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SELLERS ESTATE ESTIMATED TO BE WORTH \$2,000,000 – Will of Late Resident of Upper Darby Probated Yesterday at Media and Disposition of the Property is Given Mostly to Relatives

The will of John R. Sellers, Jr., late of Upper Darby Township, disposing of an estate estimated to be worth \$2,000,000, was probated at Media yesterday. The estate is left principally to his children and their offspring, mostly in trust in the hands of the trustees and executors. After directing that his just debt be paid he bequeaths his personal property, which is of great value to his children, Lucy Seller Barnes, Howard Sellers, Elizabeth Poole Sellers Worrell, and Mildred Sellers Almy. This is modified somewhat by a codicil which gives a portion of his personal property in the homestead to his daughter-in-law, Sarah M.W. Sellers, to whom he leaves the homestead for three years, free of expense, this to come out of his estate.

To each of his servants who have been in his employ for a period of five years at the time of his death, he gives \$100, and to those who were with him for ten years, \$200 each. He also bequeaths \$200 each to all of his grandchildren.

The remainder of the estate is left in trust to the trustees and executors to pay the income to his children, or if deceased, to his grandchildren; or in case there are no children and the widow be living, to her so long as she remains unmarried or until death. If there be a widow of any of his children she shall receive at least the income on \$100,000, so long as this amount is not more than one-fourth of the entire estate, and in that event the principal amount is to be cut down. He gives in fee simple, \$10,000 each to his daughters; to his son Howard he gives one share of the Millbourne Mills Company stock, and 100 shares of the William Sellers Company Incorporated stock.

He directs his executors and trustees to change any of his holdings of stock in the William Sellers & Company Incorporated, the Millbourne Mills Company, the Midvale Steel Company or the Edge Moor Iron Works, which he says are large, when this can be done without sacrifice if they see fit to do so.

Howard Sellers, Charles H. Dunn, John G. Johnson, A. Merritt Taylor and the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities, are named as executors and trustees. He directs that the latter company shall receive one and one-half per cent of all money and property passing through their hands for keeping the accounts of his estate, and one and one half percent to be divided among the other trustees and executors for their labor in connection with the estate.

By a codicil he gives \$1000 to a relative in Wilmington, and by another codicil makes it known that his home is in Delaware County and not in Philadelphia.

He further directs his executors and trustees to invest his money in Philadelphia city bonds and any other securities which are proven by the statements to be good, so long as they do not pay less than 4 percent on the investment. The document is quite long.