

\$30,000,000 TO MRS. SHERMAN

Reported Bulk of Mrs. John Carter Brown's Estate Goes to Daughter.

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NEWPORT, R. I., March 3.—It is reported here that the late Mrs. John Carter Brown, whose death after a long illness occurred last Sunday, and whose remains are to be taken to Providence to-morrow morning for funeral services at her home on Benefit Street, not much more than a year ago made a new will which leaves all her estate, outside of some minor bequests, to Mrs. William Watts Sherman, the only living child and consequently the nearest relative of the deceased. Last August Mrs. Sherman was appointed guardian of her mother by the Probate Court of Newport on the ground that the elder woman was of unsound mind. The value of the estate is estimated at a figure in the neighborhood of \$30,000,000.

It has always been supposed that a part of Mrs. Brown's fortune would go to her grandson, John Nicholas Brown, whose father in his will made him one of the richest boys in America, and that Mrs. John Nicholas Brown and Mrs. Harold Brown, daughters-in-law of Mrs. John Carter Brown, would also be handsomely remembered.

John Nicholas Brown, the 10-year-old boy long known as "the richest infant in the world," is the son of the late John Nicholas Brown of Providence and Newport. At the death of his father in 1900, the boy's estate, left to him in trust of his mother, Mrs. Natalie Bayard Brown, was inventoried at \$1,943,690.31. About a week after the death of his father he inherited also the estate of his uncle, Harold Brown, valued at an equal amount.

The boy's mother was formerly Miss Natalie Dresser, a sister of Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt. The Browns descend from one of the oldest Rhode Island families, tracing back to the Rev. Chad Brown, who came to America in 1638, shortly after Roger Williams. For over a century the Browns were connected with the shipping firm of Brown & Ives, in which they built up a large cotton and textile industry. They were interested, too, in Brown University, to which several buildings were presented by different members of the family, and in most of the public institutions of Providence and Newport.

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