

ON the 23rd day of June 18 69
the Will with ~~Codicil~~ thereto of *The Reverend William Cotton*
Risley

formerly of

but late of *Deddington in the County of Oxford Clerk*

deceased, who died on the 1st day of June 18 69
at *Deddington aforesaid*

was proved in the Principal Registry of Her Majesty's Court of Probate, by the Oath
of *Holford Cotton Risley of Deddington aforesaid*
Esquire The Reverend William Cotton Risley of No. 7
Connaught Square in the County of Middlesex Clerk
John Barber Risley of Deddington aforesaid Esquire
and *The Reverend Robert Wells Risley of Houslow*
in the said County of Middlesex Clerk the Sons

~~the sole~~ one of the
Executors named in the *Said Will* ~~they~~ having been first sworn duly to
administer, ~~power being reserved of granting Probate of the said Will and~~

~~to~~

~~the other Execut~~ named in the

~~the other Executor having~~
~~renounced the Probate and Execution of the said Will~~

Effects under £ *16000*

This is the last Will of me The Reverend William
Cotton Risley of Sebbington in the County of Oxford Clerk: I desire to be buried
by the side of my wife in the family vault at Abberbury and that my funeral may
be performed in the quietest manner possible and I particularly will that my body may
not be inclosed in lead but in an outer shell and a coffin made of the same wood of a
one inch in thickness and that my coffin may not be covered with cloth of any kind
I bequeath to Francis Rose if in my service at my decease one hundred pounds per
of logary duty for the sole and separate use and also a suit of mourning and to each of
my present servants engaged in or about my house who shall be in my service at my
decease six months wages and a suit of mourning I desire the cottages and premises
situate at or near Abberbury aforesaid in the County of Oxford which I have purchased
during my life to the use upon the trusts and with ^{to the powers and provisions to be upon which and subject} to which the Barber and
Cotton estates in the County of Oxford of which I am tenant for life in possession shall
stand limited at my decease I am desirous that the diamonds which belonged to my late
wife (but over which I have an absolute power of disposal) and also the silver ware
presented to me by the late Earl of Essex should be preserved in the family as long as
possible and with that object I declare that my eldest son William Cotton Risley shall
have the use and enjoyment of the said diamonds (except ^{the} carriages and brooches which
bequeathed) and the said son during his life and that after his decease the said

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diamonds (except as aforesaid) and I do shall be held by my executors upon trusts for such one of my children as shall first attain the age of twenty one years and a become entitled in possession to the said Barber and Cotton Estates (of which I am now tenant for life) or either of such estates and if there shall be no such child of my said son then upon trust for such other son of mine (if any) as shall after the death of my said eldest son first succeed to the possession of the said estates provided and notwithstanding the trusts above declared and with the effect aforesaid and so far as I lawfully can I do hereby empower my said eldest son to insert the said diamonds (except as aforesaid) in any indenture of the said estates to be made by us in my lifetime or by him after my death I direct my executors hereinafter named to separate from the rest of my plate all plate bearing the crests of the Barber and Cotton families respectively or which can otherwise be identified as plate formerly belonging to a either of those families and also to separate from the rest of my china all the china which belonged to the said Barber and Cotton families respectively and in like manner I direct my said executors to separate from the rest of my pictures the family and other portraits which belonged to the Barber Cotton and Rivley families respectively and it is my will and I do hereby declare that the aforesaid Barber and Cotton plate (so far as I can dispose of the same by will) and Barber and Cotton china and Barber Cotton and Rivley portraits shall be held by my executors upon the like trusts and subject to the like power as are hereinafore declared and contained concerning and in respect of the diamonds (except as aforesaid) of my wife and the I do hereby declare and contain concerning and in respect of the said diamonds plate portraits and things hereinafore mentioned to be settled and one copy of the said inventory signed by my said eldest son and another copy by my other executors and the said chattels shall be kept adequately insured against loss or damage by fire (so far as the same are capable of being so insured) and properly preserved by and at the expense of my said eldest son provided that after the signing of the said inventory my executors (other than the said Dolfors Cotton Rivley) shall not be responsible for any neglect on the part of the said Dolfors Cotton Rivley to insure or preserve the said chattels but they shall have full power at their discretion to interfere for the protection thereof I bequeath my Cabinets of Coins and all books relating thereto and also the diamond earrings (formerly Miss Bradshaws) to my son William Cotton Rivley I bequeath my microscope and the diamond brooch which belonged to my wife to my son John Barber Rivley I bequeath my gold watch chain and seals to my son Robert Wells Rivley I bequeath all my linen equally amongst my four sons and I do hereby declare my will to be that my eldest son Dolfors Cotton Rivley shall have the option of purchasing my house stables and outbuildings at Iddington with the land adjoining timber yard cottages &c and also the furniture in and about my said house within three calendar months from my death at such price as my residuary legatee may think fit to name provided that such option shall not extend to less than the whole of the furniture and that the said Dolfors Cotton Rivley shall at the time of exercising such option as to my property at Iddington (and this is a condition precedent) pay to my residuary legatee or secure the payment to them to their satisfaction of all principal monies which I shall or may have paid in my lifetime in discharge of any mortgage or incumbrance affecting my said property the said sums so to be paid by my said eldest son to form part of my residuary estate and I make the repayment of those principal sums as aforesaid a condition of my said eldest son during the right to exercise the option I have given to him because the sums so that I have paid in discharge of any such mortgage or incumbrance as above mentioned have been trust monies which (subject to my life interest) belong absolutely to my three younger sons under my Marriage Settlement My eldest son is so amply provided for as tenant in tail male of the various estates of which I am tenant for life that (except as above) I have not made any provision for him under my will I devise and I bequeath my said mortgage and premises at Iddington aforesaid and the furniture in or about my said house (subject to the option of purchase aforesaid) and also the furniture which belongs to me in and about my late wife's house at Abberbury and all the residue of my real and personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever

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and shall pay the absolute use and benefit of ^{my} three sons William Cotton Risley John Barber Risley and Robert Wells Risley their respective heirs executors administrators and assigns in equal shares as tenants in common subject nevertheless to the payment ~~of~~ the cost of my just debts funeral and testamentary expences and the pecuniary legacies hereby or to be by any Court lawfully given provided nevertheless and it is my express will that my furniture (subject to the option aforesaid) books horses carriages and all other household effects (except pictures engravings china and plate) forming part of my residuary estate shall not be divided in specie among my three younger sons but shall be sold upon my death and the net proceeds of sale equally divided among them I devise and bequeath all estates vested in me solely upon trust or on mortgage unto my said four sons upon the trusts and subject to the equities affecting the same respectively I appoint my four sons Dolford Cotton Risley William Cotton Risley John Barber Risley and Robert Wells Risley Executors of this my will and I hereby revoke all other testamentary dispositions by me at any time heretofore made In witness whereof I the said William Cotton Risley the Testator have to this my last Will set my hand at this aforesaid day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven — *William Cotton Risley* — signed and acknowledged by the said William Cotton Risley the Testator as and for his last Will in the presence of us as present at the same time who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have aforesaid subscribed our names as witnesses. *Jacobus Walden Hilgoc — John Davis —*

Proved at London 23rd June 1869 by the oaths of Dolford Cotton Risley Esquire the Reverend William Cotton Risley Clerk John Barber Risley Esquire and the Reverend Robert Wells Risley Clerk the Sons the Executors to whom abatement was granted