

ON the

13<sup>th</sup>

day of

December

1862,

the Will with a Codicil thereto of

John Willis

formerly of

and late of

Havant in the County of Southampton

Surgeon

deceased, who died on the

1<sup>st</sup>

day of

April 1861,

at Havant aforesaid

was proved in the Principal Registry of Her Majesty's Court of Probate, by the Oath

of George Blaxland of Crosby, Esquire in  
The City of London Gentleman

the sole one of the  
Executor, therein named he having been first sworn duly to administer, power  
being reserved of making the like Grant to

the other Executor therein named

John Harris Years the other Executor and  
one of the Residuary Legatee in trust having renounced the Probate  
and Execution of the said Will and Codicil, and also the Letters of Administration  
(with the said Will and Codicil annexed) of the personal Estate and Effects of the  
said deceased.

Effects under £

9,000

Received at the Stamp Office under £12,000  
September 1866 —

This is the last Will and Testament  
of me John Willis of Savant in the County of Santo Domingo thousands,  
under or by virtue of an Indenture dated the seventh day of May One thousand

one thousand eight hundred and

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eight hundred and thirty two and made between me and my late Wife a  
Stratiba Sophia Graham now deceased before our marriage Stratiba Sophia  
Graham Darris of the one part and John Darris and William Jones of the other  
part and an Indenture made on the said last mentioned Indenture and  
dated the twenty fourth day of June One thousand eight hundred and forty eight  
and made between me and my said late Wife of the one part and the said John  
Darris and William Jones of the other part Sivers trust funds and monies now  
existing partly of monies arising and to arise from the sale of certain freehold a  
reversionary and leasehold Estates and parts and shares of freehold reversionary and  
leasehold estates and of certain stocks in the Government funds and Bank  
Stock are settled subject to my life interest in the annual income thereof  
In trust for all and every or any one or more of the Children of the marriage  
between me and my said late Wife at such age or ages says or times and  
in such parts shares and proportions and subject to such conditions ther  
eto and limitations such charges and limitations over being for the benefit of  
some or one of the said Children and in such manner as the said John  
Willis the Testator by any deed or deeds write or without power of revocation  
and new appointment to be by me legally executed or by my last Will and Testa  
ment in writing or any Codicil or Codicils thereto to be by me signed and pub  
lished in the presence of and to be attested by two or more credible witnesses &  
shall direct or appoint said reversion and leaseholds I have issue by my said late Wife now liv  
ing four children only three Sons and one daughter namely Augustus Willis or  
my eldest Son / Cyril Arliss Willis (my second Son) Claraus John Darris or  
Willis (my third Son) and Stratiba Guliana Willis Draw I the said Testator in  
pursuance therefore and execution of the power or authority given to or vested  
in me as aforesaid by force and virtue thereof and of every other power or  
authority to me given or reserved in me vested or me in any wise enabling in  
this behalf so by this my last Will and Testament first or appoint that all and  
singular the several trust Estates funds and promises comprised in or affected by or  
intended to be comprised in or affected by the said several Estates before mentioned  
Indentures or either of them shall go and be held upon the trusts following  
that is to say as to such and so many and such part and parts of the said free  
hold Estate and lands and shares of freehold Estate as shall remain unvested at  
the time of my death unto and in trust for my said eldest Son Augustus  
Willis his heirs and assigns for ever and as to the parts or shares of reversion  
estate situate in Ratcliffe Highway now called Saint George Street in the  
Parish of Saint George in the East in the County of Middlesex and held of  
Manor of Stepney I direct that the same shall go and be held according to  
the custom of the said Manor in trust for my said eldest Son Augustus Willis  
his heirs and assigns for ever and as to the parts or shares of a reversionary estate situate at Turnham Green in the said  
County of Middlesex and held of the Manor of Sutton Court shall go and  
be held according to the custom of the said Manor in trust for my youngest  
Son Claraus John Darris Willis who has already been admitted thereto &  
has his customary heirs And as to such part of the said trust estate as con  
sists of a share in certain leasehold estate in the Parish of Saint Mary &  
Berwick upon the said County of Middlesex held for the term of a term of  
four hundred and ninety eight years and three quarters of another year a  
and eleven months under an Indenture dated the twentieth day of April One  
thousand six hundred and seventy two and made between Sir William Smith  
Baron of the one part and William Fitch of the other part including the  
share bequeathed to my late Wife by the will of her Uncle John Darris  
now deceased and not included in the said Settlement of give and bequeath and  
first that the same shares or the proceeds thereof respectively if sold be held  
in trust for my said three Sons Augustus Willis Cyril Arliss Willis and  
Claraus John Darris their executors administrators and assigns for the  
term of the said term therein and as to all and every other the trust in  
estates funds and promises whatsoever comprised in and put in a

