

Half of Cowell Estate Freed by Judge for Charity

Superior Judge Preston Devine yesterday authorized distribution of more than half of the \$14,617,000 estate of Samuel Henry Cowell for philanthropic purposes.

Pending formal probate of the entire estate, Judge Devine authorized allocation of the estate's immediately available assets, which amounted to \$7,700,000.

REST NEXT YEAR.

The remainder of the fortune is expected to be approved for distribution next year.

Before his death last February at the age of 93, Cowell established the S. H. Cowell Foundation, to be used "exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, or for the prevention of the cruelty to animals."

Only a small portion of the estate was left in specific bequests.

Trustees of the foundation are Attorney Max Thelan, E. H. Connick, general manager of the Cowell companies, and the Wells Fargo Bank, which is also executor.

A bank official said recipients of the money will be chosen after the foundation is fully organized.

Cowell, a bachelor businessman, was the last survivor of the five children of Henry

Cowell, who came to California in the gold rush days and amassed a fortune in land and industries.

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