WILIAM WEIGHTMAN DEAD.

One of the Largest Real Estate Owners in the Country.

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PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 25.—William Weightman, popularly known as the richest man in Pennsylvania, and certainly one of the largest real estate owners in the country, died this morning at his Summer home, "Raven Hill," in West School Lane, Falls of Schuylkill.

Mr. Weightman, who was the head of the great drug firm of Powers & Weightman, was often caled the "Quinine King," as he was the first man to introduce that drug into this country. He gained much of his wealth while the civil war was in progress through the sale of quinine, in which he enjoyed a virtual monopoly. His only partner in the firm is his one surviving child, Mrs. Anne M. Walker, who was at his bedside when he died.

Mr. Weightman's fortune is estimated at $50,000,000, and his estate, which is thought to be one of the largest ever acquired by a Philadelphian, is of the solid-material kind. His money for investment went into realty, dwelling houses, and business buildings.

William Weightman was a native of Waltham, Lincolnshire, England, and was born on Sept. 30, 1813. He was sixteen years old when he arrived in America, and seven years later he entered the firm of John Farr & Co. with Thomas H. Powers, the other member. Three years later the firm became Farr, Powers & Weightman, and it was succeeded by Powers & Weightman in 1847, when Mr. Farr died.

J. F. JAMES SUES FOR DIVORCE.

Wife Expected Here to Fight for Possession of Boy.

John F. James, Jr., who got possession of his five-year-old son, Harold, after several lively scenes with Mrs. James at Asheville, N. C., has instituted proceedings in the Supreme Court, Brooklyn, for absolute divorce and the custody of his child.

A process server with the papers waited in Jersy City several hours last night, as it was thought Mrs. James might arrive on a midnight train, but she failed to appear.

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