

THIRD WILL FOUND

Mystery Shrouds Last Testament of Weston Man.

YOUNG'S ESTATE OF \$35,000

Instrument Said to Have Been Executed a Little More Than a Year Ago.

In the matter of the estate of the late J. W. Young, who died at his home in Weston August 25, 1905, further mystery has been added by the discovery of a third purported will, says the Weston Leader.

This instrument is said to have been executed a little more than a year ago, and therefore, if valid, is later than the two other wills now in dispute. Nothing definite can be learned concerning it, as the attorney of Mabel Young-Warner, declines to admit, even, that it is in his possession.

From all that can be learned, the document was mailed to Charles H. Carter, attorney for Mrs. Warner, by some unknown party at Weston who wrote an accompanying letter in a cramped, irregular hand, to the effect that if Mrs. Warner would come to Weston she would learn of something to her advantage. This was about two weeks ago. Mrs. Warner came, but saw nobody and heard nothing to enlighten her in the matter. The letter writer, who had signed no name, remained in the background.

The names of Frank L. Blair and B. B. Hall were attached to the document as witnesses. Mr. Blair went to Pendleton a few days ago to examine his name, but is unable to say whether or not it is his true signature. He remembers signing no will for Mr. Young. He has a hazy recollection of being called into Mr. Young's office by the old gentleman and asked to sign some paper or other, but was told nothing as to its purport and regarded the incident as so trivial that he can recall no details concerning it. Mr. Hall, administrator of the will probated, declares positively that he signed no such instrument as the one so strangely unearthed.

There are now three wills, or alleged wills, in evidence. The first one, executed September 3, 1891, is the will now before the probate court. The chief beneficiary is Mrs. F. D. Watts, wife of Dr. Watts of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The second one is the document which Mrs. Warner declares was found among her dead uncle's effects in a box at the Farmers' Bank of Weston, and which Mr. Hall declares was inserted in the box by Mrs. Warner while his back was turned. In this document Mabel Young-Warner is given a substantial bequest.

The nature of the third and most mysterious will cannot be learned. It is said to bequeath Mrs. Warner \$10,000, and a few hundred to Mrs. Fieard of Walla Walla. Beyond these two items the Leader can hear nothing as to its contents.

The affair is involved in a mystery. Mr. Blair says that he knows no more about it than any other disinterested person. The signature resembles his manner of writing his name, but he could not swear in court whether it is true or a forgery. D. F. Lavender was the trusted agent of Mr. Young and was well acquainted with his business affairs, but if he knows anything about this, that or the other will, he hasn't chosen yet to impart his knowledge to the public.

Mr. Young died possessed of property valued at thirty or thirty-five thousand dollar. He was a man of careful business habits; that he should leave more than one will is regarded as passing strange by those who knew him in life. Mrs. Warner was his niece and made her home with him when a girl. She claims to be his daughter by adoption. Mrs. Watts was also his niece and the wife of his stepson, Dr. Watts, the son of his last wife. The interests of these two heirs are chiefly in conflict, and Mrs. Warner is active in opposing the will executed in 1891, which leaves her a very nominal sum. Since leaving St. Joseph's Academy at Pendleton, where her tuition was paid by her late uncle, she has been an actress and singer in vaudeville theatres until her marriage with her second husband, Mr. Warner, with whom she now lives at Pendleton.

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