

## Will of Charles Hodgetts 1837

I, **Charles Hodgetts** of Loveday Street in Birmingham in the County of Warwick Plater do make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner following (that is to say) I will and direct that all my first debts and personal expenses be paid by my Executors hereinafter named I give and bequeath unto my Son **Charles Hodgetts** my Silver Watch - I give and bequeath unto my Wife **Hannah Hodgetts** my Wearing apparel and I also give and bequeath unto my Wife **Hannah Hodgetts** and my Son **Charles Hodgetts** their executors administrators and assigns All my household furniture plate linen china and all other my personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever And also all that my share and interest of and in the Trade Capital stock and effects in the partnership of a Silver Plater now subsisting and carried on between me and my said Son **James Hodgetts** Upon Trust to permit my Wife **Hannah Hodgetts** to carry on my Trade or business with my said Son **James Hodgetts** in partnership and to have the use of my household furniture for the term of her natural life in case she continues my widow but in case my said Wife shall marry again the said partnership shall be thereby dissolved and she shall not be entitled to the use of my said furniture or any interest or profit in my said Trade And from and immediately after the decease or determination of her widowhood whichever shall first happen Upon Trust that my said Son **James** shall carry on my said Business alone and shall out of the profits thereof support maintain and educate my said children until the youngest of them shall attain the age of twenty years and in case my wife shall remain unmarried she shall be entitled to one half of the profits of my said Trade and the use of my household furniture she paying thereout for the maintenance and support and bringing up of my said children until the youngest attains the age of twenty years And also that my said Son **James** shall also pay a proportionate part out of his share of profits in the expences of educating and maintaining my said children until they shall respectively attain the age of twenty years and from and immediately after the decease my said Wife or within twelve months after my youngest child shall attain the age of twenty years I request that my household furniture shall be sold by Public Auction and that my Son **James** shall have the option of taking to the share of my said Business at a fair valuation And in case my said Son shall not do so I request that the same may be disposed of by Public Auction and the money to arise from such sale or sales as tenants in common and not as joint tenants I also request that each of my children shall be provided at my decease at the expence of the Partnership profits with a suit of mourning I hereby revoke all former and other Wills by me at any time heretofore made and I hereby constitute and appoint my said Son **James Hodgetts** and my Wife **Hannah Hodgetts** (so long as she shall continue my Widow) executor and executrix of this my Will in witness whereof I the said Testator **Charles Hodgetts** have to this my last Will and Testament set my hand and seal this twenty seventh day of July One thousand eight hundred and thirty seven.

Signed Sealed and published by  
the said Testator **Charles  
Hodgetts** 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 subscribed our  
names as witnesses hereto.

**Charles Hodgetts**

*J N Kimberley*

*J C Keay*

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5<sup>th</sup> November 1844

On which day Claim Appeared Established and made himself party for **James Hodgetts** and **Hannah Hodgetts** Widow and alleged that **Charles Hodgetts** late of Birmingham in the County of Warwick and Archdeaconry of Coventry Plater deceased whilst living duly Made and Executed his Last Will and Testament in Writing and therein named the said **James Hodgetts** and **Hannah Hodgetts** Executors thereof Wherefore He prayed Probate of the said Will to be Committed and Granted for his said party and a Commission to give out for administering for them the usual date of Executors directed to Rann Kennedy and clerks jointly and severally -

Let Commission and Probate pass as prayed

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7<sup>th</sup> November 1844

WILL

In the Bishops Court of Lichfield

In the Goods of Charles Hodgetts, deceased

Appeared personally **James Hodgetts** of Loveday Street Birmingham in the County of Warwick Plater and **Hannah Hodgetts** of Hunters Lane in the Parish of Handsworth in the County of Stafford Widow the Executores named in the last Will and Testament of the said **Charles Hodgetts** late of Birmingham in the County of Warwick aforesaid Plater Deceased who died on or about the twelfth day of May One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty four and made Oath, that the Estate and Effects of the said Deceased, for, or in respect of which, a Probate of the said Will is to be granted, exclusive of what the said Deceased may have been possessed of, or entitled to, as a Trustee for any other person or persons, and not beneficially but including the Leasehold Estate or Estates for Years of the Deceased if any, whether absolute or determinable on Lives, and without deducting anything on account of the Debts, due and owing from the said Deceased, are under the value of One Hundred Pounds, to the best of these Deponent's knowledge, information and belief

Sworn on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November  
1844 before me

*Rann Kennedy*  
*Commissioner*

**James Hodgetts**

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*Hannah X Hodgetts*

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**Notes:**

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**Expen(s)e** - for expense(s) - as written

**Executrix** - for executrix - as written