

Will of Charles Perkins who died on 25 August 1905

This is the last Will and Testament of Charles Perkins of Carham Hall and Birtley Iron Works Co Durham.

I hereby revoke and cancel all previous wills and codicils.

I hereby bequeath to my wife Edith Law Perkins Eight thousand pounds (£8,000) a year out of my private and business affairs during her life and the use of all my furniture pictures etc after which they shall be equally divided between my two daughters Violet Edith Fenwick and Nancy Burrell.

The whole of the rest of my property with the exception of such legacies and bequests as I may make to be equally divided between the said daughters and their heirs and successors. In the event of no issue the money to revert to the other sister and her issue.

In the event of there being no surviving issue to Violet Edith Fenwick or to Nancy Burrell the whole to revert to my three sisters and their issue Augusta Maude Terry, Ada Tyler, Clare Hext.

To my son in law Herbert George Fenwick fifteen hundred pounds a year as long as he shall manage the Birtley Iron Works and Pelaw Main Collieries. The Pelaw Main Collieries & Birtley Iron Works are not to be sold notwithstanding anything to the contrary in my daughters marriage settlements. Other interests to be sold to meet the requirements of the Trust Act.

I also make the following bequests

Edward Dent.(1). My three guns by Stephen Grant. (2). Three cases of Binet Champagne /92. (3). Ducks in a farm yard by Herring Senr

The Northern Counties Club, Newcastle. (1). A picture of "Fox" by Runninghal. (2). All race horse pictures and Capt Bewicke to decide what such pictures consist of.

To C J Cunningham Esq. (1). My two racehorses (1) Be very wise. (2). Williams Hill. (2). My picture of Letterewe. (3). 5 cases of Binet Champagne /92. (4). And a thousand pounds sterling

To Captain P. Bewicke all the racehorses now in training by him for me a "Foulmart Law"

To M Dobson Peacock my race horse "Galbraith" "Emy Law" and "Torantile"

To Thomas Coulthwaite all my horses he has in training

To William J'Anson all the horses he has in training belonging to me and balance of Loan Acct.

To R. C. Swan the whole of my blood stock at "Thackston" Yorkshire.

To my butler Robert Curry Five Hundred Pounds sterling.

To Robert Torry Five Hundred Pounds sterling.

To R Hardy Five Hundred Pounds sterling.

To Mrs Lister, housekeeper Three Hundred Pounds sterling.

To all servants of more than three years service Twenty Five Pounds each

At Carham Hall and Carham Home Farm and Shed Law Servants at the above named places with only one year service to receive Ten pounds each Birtley and Quayside Offices.

I bequeath to H.L.Wraith One thousand pounds

To T Philip Kirkup One Thousand Pounds

To H.G. Fenwick One Thousand Pounds

To T. Coulson Four Hundred Pounds

To Captain M.W.Burrell Five Thousand Pounds

To my friends Arthur Brumell and Joseph William Luck each Five hundred pounds.

I appoint as my executors Captain Percival Bewicke and Captain Mathew William Burrell and that they shall receive one hundred and fifty pounds per annum as remuneration

Signed by me

Charles Perkins

In the presence of

(1) Madge Ledingham

(2) Herbert Melville

And in the presence of each other

This 24th day of August 1905

Affidavit of due execution filed-

On the 9th day of November 1905, Probate of this Will was graned at Newcastle upon Tyne to Percival Wentworth Bewicke and William Matthew Burrell the Executors

BE IT KNOWN that Charles Perkins of Carham Hall Coldstream in the County of Northumberland and of Birtley Iron Works in the County of Durham, Esquire who at the time of his death had a fixed place of abode at Carham Hall aforesaid within the District of the County of Northumberland died on the 25th day of August 1905 at Foulmart Law Belsay in the said County of Northumberland

AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that at the date hereunder written the last Will and Testament

of the said deceased was proved and registered in the District Probate Registry of His Majesty's High Court of Justice at Newcastle upon Tyne 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 Percival Wentworth Bewicke in the Will called Percival Bewicke of Foulmart Law aforesaid late a Captain in His Majesty's 15th (Kings Own) Regiment of Hussars and William Matthew Burrell (in the Will called Mathew William Burrell) of Carham Hall aforesaid, a Captain in His Majesty's 12th Regiment of Lancers, the Executors named in the Said Will.

The deceased died domiciled in England
Noted pursuant to Order dated 17th March 1908

Dated the 9th day of November 1905

Gross value of Estate £489,480-2-9
Net value fo Personal Estate £478,563-17-6
Extracted by Griffith & Co Solrs, Newcastle upon Tyne