of getting what is in sight, will find his path strewn with thorns. The millionaire's daughter can assert her property rights in the face of the ex-coachman, and he can not help himself. The eloping bride, after having learned something by experience, can tell her impetuous groom to get out and hustle, for she is going to control her own property, and he will have to obey her mandate. So it is all around.

"The husband is the under dog in the matrimonial arrangement nowadays," said a well-known lawyer in discussing the situation. "It is all right in some respects, but the law can be abused, most woefully abused, and it sometimes is. Take a case where a man has transferred his property to his wife to guard against future emergencies, and she deliberately turns him adrift or cuts him off from the income. I have known just such cases, and they are quite frequent. I can recall a case where a well-known citizen, and father of one of the judges of the present state supreme court, was compelled to skirish around one whole summer to get money enough to pay for his food, while his wealthy wife was rusticated in the mountains of Virginia. She simply closed up her house in this city and went to Virginia, and, although she had a mammoth bank account, partly created by her husband, he could not touch a cent of it, as it was in her name. He asked me to give him a job of collecting, to make both ends meet until she came back, which I did."

How the gentler sex will take advantage of their enlarged legal privileges will probably depend a great deal upon the temperament and common sense of the individual. Some will summarily dismiss their impetuous husbands, as in the case of the widow of a well-known mayor of the city not long since, the deposed husband seeking redress in suicide. Others will give to their poor spouses all they ask for, while others will make only moderate allowances. A well-known lady, who not long since married a man inclined to be dissipated and improvident, disposed of the problem by giving him a gross sum and assuring him that it was all he would get. He invested the fund in permanent improvements from which he can realize a competence the remainder of his days, realizing that his wife was in earnest.

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