

GUARDS FAMILY NAME IN SUIT

Malcomson Refuses To Tell of "Misunderstanding" Which Leads to Court.

Alex Y. Malcomson, founder of the Malcomson Coal Co., who is being sued by his wife Alice for separate maintenance, will not make counter charges, he said today. Mrs. Malcomson left the family home, 7640 LaSalle boulevard, about four months ago, he said.

The incident, which caused Mrs. Malcomson to leave home was termed "a family misunderstanding not different from those in most any home," by Mr. Malcomson. "The Malcomson family has always had a clean reputation," he said, "and at this time it will not enter any controversy."

"I had hoped that any such action might be averted," he declared, "but Mrs. Malcomson's unfortunate misconception of circumstances evidently led her to take this action to the great regret of myself and family. Out of respect to Mrs. Malcomson and the family, I do not wish to discuss the matter."

Frank T. Lodge, attorney for the plaintiff, refused to discuss Mrs. Malcomson's stand in the suit. He intimated that his client had left the city for the summer.

At present Mr. Malcomson is president of the Harlan Gas Coal Co. He was founder of the Malcomson Coal Co. and one of the founders of the United Fuel & Supply Co. His son George W. is now president of the Malcomson Company.

When Henry Ford was experimenting on his automobile, Mr. Malcomson was one of his financial backers and early stock holders. It was he who induced James Couzens to become associated with Mr. Ford.