

RECORD:

WILL OF CHARLES COUSINS

1. Probate Registry, Will.

Will signed 10 February 1862 at Frome.

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2. Probate Registry, Will, 10 Feb 1862.

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"This is the last Will and Testament of Charles Cousins of Frome Selwood in the County of Somerset China and Glass dealer I direct my Executrix and Executor hereinafter named to pay and discharge all my just debts Funeral and Testamentary expenses as soon after my decease as conveniently may be I give and bequeath to my dear Wife Louisa Cousins all my Household Goods Furniture plate linen and china (not in stock) for the term of her natural life And I direct that the business may be carried on by my said Wife (or until she marries again) for the benefit maintenance and support of my said children (namely) Louisa Cousins, Mary Cousins, Charles Cousins and Robert Payne Cousins till they attain the age of Twenty-one years or marry under that age But should either of my said children die before attaining the age of twenty-one years and unmarried then his her or their share of the proceeds and profit of such business to be equally divided between and amongst my surviving children then living But if my said Wife and Children should not be able to continue or carry on my aforesaid business Then I direct the same to be disposed of in the best manner possible either by sale, valuation or otherwise for her and their benefit and the proceeds thereof to be equally divided between and amongst my said Wife and Children share and share alike But should my said Wife marry again Then I direct that her moiety or proceeds of such sale or valuation to be paid to her only up to the time of such second marriage And in such case I direct that the aforesaid business be carried on by my two sons before mentioned should they think fit so to do Provided also that if either of my said daughters should marry or discontinue to act in the aforesaid business Then I direct that such daughter so marrying or discontinuing to act as aforesaid shall be only entitled to receive the moiety or profits so accruing or becoming divisible as aforesaid up to the time of such marriage And lastly I appoint my said Wife Louisa Cousins and my Son Charles Cousins Executrix and Executor of this my Will In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Tenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty two CHARLES COUSINS (Seal)
Signed and sealed and declared by the said Testator Charles Cousins to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who being present together at the same time have hereunto at his request in his presence and in the presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses thereto GEORGE SMITH JAMES COLLIER - Clerk to Mr W C Outwell (Solicitor Frome)

On the 11th day of June 1863 the Will of Charles Cousins late of Frome Selwood in the County of Somerset China and Glass Dealer deceased was proved by the oath of Louisa Cousins, Widow, the Relict of the deceased one of the Executors named in the Will; she having been first sworn duly to administer Power being reserved of making a like Grant to Charles Cousins, Son of the deceased a Minor the other Executor named in the said Will and until he shall attain the age of Twentyone years and apply for the same

Effects under 450 pounds

Probate extracted by Malim Messiter - Solicitor Frome."

The Will of Charles Cousins left his household effects to his wife. His business he left to his wife and four children in equal shares. If his widow remarried then she would take her share of the value of the business at the date of her remarriage and the business would then be left to the children. If the daughters married then they would take their share at that time and the two boys would carry on the business. See notes for further information.

PROBATE:

3. Probate Registry at , Probate, 11 Jun 1863.

"On the 11 day of June 1863 the Will of Charles Cousins late of Frome Selwood in the County of Somerset China and Glass Dealer deceased who died on the second day of April 1863 at Frome Selwood aforesaid was proved in the District Registry attached to Her Majesty's Court of Probate at Wells by the Oath of Louisa Cousins of Frome Selwood aforesaid Widow, the Relict of the deceased one of the Executors therein named she having been first sworn duly to administer. Power being reserved of making the like Grant to Charles Cousins, son of the deceased, a minor the other Executor therein named and until he shall attain the age of twenty one years and apply for the same

Effects under 450 pounds No Leaseholds

Extracted by Malim Messiter of Frome Solicitor."

The Will of Charles Cousins was proved on 11 June 1863.

DEATH:

4. General Register Office, Death certificate, Col 72 Yr 1863 Dis. Frome Sub-dis. Froms Cty Somerset, 7 Apr 1863.

Abbreviations used are the same as in birth certificates.

Informant Maria Deacon of Palmer Street, Frome who was present at the death by her X mark. Deceased age 48 Occupation Chinaman. Deceased left a will, a copy of which is available.