

A Relative of Nixon Files for Bankruptcy

Sacramento

One of President Nixon's financially-plagued California relatives has filed for bankruptcy here after being wiped out by a declining hog market, it was learned yesterday.

Ronald Milhous and his wife Judith, who live in Grass Valley, filed a bankruptcy petition in U.S. District Court in which Milhous said he raised hogs with another man in 1971 but "the price of hogs went down and we lost money and broke up the partnership."

The petition, filed April 24, said the couple, who have two small children, received welfare last year. The petition said they now have assets of \$1419 and liabilities totaling \$4871.

RELATIONSHIP

Milhous, 28, is the son of Philip Milhous, also of Grass Valley, who is the President's first cousin.

The elder Milhous, and his wife, Anna, made news in 1971 when they disclosed that they were ill and receiving welfare.

Ronald Milhous was not available for comment last night, but his mother said his financial woes started a couple of years ago when he was working as an undercover agent for a private detective firm in Sacramento.

"He quit that job because he was told to do things that were illegal," she said.

Mrs. Milhous said the detective agency ordered her son to attend "narcotic and liquor parties — and this is a family of teetotalers."

TROUBLE

Then his troubles grew when he couldn't find a job, she said. First he tried the shake business, "but ecology ruined that, he couldn't buy any more of the lumber they make shake out of."

The elder Mrs. Milhous views her son's plight philosophically: "It's no shame to be broke . . . so what, other presidents have had poor relatives. We don't owe him (the President) anything and he doesn't owe us anything."

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