

*Note: the original will and codicil consist of one single long paragraph each. Additional paragraph breaks are inserted here for ease of reading and have no significance in relation to the original document.*

BE IT KNOWN that *John Attfield*

*Of Ashlands, Watford in the County of*

*Hertford F.R.S.*

died on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of *March 1911*

at *Ashlands aforesaid*

AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that at the date hereunder written the last Will and Testament *with a Codicil*

of the said deceased was proved and registered in Principal Probate Registry of His Majesty's High Court of Justice, and that administration of all the estate which by law devolves to and vests in the personal representative of the said deceased was granted by the aforesaid Court to

*Martha Attfield of Ashlands aforesaid Widow the Relict Charles Norman Brooks of Millbay Dovercourt in the County of Essex Maltster and the Reverend James Herbert Harvey of North Crawley Newport Pagnell in the County of Buckingham Clerk Nephew of deceased the Executors*

named in the said *Will*

Dated the 28<sup>th</sup> day of *April 1911*

Gross value of Estate            £ 41275 - 17 - 1            *Resworn* £ 42051 - 17 - 1

Net value of Personal Estate   £ 22163 - 1 - 8

I JOHN ATTFIELD of Ashlands Watford in the County of Hertford

Doctor of Philosophy Fellow of The Royal Society and formerly Professor of Practical Chemistry to The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain do hereby revoke all former wills and testamentary dispositions made by me and declare this to be my last will and testament

I desire that my body may be cremated

I appoint my dear wife Martha my son in law Charles Norman Brooks of Millbay Dovercourt Essex and my nephew The Reverend James Herbert Harvey M A Rector of North Crawley Newport Pagnell Buckinghamshire (hereinafter called "my trustees") to be EXECUTORS and TRUSTEES of this my will And I give to each of the said Charles Norman Brooks and The Reverend James Herbert Harvey in case they shall prove my will and accept the trusteeship thereof as a small acknowledgment of their trouble a legacy of one hundred pounds

I desire that my one hundred and seven 500 page Letter books (possibly more at my decease) and all other manuscripts and documents relating to my professional practice as a Consulting Chemist or Analytical Chemist be destroyed by my executors unread

I bequeath to my said wife absolutely the sum of one thousand pounds to be paid to her as soon as may be after my decease And also all my wines liquors and consumable stores and provisions

I devise my freehold messuage or dwellinghouse known as Ashlands at Watford aforesaid with the outbuilding garden and appurtenances thereto belonging unto my trustees Upon trust to permit my said wife to occupy the same during her life in case she shall desire so to do she keeping the same in good and substantial repair and properly insured against fire And subject thereto I declare that the same shall form part of my residuary estate and shall pass by the general devise hereinafter contained

I bequeath all the furniture plate plated goods linen glass china books pictures and all other articles of personal domestic or household use or ornament which at the time of my death shall be in or about or belonging to my said messuage known as Ashlands aforesaid or any other house in which I may reside at my decease or the outbuildings or gardens thereof unto my trustees Upon trust to permit my said wife to have the use

and enjoyment thereof during her life in case she shall desire to have the use and enjoyment thereof she keeping the same properly insured against fire And subject thereto I declare that the same shall form part of my residuary estate and shall pass by the general bequest hereinafter contained And I declare that it shall not be necessary to take an inventory thereof and that my trustees shall not be concerned to see to the insurance thereof or be liable for any loss or damage that may happen thereto from any cause whatsoever

And I devise and bequeath all my real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever not hereby otherwise disposed of unto my trustees Upon trust that my trustees shall sell call in and convert into money the same or such part thereof as shall not consist of money and shall with and out of the monies produced by such sale calling in and conversion and with and out of my ready money pay my funeral and testamentary expenses and debts and the legacies bequeathed by this my will or any codicil hereto And shall invest the residue of such monies in any of the modes or investment hereinafter authorised with power for my trustees from time to time to vary such investments And shall pay the income of the said residuary trust monies and the investments for the time being representing the same (hereinafter called "the residuary trust funds") unto my said wife during her life

And from and after her decease shall stand possessed of the said residuary trust funds and the future income thereof In trust as to two equal fifth parts thereof for my daughter Gertrude Brooks for her own absolute use and benefit

As to another two equal fifth parts thereof for my daughter May Maud Attfeld for her own absolute use and benefit

And as to the other equal fifth part thereof Upon the trusts hereinafter declared concerning the same And I hereby declare that my trustees shall stand possessed of the one equal fifth share of my said residuary trust funds above mentioned Upon trust to pay the income of the same to my daughter in law Elsa Anna Iole Attfeld the widow of my late son Donald Harvey Attfeld during her widowhood And in the event of her marrying again my trustees shall set aside out of the said one fifth share of my said residuary trust funds stocks shares or investments of the value or two thousand five hundred pounds and shall pay the income of the same to my said daughter in law during the remainder of her life for her sole and separate use and without power of anticipation

And subject to the interest of my said daughter in law in the income of the said one fifth share of my residuary trust funds during her widowhood And in the income on the investments valued at two thousand five hundred pounds in the event of her remarriage as aforesaid my trustees shall stand possessed of the said one fifth share In trust for my two daughters the said Gertrude Brooks and May Maud Attfild in equal shares for their own absolute use and benefit

