

A New Chapter In Robinson Case Unfolds

HOUSTON (UPI) — Millionaire oilman Ash Robinson has told a state court he plans to give his entire estate to his only grandchild, Robert Hill, who has accused the oilman of plotting his father's death and forging his mother's will.

Robinson said, however, his 17-year-old grandson will not get the estate until he turns 35 to prevent the boy's stepmother from squandering it.

"Boo (Robert) will have everything we've got when we die," Robinson, 80, told Harris County Probate Judge Bill Bear Wednesday.

He did not say if he had committed that promise to writing.

Outside the courtroom Robert was seemingly unimpressed.

"I don't know if it's true. I'm not going to rely on it," young Hill said.

The courthouse scenario provided a new chapter in an estrangement between grandfather and grandson that began about the time Dr. John Hill was slain Sept. 24, 1972.

Hill was awaiting trial on a charge he murdered his first wife, Joan Robinson Hill, the oilman's only child, by withholding medical treatment when she was ill.

Hill's widow, mother and Robert accused Robinson in a \$7.6 million wrongful death suit last year of plotting to kill Hill to avenge his daughter's death but a civil court jury exonerated Robinson.

In the current trial, Robert, through his adoptive mother, Connie Hill, is trying to prove that Joan Hill's 1968 will — which leaves everything to Robinson — is a forgery.

Robinson has denied the will is a forgery and has accused Connie Hill of creating the discord between grandfather and grandson.

He said he was delaying his bequest to Robert because he does not want his adoptive mother to waste the money.

"He's got one trust fund. They've blown it all," Robinson said. "By that time (age 35) he will realize a lot of things he doesn't realize now."

Robinson said he had placed thousands of dollars in stocks and bonds in the boy's name, but would not disclose how much.