

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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NEW DRAFT.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

SENATE

NO. 373

In Senate, March 17, 1915.

Reported by Sen. Murphy from Committee on Claims, and ordered printed under joint rules.

W. E. LAWRY, Secretary.

STATE OF MAINE

RESOLVE in favor of Mrs. Blanche M. Reynolds, Edward J. McWiggin, Thomas Hawkins and William H. Hawkins.

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated the
2 sum of three thousand four hundred sixty-six dollars and
3 nineteen cents, the same being amount of money paid by
4 the public administrator into the treasury of the state from
5 the estate of Thomas McWiggin, late of Lewiston, deceased;
6 and that this amount be apportioned as follows:

Two thousand four hundred sixty-six dollars and nineteen
8 cents (\$2466.19) to Mrs. Blanche M. Reynolds. Five hun-
9 dred dollars to Edward J. McWiggin; two hundred fifty
10 dollars to Thomas Hawkins; and two hundred fifty dollars
11 to William H. Hawkins.

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Thomas McWiggin died in Lewiston, on the 26th day of October, 1896, intestate, leaving no widow and no relatives. He had adopted two children from the Home for Destitute Children, Harrison Avenue, Boston, when they were four or five years of age, and these children resided with him, the girl, Blanche, up to the time of his death. He supposed and told people they would receive what he had, but it turns out upon examination that these children were not legally adopted by him. They were taken from this Home but never legally adopted. He left real estate which the public administrator, Ruel D. Smith, finally sold for \$3475.00 and personal property amounting to \$18.44, which he turned into the state treasury. It is right and just that this amount should be paid back by the state to these two children, Mrs. Blanche Reynolds and Edward J. McWiggin, now grown up. Mr. McWiggin supposed he had adopted them and he intended them to have the savings of his lifetime.

Thomas Hawkins and William H. Hawkins were brothers of Mary McWiggin, wife of said Thomas McWiggin.