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**MONEY FOR M'KEE'S HEIRS**  
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**Daughter of Eccentric Colored Man Re-  
ceives \$20,500 as Her Share of Per-  
sonal Effects in Issue of Contest.**

There was filed with the Register of Wills to-day a preliminary accounting of the personal estate of Colonel John McKee, the eccentric colored man, who left the bulk of his fortune to Archbishop Ryan and Joseph P. McCullen, in trust, for the establishment of a training school, ignoring a daughter and other relatives.

The account shows that the amount of funds in the hands of the executives is \$71,544.29, of which \$50,594.29 represents the decedent's personal effects, the balance being made up of dividends and other sources of revenues. These funds, with the exception of \$413.52, have been distributed, and the accounting will come up in the Orphan's Court for adjudication in a few weeks.

According to the accounting, the daughter, Abbie A. P. Syphax, received \$20,500 and Harry McKee Meaton, a grandson, \$25,000, in lieu of a contest which had been instituted by Miss Syphax against the admission of the will to probate. Shortly after her father's death, when the will was read, which cut off Miss Syphax with a pitance, she sought to set the will aside on the ground that by reason of her father's advanced age, he did not possess sufficient testamentary capacity when the testament was executed. Before the matter came up for a hearing, a compromise was effected and the contest abandoned.