

This Could Never Happen to You. OR COULD IT?



PAYING FOR YOUR HOME — TWICE!

You bought your house last year from the widow seller. She told you all about her recently departed husband of 10 years. How could he know that his mother had proven that her late son had never really married the women who sold you your house? Worse yet, his mother claimed and a judge agreed that she had inherited her son's half of the house. Now your choice is pay the mother half the value of the house and keep it or sell the house and give her half the money.

LOSING YOUR HOME — TO SOMEONE ELSE'S TAXES

The IRS was demanding that thousand of dollars be paid by the Smarts to pay off a federal tax lien against a former owner of the property. The local clerk's office had misspelled the last name of the tax debtor when it indexed the lien. Title examiners were unable to discover this lien because of the misspelling. The house would be sold if the IRS were not paid.

THE PRODIGAL SON — WHO NEVER RETURNED

Sam seemed like such a nice guy when he sold his home to the Andersons. He had received the property as a gift from his mother and sister before they died. Since he never paid anything for it, he was willing to sell it to the Andersons at a great price. Later that year, two women appeared at the Andersons home wanting to know why the Andersons were in the women's home. The two women were the mother and sister of Sam. The mother and sister were not dead and they never gave the property to Sam. Sam had forged a deed from his mother and sister to himself. Sam was long gone with the Anderson's money and the Andersons would have to give up the home or buy it, a second time, from the mother and sister of Sam.

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