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WALLINGFORD TO HAVE LIBRARY – Provision in Will of Dr. Furness to be Carried Out by His Executors – Will Bear Name of His Wife

The necessary legal action has been taken in the Courts of the County to comply with a provision in the will of the late Horace Howard Furness changing the name of the library at Wallingford. The town is soon to have a library building that will be a credit to the town and a place of enjoyment for its people. The late Dr. Furness was generous to a fault in providing literature for dissemination by the public and after he died it was found that he had willed \$5,000 to the free library on condition. That the name of the institution be changed from the Horace Howard Furness Free Library to that of the Helen K. Furness Free Library.

The stockholders, at a recent meeting, decided that the \$5,000 should be used for no other purpose than a new building. Following this there was a meeting of the Board of Directors at which Dr. Horace Jayne and Dr. William H. Furness, 3<sup>rd</sup>, were appointed a committee to consult an architect as to the plans and specifications of the new library.

To the great delight and appreciation of all of the citizens of that section of Delaware County, Dr. William H. Furness, 3<sup>rd</sup>, made it known that he will donate the site for the new library. The property is located on the north side of the Wallingford Bridge, bounded by the railroad. Providence Road and the road leading into the Furness mansion. On this property at present stands two frame houses. These will be torn down to make room for the new institution.

It is expected that the new building will be finished some time next summer. All preparations for starting the work will be made during the winter weather so that the work will be started early in the spring. This splendid gift will be a living monument to the generous Furness family for hundreds of years to come.

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