

## *This is the Last Will*

of me Charles Fossett of 25 Cheyne Walk Chelsea Gentleman. I  
revoke all former wills. I give to each of my (nieces?) Selena and Julia Fossett  
twenty five pounds. To my Executors & Trustees five hundred pounds to invest  
and pay the interest for the maintenance & education of Mary Ann Walton  
now aged about 11 years & at school with my (nieces?) at Kentish Town and  
so long as she (requires?) it and when she attains 21 then into her proper hands  
for her sole use independent of her husband for the term of her life and at  
her death the principal to fall into my residuary estate. I give to my dear  
wife Charlotte all my furniture and household effects excepting my pictures  
of which she is to select £900 worth only for her absolute use and all the  
rest of my property I give to my wife and to my friend Mr? James Clarke  
of Gerrard Street, Surgeon, upon trust to get in and invest the same on any  
securities they may think best & pay the interest to my wife for life or  
until she shall marry again and in (.....) or case to pay her only one third  
of such amount and after her decease or second marriage to pay & apply the  
income for the maintenance of my three children and the principal to be  
equally divided amongst them as they attain 21 years. I appoint my wife  
and Mr Clarke Executors and Trustees and Guardians of my children.  
In witness whereof I have hereto set my name this third day of December  
1866 - Charles Fossett - signed, sealed and published and (.....?) by  
the Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us  
present at the same time who at his request in his presence have hereto sub-  
scribed our names as witnesses - W<sup>o</sup>.M. Wilkinson - Helen Smith

*This is a Codicil to the Will of me Charles Fossett made*

*yesterday. I intended the gift of the residue of my property to include my real estate and I expressly (bequest??) the same to the trustees named in my will and the survivor of them his or her executors, administrators or assignees upon the trusts mentioned in the will and upon further trust to sell and invest the same into money when and as they all think fit with full power of leasing the same in the (.....?) and to apply the rents or proceeds in the same manner as directed as to the income of my residual estate and I empower my trustees if they shall think fit to invest any portion of my trust estate in the purchase of freehold or leasehold property not having less than sixty years to run and also I empower the trustees in their discretion to raise and apply not exceeding one half of the presumptive share of any (nephew?) for his advancement or preferment of that world. In other respects I confirm my will dated (.....) 4<sup>th</sup> December 1866 - C Fossett - Signed and (.....) as a Codicil to the will of Charles Fossett the Testator in the presence of us who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses*

*M. Hartley - Helen Smith*

*In Her Majesty's Court of Probate The Principal Registry*

*In the Goods of Charles Fossett deceased*

*I, William Hartley of 44 Lincoln's Inn fields in the county of*

*Middlesex, clerk to William Martin Wilkinson of the same place, solicitor*

*make oath that I am one of the subscribing witnesses to the codicil to the last Will and Testament of Charles Fossett late of No. 25 Cheyne Walk, Chelsea in the said county of Middlesex Gentleman deceased the said Codicil being now (.....?) (.....?) (.....?) date the fourth day of December One thousand eight hundred and sixty six and that the said Testator executed the said Codicil on that day of the date thereof by signing his name on the foot or end thereof as the same now appears thereon in the presence of me and of Helen Smith the other subscribed witness thereto both of us being present at the same time and we thereupon attested and subscribed the said Codicil in the presence of the said Testator - W<sup>m</sup> Hartley - Sworn at No. 32 Lincoln's Inn Fields in the County of Middlesex on the fifteenth day of February 1867 - Before me - W<sup>m</sup> Williams A London Commissioner to administer Oaths in Chancery.*

*Proved at London with a codicil 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1867 on the Oaths of Charlotte Fossett widow the relict and James Fernandez Clarke the Executors to whom (.....?) was (executed?)*