Settlement by this same Testator or either of them exceeding the sum of One  
hundred and ninety three pounds <sup>four shillings and nine pence</sup> per cent Consolidated Bank Annuities and  
one sixteenth part or share of one thousand two hundred and fifty two pounds five  
shillings and three pence ~~sterling~~ in the like sum per cent reduced Bank ~~an~~  
Annuities part of the said trust funds which I give to my Son Coal Arroll  
Willis I direct that the same shall go unto and be held in trust for my said  
daughter Elizabeth Julianne Willis I give and bequeath unto my said Son Coal  
Arroll Willis my several Policies of Insurance on his life effected in the  
Life and General Life Insurance Society for his own use and benefit  
and I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Elizabeth Julianne Willis  
all my plate jewels Household furniture and effects in and about my dwelling-  
house at Davenant aforesaid including my horses and Carriages and the gold  
puff box or box waiter tea pot and stand and gold panel case presented to me  
by the inhabitants of Davenant Island (but not money for his own use also:  
hush and as to all and every my personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and  
whatsoever whether in possession remainder or expectancy from and  
after payment thereof of my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses I  
give and bequeath the same unto George Blaxland of Crosby Square in the  
City of London Gentleman and John Harris Esqrs of Charles Street Soho in  
the County of Middlesex Silks Draper their executors administrators and assigns  
upon the trusts following that is to say upon trust that they my said trustees  
and the survivor of them his executors administrators or assigns shall receive  
and do pay as soon as may be in their or his absolute discretion shall think fit and  
without being in any respect answerable for any delay arising from the exec-  
ution of such discretion by such transfer or other disposition except my said per-  
sonal Estate or so much thereof as shall from time to time be in possession and  
shall not consist of ready money or money invested in the public stocks or  
funds of Great Britain or at interest upon Government or road securities  
in England or Wales into money and shall invest the money arising from  
such possessions and also so much of my personal Estate as shall consist of  
ready money in the name of either of the trustees or trustee for the time being  
under this my Will in sum or one of such stocks funds or securities as last  
aforesaid (but not on road securities in Ireland) with full power for the trustees  
or trustee for the time being under this my Will to alter or vary all or any  
of the investments now or upon which my said personal estate or any part  
thereof may at the time of my demise or afterwards be invested for others of  
such nature as aforesaid (except as aforesaid) as often as they or he shall think  
fit and upon further trust that the trustees or trustee for the time being under  
this my Will shall stand possessed of my said personal estate and the stocks funds  
and securities in or upon which the same shall from time to time be invested  
and the annual income thereof in trust for and equally to be divided between  
or among all and every one of them my said four Children as being a Son or  
sons shall live to attain the age of twenty one years or being a Daughter  
shall live to attain that age or shall be sooner married with the result  
in reducing of the guardian or guardians share and others alike as tenants  
in common and upon further trust being the expense of the reducing of the  
prospective share of each of my said Children in my said personal Estate  
to apply the annual income of such prospective share for or towards the  
maintenance and correction of the Child for the time being prospectively  
entitled to the same share provided always and to hereby declare that it  
shall be lawful for the trustees or trustee for the time being under this my  
Will to apply other road securities for any part of the said trust funds which  
may be invested on road security and the interest thereof in lieu of and as a  
substitution for the investments or any part of the investments now  
prior in any such security and also to discharge from any such security any  
part or parts of the investments herein comprised and without reduce the  
said trustees or trustee shall from the security or securities sufficient and

every such acceptance of a new security and every release of all or any part of the hereditaments comprised in existing securities shall be binding on all persons interested in the said trust funds and the interest thereof and the persons having title to the hereditaments so released shall not be obliged to inquire into the sufficiency in point of value or title of the substituted or retained security or securities provided always and I do hereby declare that the receipt or receipts in writing of the trustees or trustee for the time being acting in the execution of the trusts hereby released shall be a good and sufficient release and discharge for any sum or sums of money which shall be paid to them or them under or by virtue of this my Will or any of the trusts or powers herein contained and that the persons or persons paying such sum or sums of money and taking such receipt or receipts as aforesaid shall not be bound to see to the application or be answerable for the loss misapplication or nonapplication of the monies so received in such receipt or receipts shall be expressly to be received provided always and I do hereby also declare that in case the trustees hereby appointed or either of them or any succeeding or other trustees or trustee of the said trust Estate and promises to be appointed as hereinafter mentioned or their or any of them or their executors or administrators shall die or be disabled from or refuse or become incapable to act in the trusts or powers hereinbefore contained before the same trusts shall have been fully performed exercised or satisfied then it and as often as the same shall happen it shall be lawful for the surviving or continuing or other trustees or trustee or the executors or administrators of the last surviving trustee by any deed to appoint any other person or persons to be a trustee or trustees in the place of such trustee or trustees so dying or becoming to be discharged or refusing or becoming incapable to act as aforesaid and it also on any such appointment of a new trustee or new trustees to include but not diminish and upon any such appointment of a new trustee or new trustees all the said trust Estates and promises shall be removed and transferred respectively (according to the nature and tenor thereof) in such manner that the same may be effectually vested in the newly appointed trustee or trustees jointly or with each of the former trustees as shall be willing and capable to act or in case there shall be no surviving trustee than in such newly appointed trustee only upon the trusts hereinbefore declared concerning the same and that every such new trustee may in all respects act in the management carrying on and execution of the trusts to relate he shall be so appointed as effectually as if he had been hereby originally appointed and as the said trustees herein mentioned of the same trust estate and promises are or would be enabled to do or might or could have done by virtue of this my Will or otherwise as if such original trustees had been then living and continuing to act under the trusts of this my Will provided also and I do hereby declare that the several trustees so hereby appointed and thereafter to be appointed as aforesaid and every of them to their and every of their heirs executors administrators and assigns shall be answerable only for so much money as they respectively shall actually receive under this my Will and that any one or more of them shall not be answerable for the other or others of them nor for the acts receipts neglect and default of the other or others of them but each of them for his own acts receipts neglect and default only nor shall they or any of them be answerable for any person or persons in relation thereto any of the aforesaid trust monies may be deposited for safe custody nor for the insufficiency of any security or securities upon which the aforesaid trust monies or any part thereof may be placed out as aforesaid nor for any misfortune loss or damage which may happen in the execution of any of the aforesaid trusts or in relation thereto except the same shall happen through their own willful neglect respectively and also a that the said several trustees respectively and their respective heirs executors administrators and assigns may out of the monies which shall come to a their respective hands by virtue of this my Will reimburse themselves respectively and also allow to their and the cotrustees and co-trustees all losses

