

Most of money found in home's wall spent

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CLEVELAND - Claimants seeking some of the \$182,000 in old bills found in the wall of a Cleveland house have learned most of it has been spent, local media said. Amanda Reece told a probate court judge Tuesday there was about \$18,000 left, which she put in a bank safety deposit box in December after The Plain Dealer, a Cleveland newspaper, reported a feud between her and the contractor who found the box of 70-year-old bills. Reece and contractor Bob Kitts have been at a legal standoff as to ownership of the money but heirs of the house's original owner have claimed it should be considered part of the family estates that were settled years ago, The Plain Dealer reported Wednesday. A lawyer representing the family said he would be filing a deposition on their behalf on Feb. 14. Reece declined to say how she had spent or sold the rare bills. Her lawyer, Skip Lazzaro, said if Reece should lose to the heirs, declaring bankruptcy was one option but then predicted she wouldn't need options. "We believe they're Miss Reece's assets," he told the newspaper. "It's her house."

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