

# Lost Tektronix chief left millions in estate

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Tektronix Board Chairman Melvin J. (Jack) Murdock, missing since a May 16 plane crash in the Columbia River and declared legally dead by the Clark County Superior Court June 14, left an estate which included more than \$53 million in Tektronix stock.

His other holdings and the total value of the estate have not been revealed.

Murdock, Tektronix said in a November, 1970, proxy statement, owned 1.75 million shares of the Beaverton electronics company, which traded Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange at \$30.375 per share. Before the 1970 market slump, Tektronix was selling at \$74 per share.

The bulk of Murdock's estate, according to his 1969 will, goes into a trust, "exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes. No part of the net earnings of the trust shall inure to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual.

"The trustees shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation and shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign in behalf of any candidate for public office."

## 2nd trust reported

Murdock also reportedly financed another trust, known as the "Millicent Foundation," which handled his charities and supported political causes.

The will directs that the children and stepchildren of Murdock's uncles and aunts — his cousins — each receive a cash bequest of \$5,000. A list of heirs, legatees and devisees attached to his probate file in Vancouver, Wash., shows 18 cousins, including two whose addresses are unknown.

Those shown as living in Oregon include: Mrs. Lory Riggert of Tillamook; Mrs. Betty Janway of 1533 SE 56th Ave., Portland; Ralph J. Salyard, of 744 SE 114th Place, Portland; Berwyn Eaton of Roseburg; and Mrs. Lara Ann Holt of 4563 NE 102nd Ave., Portland.

## Trustees named

Murdock also directed that an uncle, Roby Abeene of Tillamook, inherit all his stock in Roby's Furniture, Inc., Tillamook.

Trustees of the estate in-

clude Paul L. Boley, a Portland attorney who was recently named to the Tektronix board to fill the vacancy created by Murdock's death.

Walter P. Dyke, a physicist who heads Linfield Research Institute and a director of Tektronix, and James B. Castles, Tektronix director and general counsel, were also named trustees.

Murdock, 54, died a bachelor. He was a native Portlander.

While the probate file did not reveal his business interests, he was known to have investments in Merridge Inc., a Vancouver, Wash., Piper Aircraft distributor, Vancouver Piper Co.; Hillsboro Aviation Co.; and Field Emission Corp.

He was a founder, along with Howard Vollum, of Tektronix in 1946.