

## WILL NOT COME TO TRIAL.

### The Case of Johanna Sweeney Against Jay Boright Dismissed.

Troublesome Times Over the Rich Estate  
of a Colored Man—Cashier Sattley  
Gives Bond to Appear for Trial  
November 20.

Johanna Sweeney, through her attorneys, yesterday appeared before Judge Gibson, in the third division of the circuit court, and dismissed her action against Attorney Jay Boright to set aside an alleged deed to a block of property valued at \$200,000 on East Eighteenth street between Grove street and Flora avenue.

This deed has already gained notoriety in the courts of Kansas City. The husband of the plaintiff was the Rev. James Sweeney, colored, founder of St. James Baptist church and its pastor. The church was built on his property. The Rev. Sweeney was the richest colored man in Jackson county, and years ago Boright was his legal adviser. As he grew old he decided to make a will, and Boright was called in to draw it up. The old man, who could neither read nor write, dictated, and Boright, it is alleged, wrote. When he had concluded Sweeney signed the instrument, and it is alleged that instead of drawing up a will Boright drew up a deed conveying the Sweeney estate to himself. He was afterward arrested and indicted, but the deed, it is claimed, somehow disappeared from the office of the prosecuting attorney before the case came to trial.

After the death of Rev. Sweeney last spring, Boright filed this old deed in the county recorder's office. In the meantime a will subsequently drawn up by the late Judge J. K. Cravens had been filed by the widow of Sweeney. She then filed the suit to set aside Boright's deed, which was dismissed yesterday, and he subsequently withdrew the deed from the records, and, it is said, made it over to the plaintiff.

This removes all but one suit from the courts affecting this estate, over which there has been so much trouble. The suit still remaining is one brought by William Callaway, of Virginia, to set aside the will because he did not get enough of the estate. Callaway, as set forth in the will, was a natural son of the Rev. Sweeney, born in slavery, and was bequeathed only \$500.