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LET'S TALK ABOUT DUPONT LIBRARY

Who was Jessie Ball duPont?

Jessie Ball duPont (1884-1970) was an heir to the duPont fortune left by her late husband, Alfred duPont.

DuPont had no personal connection to the University of the South, but donated what amounts to millions in today's dollars to the University.

Jessie Ball duPont was also a committed segregationist, stipulating in her donations to Sewanee that "all benefits from these funds are to accrue to [members of] the WHITE race only."

In her philanthropy, she halted contributions to institutions that desegregated in favor of those that better reflected her values.

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