She died, yes; she did not die, no

מתה אין לא מתה לא -

Overview

Previously ברייתא 'יוחנן brought a ברייתא (based on the פסוק סל ולביתך), which indicated that (ולביתך is קנין הגוף הגוף 'Subsequently ר"ל asked a question on ר"ל from the ברייתא of אשתו which indicates that לאו כקנין הגוף is לאו כקנין הגוף מתה אשתו explains the nature of this latter question.

asks: תוספות

מוספות answers:

ויש לומר⁴ דאיכא לאוקמה במתה כי הך -

And one can say that we can establish the לביתך of לביתך (which seemingly indicates מתה) in a case of מתה like this מתה of מתה, so the ברייתות do not necessarily conflict, which makes ד"ל question understandable.

חוספות has an additional question:

אם תאמר ולישני דהך דמתה בשלא זכתה האשה פירות נכסיה לבעל And if you will say; so let ר"י answer that this מתה of מתה is in a case where the woman did not transfer the פירות of her assets to her husband in which case he does not even have קנין פירות, therefore he cannot bring them as

מוספות answers:

ויש לומר דברייתא קתני אף בתר דתקון רבנן פירות לבעל

And one can say; that the מתה of מתה was taught even after the רבנן enacted that the פירות of the wife belong to the husband so he has a קנין פירות and nevertheless he can only be מביא if she died, but not when she is alive –

 $^{^{1}}$ See previous תוספות ד"ה ולביתן (in the 'Overview').

 $^{^{2}}$ י"י inferred from that ברייתא that יפירות is כקנין הגוף.

³ See 'Overview'; the two ברייתות seemingly conflict with each other.

⁴ תוספות question was that since the two ברייתות obviously conflict, how can we ask a question on ברייתא, since he maintains like the other ברייתא. The answer is that they do not necessarily conflict, therefore או מתה has a valid question if we presume that the first מתה for it is in a case of לאו כקנין הגוף דמי also maintains.

חוספות offers another answer to his question why we cannot establish the ברייתא where she was not מזכה to him her פירות:

ועוד דהוה ליה כקונה פירות בשוק ואחר כך קנה שדה דאינו קורא⁵ -

And additionally if she was not פירות her פירות to him, he merely took them and then she died, it is like one who buys fruit in the market and then he bought the field where these fruits grew, where the rule is that he cannot be קורא -

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As the גמרא [in תלמוד ירושלמי states in – מסכת בכורים

תוספות responds to an anticipated difficulty:⁷

אבל לריש לקיש שהיו לו פירות תחילה אתי שפיר -

However according to ד"ל that he had the פירות initially it is properly understood -דבמתה מביא וקורא כיון דמעיקרא אגיד בה⁸ לפירות:

That when she died he is מביא וקורא since initially he was attached to the field through the פירות.

Summary

The two ברייתות do not necessarily conflict. The מתה is after the רבנן gave him her פירות. If the woman was not מזכה her פירות, the husband cannot be קורא even after she dies. Even according to ר"ל, if she was מזכה the היים then he may be מביא after she dies. It is not like קונה פירות ואח"כ שדה. Since he had a vested interest.

Thinking it over

In the first question תוספות writes, 'ומאי קושיא' (but not 'ולישני'); however in the second question תוספות writes 'ולישני' (but not 'ומאי קושיא'); why the different expressions?!

⁵ Therefore if the wife was not מזכה the מירות to her husband, he cannot be קרא even after she died, because it is just like the case of 'קנה פירות בשוק.

⁶ The הגהות מהר"ב רנשבורג amends this to read בירושלמי.

⁷ הוספות just finished saying that if she was not מוכה the בעל to the בעל, even if she died he is not אקורא. Why therefore according to בירות is he מביא וקורא even after she died and even if she gave him the מביא וקורא. According to ר"ל קנין פירות not הגוף דמי, so the fact the he owns the פירות does not permit him to be מביא וקורא his wife's ביכורים, so even though she died and he inherits the field it is still the same problem at it is according to "\,\, namely it is like he bought the פירות and later bought the field!

⁸ According to ד"ל if she granted him the פירות it is not similar to the case of קנה פירות ואה"כ קנה שדה, for in that case when he bought the פירות he had no connection at all to the field, however here when she granted him the פירות of the field so even though it is only קנין פירוח, but she granted him the פירות of her field, so he has some connection to the field (a קנין פירות,), therefore when she dies and he inherits the field it (sort of) completes his קנין הגוף