

Mrs. Hunt estate hits court snag

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ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt Jr. has failed to satisfy a Maryland judge's questions about the \$10,585 found in his wife's purse after her death in a Chicago airliner crash last Dec. 8.

The matter is holding up settlement of Dorothy Hunt's estate, Mrs. Winifred E. Scott, registrar of wills in Montgomery County, said Tuesday.

Maryland law forbids convicted criminals from serving as executors. "When Mr. Hunt pleaded guilty in the Watergate case, it was my duty to refer the matter to the court," she said.

Judge Ralph Shure of the Montgomery County Circuit Court subsequently ordered Hunt on Jan. 28 to show cause why he should not be removed as executor after columnist William F. Buckley Jr. filed a petition asking to be named to the task.

IN A REPLY filed March 16, Hunt asked to be removed and submitted an accounting of the

estate, Mrs. Scott said.

The judge rejected Hunt's accounting because it did not include the money found in Mrs. Hunt's purse after the United Air Lines jet crashed near Midway Airport, Mrs. Scott said.

She said the judge ordered Hunt to "perfect" the accounting and resubmit it so an executor could be named. The perfected accounting has not been submitted, she said.

Buckley, described as an old friend of Hunt, had been named alternate beneficiary in a will Mrs. Hunt executed on Aug. 3, 1967, Mrs. Scott said.