

CHAPLIN ESTATE GO TO SCHOOL FUND IF NO HEIRS ARE FOUND

VERDICT FOR \$5,000 WON AGAINST LIVESTOCK CORPORATION

The estate of Mrs. Adelaide Chaplin now has an additional \$5,000, by reason of a verdict gained in the superior court of Effingham, at Springfield, and no heirs among which to divide it.

If no heirs are found the money will be given to the public school fund of Chatham county.

Consent Verdict.

A consent verdict was taken at Springfield in the case of Judge A. R. MacDonell, administrator, against H. C. Pritchard of Atlanta and the South Georgia Live Stock Corporation, the stockholders of which are Effingham citizens, for \$5,000.

The case has been in the court for a long time. According to the allegations, Mrs. Chaplin bought some \$15,000 worth of shares in the corporation, of which Pritchard was the promoter. Miss Julia A. Mustin of Savannah also invested in the stocks. The company was never successfully launched and the late William H. Chaplin of Savannah, son of Mrs. Chaplin, entered suit against the corporation and Pritchard. When Mr. Chaplin died, Judge Henry McAlpin, the ordinary of Chatham county, appointed Judge A. R. MacDonell as administrator. Judge MacDonell continued the suit.

Law In Case.

The law provides the administrator shall keep the estate intact, where there are no known heirs, and advertise for six months for heirs in one or more daily papers in this or other states, as the circumstances make necessary.

An heir may make application within twelve months after the first date of publication. Should no heirs appear within that time the property shall escheat to the state and be used for the public school fund of the county in which the estate is located. The advertising shall be done under the direction of the ordinary.

Lawyers.

This law will apply in the Chaplin case.

The Chaplin estate was represented by Seabrook & Kennedy and Joseph A. Cronk of Savannah, and the live stock corporation was represented by Lawrence & Abraham and Travis & Travis of Savannah.

There was some doubt as to whether the entire \$15,000 subscribed by Mrs. Chaplin had been paid, so the verdict was taken for \$5,000. In addition to this money there is other property belonging to the state for which there are no known heirs.