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LEAVES ESTATE WORTH MILLIONS

T. M. Fitzgerald Will Provides Fund for Memorial Hospital at Lansdowne

The inventory of the \$3,863,089 estate of Thomas M. Fitzgerald, late of Lansdowne, who died April 13, 1929, was revealed at Media yesterday. The lengthy list of Fitzgerald's holdings showed that he owned stock in the United Gas Improvement Company valued at \$1,222,950, and also held many county bonds.

His local holdings include: Borough of Lansdowne bonds, valued at \$58,747; Borough of East Lansdowne, \$28,883; Borough of Yeadon, \$28,661; School District of Lansdowne, \$29,598, and School District of Glenolden, \$23,394.

The inventory also lists 2200 shares of the Electric Storage Battery Company, valued at \$170,209; 1125 shares of Pennsylvania Railroad stock, \$36,625; 1530 shares of Equitable Title and Trust Company stock, valued at \$68,500, and bonds and mortgages totaling \$176,954.

The entire estate, with the exception of a few minor bequests to relatives, is bequeathed to his widow, Mrs. May F. Fitzgerald, with the proviso that at her death the estate will be used to found a hospital on the site of the extensive estate on Lansdowne Avenue, Lansdowne. Mrs. Fitzgerald, several months ago offered to donate \$100,000 to the Delaware County Hospital, providing the institution would raise by public subscription the sum of \$65,000. The money is to be used for a nurses' home, adjoining the hospital.

The inventory of the estate of Dr. James C. Stirk, well-known physician of the county, who died at his home in Swarthmore on May 23, this year, revealed that the entire estate, with a few exceptions, valued at \$822,239, is bequeathed to his wife. The largest holding in the estate is a block of stock in the Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad, valued at \$91,000, while stock in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, valued at \$49,500, also appears on the list. The deceased also held stock in many minor companies.

A block of stock in the Girard Trust Company, valued at \$28,000 to the largest single item in the \$152,487 estate of Mary H. Biddle, of Radnor Township according to the inventory filed yesterday. Miss Biddle died March 25, this year, and willed her entire estate to her sister, Miss Helen T. Biddle, and a niece, Catherine B. Barker. Seventy-eight shares of stock of the Liberty Title and Trust Company, valued at \$19,500; 46 shares of Pennsylvania National Bank stock valued at \$6480, and railroad stocks valued at \$6000, are included in the estate.

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