



Melksham Cottage Hospital

HOSPITAL LEGACY

The legacy left to Melksham Cottage Hospital twelve months ago by a lady who formerly lived at Bath, was expected to be "at least £100,000".

It now transpires that the amount is nearly double that, and amounts to no less a sum than £195,980, of which over £190,000 is now invested in trustee stocks.

The announcement of the extent of the huge bequest was made at the quarterly meeting of the hospital governors on Friday evening.

Mrs Ludlow-Bruges, a Wiltshire lady, was the donor. She lived in Pulteney Street, Bath for some time and died in Jersey in July 1932.

Under the law of Jersey, the distribution of the estate could not be made until a year and a day after the death of the benefactress.

This period expired on July 28th last year, but actually exactly another year passed before the full amount of the legacy was revealed.

A sum not exceeding £10,000 was set aside under the terms of the legacy for the specific purpose of erecting a wing or making some other addition to the existing building.

It is thought, however, that power may be obtained to use a portion of the money for erecting an entirely new hospital on another site.

All who are interested in hospital welfare, and particularly Bathonians, will congratulate Melksham on their wonderful good fortune.

Bath could do with a similar legacy for the Royal United Hospital!

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