

The Autographical "Will"
of
William Willis

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My dear James,

I am writing to you after careful thought, and all I say is very deliberate.

I have been very ill, and I think it well to settle my affairs, and after most careful consideration I have done so.

I have made my will and I have left you by my will all my real and personal property. I quite understand what this means; you can do what you like after my decease with my real and personal property, and there is no one to compel you to do this or to do that with any part of it. All I write in the following pages are wishes, and I well know that it is a matter entirely of your own option whether you comply with my wishes or not. I may here say however that I believe you to be a just man who would be most desirous to carry out my wishes in their integrity, as far as you reasonably could do so, more especially such awfully solemn wishes as those contained in this letter.

I wish you to use the money left you to pay off the bonds for one Thousand Pounds (£1000) which my Sisters Anne and Elizabeth hold against you. You can say to Anne and Elizabeth from me that I think it fair that the moneys paid them should be divided share and share alike, between my three Sisters, Anne, Elizabeth, and Hannah. I wish my sisters to buy Consols with their moneys.

I wish you to give your wife Five Hundred Pounds (£500) which she can use for the benefit of your children as she and you think best.

I wish you to go to London and see a youngster, half Japanese, who is called Albert Baxter. He lives with Mrs Baxter, 166 Hanhope Street, near Regents Park, London.

This youngster is my son and I wish you to do the best you can for him.

I have allowed of late years sixty Pounds a year (£60) to Mrs Baxter for his board lodging and schooling. I

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Lisdeevan House
Blacklion
Enniskillen
Ireland

think the time has now come when he should be put to some business or calling when he is about twenty five years of age. I wish him to be provided with a lump sum of money to give him a start in life. I wish you to put aside Fifteen hundred Pounds (£1500) for his special benefit and use. Consult with Mrs Baxter and think things over, and as I have said do the best you can for my boy. Take as far as you think well of it, his own inclinations, apparent powers and capacities, into consideration in settling what kind of business or calling he should be put to. I believe he would like to be a Draftsman and probably he may have some aptitude for this calling.

I think it is a precarious kind of calling but I confess I do not know much about the nature of calling.

I have thought of putting him for a time into one of the agricultural colleges or schools and thereby fitting him to be sent to one of the colonies. However you can see what sort of youngster he seems to you to be, and you can hear what others have to say of him, and then make your mind up what is best to be done for him and with him. I wish you to see Sarah Stagg. She is present Housekeeper at Oak House, monmouth, or at all events she was so a few months ago. I wish you to hand over to her Four hundred Pounds (£400) with which to buy herself an annuity or to do as she likes with the money. Please say everything which is kind to Sarah Stagg and ask her please to accept this money from me and ask her to consider as said by me everything which she would like me to say. If Sarah Stagg is not at Oak House you might be able to find out where she is by writing her a letter addressed to her former home

Miss Sarah Stagg
26 West Mall,
Clifton,
Bristol

Sarah Stagg is the daughter of the
late James Stagg,
Rockhampton
Gloucestershire,
England

I wish the money to be given Sarah Stagg with as much delicacy and with as little publicity as possible. I wish Sarah Stagg to be paid as soon as possible after my decease.

I wish the daughter of my brother Simon to be given Three hundred Pounds (£300).

I wish you to give my Son George Willis of Australia Three hundred Pounds (£300).

I wish you to give Edward Herbert Owen of Southport Queensland Australia Three hundred Pounds (£300).

I wish you to give my brother George Willis Three hundred Pounds (£300) for the purpose of buying a life annuity or making other suitable provision for Moria Fisk.

My brother George will know
who Moria Fisk is.

I wish you to give Three hundred Pounds to Ernest M. Satow, at present Her Majesty's Minister, Montevideo, South America, telling him that it is my wish that he give the Three hundred Pounds (£300) to Yaye Koka.

Mr. Satow knows
who Yaye Koka is.

I also wish you to give Three hundred Pounds (£300) to Ernest M. Satow at present Her Majesty's Minister, Montevideo, South America, telling him that it is my wish that he give the £300 to Ochino San, Utaro San no

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I send my will to the safe Custody of the Monmouth branch of the Capital and Counties Bank, Limited, Monmouth, England. Copy of the said will is registered in the British Consulate Bangkok, Siam.

With all love
your brother

I enclose copy of
my will.

Wm Willis