

F GUN WORTH MILLIONS.

Ownership of Revolutionary Musket May Settle Large Estate.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 11.—Members of the Stoy family all over the United States, including Mayor Franklin P. Stoy, of Atlantic City, have been interested in finding the possessor of a certain Revolutionary musket, ownership of which may carry with it the inheritance of an estate in Troy, Penn., worth, it is said, several million dollars. A letter received by Mayor Stoy probably settles the question of ownership of the gun, Isaac Stoy, of Sherwood, Mich., stating that he is its possessor.

Seventy years ago a granduncle of Isaac Stoy, supposed to have been granduncle also to Mayor Stoy's father, died on the estate, and the property was leased to John Stoy, his nephew, the father of Isaac.

The leases have now expired and the estate has been taken into court for settlement. At that time it was found that, inserted in the grant to the original lease, was a clause which provided that any dispute in regard to the succession of the property was to be settled by the possession of a revolutionary musket, which was minutely described and spoken of as having been carried by one of the original Stoy's at the Cornwallis surrender at Yorktown. The musket was to be passed to the nearest heirs of the holders of the lands and to be absolute proof of ownership.

The hunt for the gun which followed showed that it had passed into and through the possession of several heirs, none of whom knew its value as a proof of ownership of the Stoy estate. It was treasured, however, as a memento of the valor of the original American Stoy. A few years ago it came into Isaac's possession. Mayor Stoy has informed him of the queer circumstances under which the big bequest is to be made, and, backed by the remainder of the Stoy family, Isaac Stoy will make a fight for the estate.