

EASTMAN CO. SETTLES CASE

Kodak Concern to Make Big Payment to Goodwin Company.

A settlement has been reached between the Goodwin Film and Camera Company and the Eastman Kodak Company concerning the suit brought in the Federal District Court by the former for an accounting of the profits derived from the sale of photographic films prepared according to the patent taken out by the late Rev. Hannibal Goodwin of Newark in 1898.

The details of it have not been announced, but it is understood to provide for the payment of a large sum of money by the defendants as a composition of the claims of the Goodwin Company, and for the continued use of the patents by the Eastman Kodak Company. The settlement will be filed today with Judge Hazel in the Federal District Court at Buffalo, before whom the Goodwin Company brought its suit.

After the death in 1900 of Mr. Goodwin, the inventor of the photographic film process, his widow, who is still living in Newark, sold her rights to the Goodwin Film and Camera Company, in which she retained a considerable number of shares, although the control passed to the Ansco Company. The Goodwin Company began suit against the Eastman Kodak Company in 1902, and the case dragged on with the taking of evidence in many different parts of the country and the examination of many experts until last August. Then Judge Hazel in Buffalo gave judgment against the Eastman Kodak Company.

The Eastman Company appealed to the Circuit Court of Appeals, and it rendered its decision on March 10 upholding the decree of the lower court.

As a large proportion of the films used in ordinary cameras and for moving pictures have been manufactured by the Goodwin process the amount involved in the suit was very large. As the patent was granted on Sept. 13, 1898, it has until Sept. 13 next year to run, and so it is still likely to earn a considerable sum of money.

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