

## WILL OF JAMES ATTFIELD, OF CHIPPING BARNET (1818)

**THIS IS THE LAST WILL** and testament of me **James Attfield** of Chipping Barnet in the County of Hertford Gentleman / I give and bequeath unto **John Goodwin** of the Parish of South Mimms in the County of Middlesex butcher and **Edward Wilson** of Chipping Barnet aforesaid carpenter their executors administrators and assigns all my household furniture in trust to permit and suffer my wife **Sophia Attfield** to have the use and enjoyment thereof during the term of her natural life she signing and delivering an inventory thereof unto the said **John Goodwin** and **Edward Wilson** their executors administrators and assigns if they shall think fit to request her so to do and from and after her decease I give and bequeath one equal half part of the said household furniture unto my brother **George Attfield** his executors administrators and assigns to and for his and their own use and benefit absolutely and I direct that the other half part thereof shall be considered as and constitute a part of the residue of my personal estate and go therewith in manner hereinafter directed concerning such general residue / I give and devise all my freehold messuages or tenements and hereditaments in Chipping Barnet aforesaid and all other my real estates whatsoever and wheresoever with their and every of their appurts unto the said **John Goodwin** and **Edward Wilson** their heirs and assigns to the uses and for the intents and purposes and subject to the powers hereinafter expressed and declared and concerning the same that is to say to the use of my said wife **Sophia Attfield** and her assigns for and during the term of her natural life and from and after her decease charged and chargeable as hereinafter mentioned / to the use of such person or persons for such estate or estates interest or interests and in such parts shares and proportions and upon such trusts as she my said wife **Sophia Attfield** whether covert or sole and if covert notwithstanding the coverture as shall in and by her last will and testament in writing or any codicil thereto be by her signed sealed published and delivered in the presence of and attested by three or more credible witnesses direct limit or appoint and in default of such direction limitation or appointment to the use of my [...] heirs for ever / I give and bequeath unto my brothers **Henry Attfield** and **George Attfield** the sum of one hundred pounds apiece to be paid to them within three calendar months next after the decease of my said wife and I do hereby charge all my said freehold messuages or tenements hereditaments and real estate whatsoever with the payment of the said sum of two hundred pounds provided always and I do declare and direct that it shall and may be lawful to and for my said wife **Sophia Attfield** at any time or times during her life by any deed or deeds to be by her signed sealed and delivered in the presence of and attested by two or more credible witnesses to devise or let all or any parts of my said freehold messuages or tenements or hereditaments hereinbefore devised to any person or persons for any term or number of years not exceeding twenty-one years to take effect in possession

and not in reversion or by way of future interest so as in every such lease there be reserved and made payable the best and most improved yearly rent or rents that can be reasonably had or obtained for the same without taking any fine premium or foregift or anything in the nature of a fine premium or foregift for the making thereof and that no lessee be made punishable of waste by any express words therein to be contained and so as there be contained in every such lease a clause for re-entry in case of non payment of the rent or rents thereby to be respectively reserved and so as the lessees to whom such leases shall be granted do execute counterparts thereof respectively / I give to the said **John Goodwin** and **Edward Wilson** the sum of five guineas apiece / I give and bequeath all the rest and residue of my personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever not herein otherwise disposed of (subject to and after payment thereof of all my just debts funeral and testamentary expenses) unto my said wife **Sophia Attfield** her executors administrators and assigns to and for her and their own use and benefit absolutely / and I declare and direct that my said trustees and each of them their executors and administrators shall be accountable only for such monies as shall actually come to their respective hands by virtue of this my will neither shall they or either of them be answerable or accountable for any loss or misfortune which may happen to my estate or effects so as the same be not occasioned by their own respective wilful defaults nor the one for the other of them or for the acts deeds receipts neglects or defaults of the other of them but each of them for his own acts deeds receipts neglects and wilful defaults only and that each and every of them shall and may by and out of such monies as shall actually come to their respective hands by virtue of this my will retain to and reimburse himself and themselves and also allow to his and their co-trustee and co-trustees all loss costs charges damages and expenses which he or they shall expect disburse or be put unto in or about the execution of this my will or the trusts thereof / any I nominate and appoint the said **John Goodwin** and **Edward Willson** Executors of this last will and Testament and I revoke all my former wills and declare this only to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have to these three sheets of paper set and subscribed my hand name and seal that is to say my hand and name at the bottom of the first two sheets and my hand name and seal at the end of this third and last sheet thereof the nineteenth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen --- **James Attfield** --- signed sealed published and declared by the said **James Attfield** as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses, the word "George" have been written on an erasure in the thirty sixth line of the first sheet. Henry S Quilter Hadley Middlesex --- Thos Brown Barnet --- Benj Smith Barnet.

**ON** the 10th June 1837 admin with the will annexed of the goods chattels and credits of **James Attfield** late of Chipping Barnet in the County of Hertford deceased was granted to **Sophia Attfield** widow the relict and the residuary legatee named in the said will having being first sworn by commission duly to administer. **John Goodwin** and **Edward Willson** the executors named in the said will died in the lifetime of the said testator.