roots and expenses which he or they or any of them may respectively suffer or  
disburse or which may be to him them or any of them occasioned on account  
of the trusts hereby in them reposed or the management and execution thereof or  
otherwise whatsoever relating thereto and I direct all real estates vested in me  
as a trustee or mortgagee into and to the use of the said George Blaxland &  
and John Harris Years their heirs and assigns for ever notwithstanding upon such  
trusts and subject to such equity of redemption as the same estates may be respec-  
tively subject to and I appoint the said George Blaxland and John Harris Years  
EXCELFORS of this my Will And I also appoint them and the survivor of a  
them Guardians and Guardian of the persons and Estate of each of my said  
Children as shall be minors at the time of my death during their respective  
minorities and lastly I revoke all Wills and testamentary disposi-  
tions by me at any time heretofore made and declare this only to be my last  
Will and Testament In witness whereof I the said John Willis have to the six  
presenting shoots and also to this survivor and last object set my hand this six-  
teenth day of February One thousand eight hundred and sixty one

John Willis — Deeds published and sealed by the said John Willis  
the testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us a  
notary public in this presence at his request and in the presence of each other have  
hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses — Thomas C.  
Pennington Assistant to Mr. Willis — Wm Chas. Jones Clerk to Mess<sup>r</sup>.  
Jones & Blaxland Solicitors Broad Street London. //

**Witnesses** I. John Willis of Davant in the County of  
Surrey our grove have by my last will and Testament bearing date the a  
sixteenth day of February now last past given and bequeathed all and every  
my personal Estate and Effects whatsoever and whatsoever and nothing in  
possession whatsoever remainder or expectancy after payment thereof out of my  
just debts and funeral and testamentary expenses (hereby meaning my resid-  
uary personal Estate and Effects not in and by my said Will otherwise specifi-  
cally bequeathed unto George Blaxland and John Harris Years their execu-  
tors administrators and assigns upon the trusts hereby mentioned and subject to  
thereof that they should stand possessed thereof upon trust to be equally divided  
between or among my four Children at the time and in the manner here-  
in mentioned and whereas I do not intend my eldest son Augustus to have  
any part of such residuary personal Estate and Effects and, <sup>and</sup> desirous of providing  
so much of such bequest as remains my said eldest son and his share thereof  
accordingly draw I do hereby seal my will and mind to be that they my  
said trustees or trustee for the time being shall stand possessed of such residuary  
personal Estate and Effects in trust for my three younger Children and not  
for my four children as in and by my said will mentioned and with this  
exception I confirm my said will and direct that this may be taken as a  
Codicil thereto In witness whereof I have affixed set my hand this first  
day of March One thousand eight hundred and sixty one — John Willis  
Deeds published and sealed by the said John Willis the testator as and  
for a Codicil to his said last will and Testament in the presence of us notaries in  
his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have affixed  
our names as witnesses — Charles Turner Partner with Mr. J. Willis-  
Tho. C. Pennington Assistant to Mr. J. Willis. //

**Proper** at London reite a Codicil 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 1862 by the Date  
of George Blaxland one of the Executors to whom administration was  
granted John Harris Years the other Executor and one of the residuary ex-  
ecutors in trust names in the said will having first renounced the Probate  
and execution of the said will and Codicil and also the letters of Administration  
(with the said will and Codicil annexed) of the personal Estate and Effects of  
the said deceased. //