

VANISHED HEIRESS IS DECLARED DEAD

Suffolk Court to Accept Will of Alice Parsons—Husband Renounces Bequests

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RIVERHEAD, L. I., June 7—Mrs. Alice W. Parsons, Long Island heiress whose disappearance nine years ago from her Stony Brook (L. I.) estate set off a futile nation-wide hunt, was declared legally dead today by Suffolk County Surrogate Richard W. Hawkins.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation stepped into the case when a note demanding \$25,000 ransom from her husband, William H. Parsons Jr., was found after her disappearance. But the FBI closed its investigation ten months later, with the conclusion that the case was not kidnapping but murder.

Surrogate Hawkins announced he would admit for probate a will drawn by Mrs. Parsons a month before she vanished and would ratify an agreement providing for disposition of her estate, valued at \$73,945 in personal and real property.

The agreement, drawn up last Jan. 11, contains a renunciation of large bequests left by Mrs. Parsons to her husband and to Anna Kupryanova Parsons, a housekeeper and companion who married Mr. Parsons six years ago and now is living with him in Carmel, Calif. Mrs. Parsons had bequeathed \$35,000 to her husband and \$10,000 to the former housekeeper.

Under the agreement, Mr. Parsons will receive eight pieces of jewelry valued at \$200, while Roy Kupryanova Parsons, a son of the present Mrs. Parsons by a former marriage, will receive \$15,000 to be held in trust until he is 30 years old.

Half of the remainder will be divided between two children of Frank W. McDonnell of Fair Lawn, N. J., a brother of Mrs. Parsons, and the other half among three children of Howard A. McDonnell, another brother, of Newhall, Calif.

Mrs. Parsons was 38 years old when she disappeared on June 9, 1937. Her eleven-acre farm and the countryside for miles around were searched almost inch by inch, and hundreds of clues were run down without finding her.