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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1954

Marilyn Sheppard Wills All Her Possessions to Husband

The last will and testament of Marilyn Sheppard, in which all her possessions are left to her husband, was presented late yesterday in Probate Court by her father-in-law, Dr. Richard A. Sheppard.

The will was dated Feb. 22, 132 days before the young woman was struck more than 25 blows with an unidentified weapon in her Bay Village home. Her husband, Dr. Samuel H., is under indictment for first-degree murder.

Although Dr. Sam was named executor, he declined to serve in a paper filed with the will. Consequently, according to stipulations made in the will, Probate Judge Walter T. Kinder appointed as executor the osteopath's father.

Other papers filed with the will estimated the value of her estate at \$9,100, with \$100 con-

sisting of personal property and the rest real estate.

Presumably, the latter item refers to the couple's \$33,500 Bay Village home, which was owned by Marilyn.

Provisions of the will name as beneficiaries her six-and-a-half-year-old son, Samuel R. (Chip) Sheppard, and other members of the Sheppard family in the event that she is not survived by her husband. Her own family is not mentioned in the paper.

Excerpts from the will follow:

"I direct that all my just debts and expenses of last sickness and funeral be paid as soon after my decease as shall be found convenient....

"All the residue of my estate ... I bequeath to my husband, Samuel H. Sheppard, if he shall survive me; provided always that if he should not survive me or if we should both perish ... in a common disaster, said property shall be paid over

and distributed in equal shares to those of my children, Samuel Reese Sheppard, and any other who may hereafter be born ... provided further that if my husband and I and all of our children should perish ... in a common disaster, then ... I bequeath all of my said residuary estate in equal parts to my brothers-in-law, Richard N. Sheppard and Stephen A. Sheppard ..."