And I hereby declare that if any child of mine shall die in my lifetime leaving issue living at my death such issue being male and attaining the age of twenty one years or being female and attaining that age or marrying shall take by substitution if more than one in equal shares the share in the residuary trust funds which such deceased child of mine would have taken under the trusts in that behalf hereinbefore contained had she survived me and attained a vested interest

And I further declare that my trustees may with the consent in writing of my said wife during her life and after her decease at their own discretion raise any part or parts not exceeding in the whole one moiety of the expectant share of any child or grandchild of mine under this my will and apply the same for his or her advancement preferment or benefit as my trustees shall think fit

And I declare that my trustees may postpone the sale and conversion of my said real and personal estate or any part thereof for so long as they shall think fit and that the rents profits and income to accrue from and after my decease of and from such part of my estate as shall for the time being remain unsold and unconverted shall after payment thereof of all incidental expenses and outgoings be paid and applied to the person or persons and in the manner to whom and in which the income of the proceeds of such sale and conversion would for the time being be payable or applicable under this my will if such sale and conversion had been actually made

I empower my trustees to manage and cultivate my real and leasehold hereditaments hereinbefore devised and bequeathed to them in trust for sale until the same shall be sold with all the powers in that behalf of absolute owners including power to pull down rebuild repair and insure houses and buildings and to make allowance to and arrangements with tenants and others and to accept surrenders of leases and tenancies And I declare that it shall be lawful for my trustees to exercise over or in relation to all or any hereditaments of whatever tenure for the time being held upon the trusts of this my will all such powers of leasing and other powers of every description which may be applicable thereto as are by the Settled Land Acts 1882 to 1890

conferred upon tenants for life so that all the provisions of the said Acts subsidiary or incidental to such powers shall be deemed to apply and be incorporated in this my will as far as circumstances may admit subject nevertheless to the provisions herein contained to the intent that such powers and provisions shall operate and take effect in like manner and with all the like incidents and effects and consequences as if such powers had been conferred by the said Acts And I authorise my trustees to lay out for building any of the hereditaments hereinbefore devised in trust for sale and to make and lay down on or under the same any roads paths sewers drains gas pipes water pipes electric mains and other conveniences at the expense of my residuary estate

And I also declare that all monies liable to be invested under this my will may be invested in or upon any stocks funds or securities in or upon which trust funds or cash under the control or subject to the Order of the Court may for the time being be authorised by law to be invested (with the exception of real securities in Ireland) And also by way of addition and not of exception in or upon the inscribed stock of any British Colony or Dependency or leasehold or chattel real securities in England or Wales or in or upon the stocks bonds debentures or securities of any public body municipality county council or local authority in the United Kingdom or India or any British Colony or Dependency or in or upon the debentures or debenture or rent charge stock of any company incorporated by Special Act or under any General Act of the Imperial Parliament or the legislature of any British Colony or Dependency or Royal Charter or in or upon the guaranteed or preference stock or shares of any such company as aforesaid which shall have paid dividends on its ordinary capital for at least three years prior to the time of investment

And I declare that the power of appointing new trustees conferred by Statute shall for the purposes of this my will be vested in my said wife during her life

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand this twenty second day of April one thousand nine hundred and eight --- JOHN ATTFIELD --- Signed by the said John Attfield the testator as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us both present at the same time who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses ---

EDWARD G ODDIE Watford Place Watford Solicitor WILLIAM HILL Gardener to Professor Attfield Ashlands Watford

THIS IS A CODICIL to the will of me JOHN ATTFIELD of Ashlands Watford in the County of Hertford Doctor of Philosophy Fellow of The Royal Society and formerly Professor of Practical Chemistry to The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain which will bears date the twenty second of April one thousand nine hundred and eight

Whereas since the date of my said will I have entered into an agreement with Sir Hubert Von Herkomer R A containing mutual covenants for the benefit of my daughter in law Elsa Anna Iole Attfield whereby I for my part have covenanted to pay to the said Elsa Anna Iole Attfield during her widowhood should I so long live an annuity of fifty pounds per annum And whereas the benefits which I have conferred on the said Elsa Anna Iole Attfield under my will do not take effect until the death of my dear wife and I am anxious to make provision so that in the event of my wife surviving me my said daughter in law will not find her income diminished by reason of my death

Now I hereby direct the executors and trustees of my will in the event of my wife surviving me to continue the payment of the said sum of fifty pounds per annum to the said Elsa Anna Iole Attfield during her widowhood out of the income of my residuary estate until the death of my wife when the benefits conferred on her by my said will will take effect

In all other respects I confirm my said will

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of July one thousand nine hundred and eight JOHN ATTFIELD Signed by the said John Attfield as a codicil to his will in the presence of us both present at the same time who in his presence at his request and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses

EDWARD G ODDIE Solicitor Watford WILLIAM DIENNON Ashlands Watford Coachman

On the 28th day of April 1911 Probate of this will with a codicil was granted to Martha Attfield Charles Norman Brooks and The Reverend James Herbert Harvey the executors.