

THE WILL AND PROBATE DOCUMENT OF

HERBERT CHARLES LOTT

What follows is the will and probate document left by Herbert Charles Lott. It is a sensitive document but for my needs, historically important. Therefore I have chosen to publish it here, but I have afforded some protection in that I have disabled the ‘print’ ‘copy’ and ‘paste’ functions.

The Will is **VERY DIFFICULT to read, so I have decided to use ‘COMMENTING’, a process where I can add balloon notes. You can read the NOTE by placing your mouse on top of the YELLOW balloons **BUT** by far the best is to double click the balloon and if the text is long, double click the note box to reveal the up and down cursor. You can select COMMENTS [left hand side of options] and see all the notes in one go. You will find them useful in understanding the Will.**

Since 1947, relative money values have increased many fold. I have added computations given by a calulator, correct to 2002, which is available on a University website in the public domain.

Finally, it appears to me that Herbert Charles Lott was either a widower and had no issue, or perhaps a bachelor. Whatever his status, he was a very elderly gentleman at the time of his death, and he may have outlived all his relations for none is mentioned in the will.



Godfrey Dykes



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Your Ref:

Our Ref: RW

Date: 20 December 2004

Dear Sir/Madam,

Search Reference: **Name of Deceased:**

04/12/0432

Herbert Charles LOTT

I have received your request for a copy of the Will and a copy of the Grant to the estate of the above-named. I also acknowledge receipt of your payment of £5.00.

Copies are enclosed as requested. However, please note that it is sometimes necessary to order documents separately. Consequently, replies may have been sent separately and, if so, are likely to arrive at different times. Furthermore, if you requested a copy of a Will where a person died intestate, we will have ordered a copy of the Grant instead.

A search was made of Probate records based on the details given in your application, although only the name, address and date of death can be used in determining whether a record is held. Occasionally, documents are provided that do not match exactly the details supplied. It is your responsibility to verify that the document relates to the correct person.

If you have any queries regarding the enclosed document(s) or the service provided by the Postal Searches and Copies Department, contact us at the address shown at the top of this letter. Please quote the Search Reference in all correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

R Wallis
for Probate Manager.



In His Majesty's High Court of Justice.

The Principal Probate Registry.

BE IT KNOWN that *Herbert Charles Lott of 20 St. Johns Road
Wallingford Berkshire*

died *there* on the *10th* day of *July* 1947

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

with a Codicil thereto

(a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) of the said deceased was proved and registered in the 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

Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company

Limited of 27/32 Poultry in the City of London.

the sole executor named in the said Will.

And it is hereby certified that an Affidavit for Inland Revenue has been delivered wherein it is shown that the gross value of the said Estate in Great Britain

(exclusive of what the said deceased may have been possessed of or entitled to as a Trustee

and not beneficially) amounts to £26611-11-10

and that the net value of the estate amounts to £26599-6-4.

And it is further certified that it appears by a Receipt signed by an Inland Revenue Officer on the said Affidavit that on account of Estate Duty and interest on such duty has been paid.

£129020-7-1.

Dated the *17th* day of *October* 1947

C. H. Jones
Registrar.

Extracted by *Kerby Sons & Kerby Solicitors 7 & 8 Great
Winchester Street London. E.C.2.*

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H. Macdonald

Trustee

Executors

Commissioner for Oaths



This is the last Will and Testament

Herbert Charles Holt of Chatsworth Castle near Stamington in the County of Leicestershire a member of the London Stock Exchange

1. I appoint the Midland Bank Executor and Trustee Company Limited (hereinafter called 'the Company') to be the Executor and Trustee of this my Will. And I declare that the Company may in either such capacity act by its proper Officer or Officers who may employ and pay a Solicitor (either as my or its Agent to transact all or any business required to be done (including the receipt and payment of money) and the Company shall also be entitled to remuneration (if from duties) in accordance with the scale of fees being in force at the date of this my Will or such other scale (if any) as may be arranged by written agreement between the Company and me. And in any case in which a Solicitor is employed under the power hereinafter contained Herbert James of 3 New Court Lincoln Inn W.C. 2 shall if permitted be employed without prejudice to the right of the Company to employ any other Solicitor in any case in which it shall think fit so to do. And I further declare that if at the time of my death the business of the Company shall have been transferred to or incorporated with that of any other Company this my Will shall be read and construed as if the name of such other Company were substituted for that of the Company throughout.

2. I give the following pecuniary legacies entitled:

- To Thomas James Spilley Wetherby of the Indian Consulate at Madras the sum of One hundred pounds.
- To Benjamin William of Widenedon Road Widenedon in the County of Leicestershire the sum of One hundred pounds.
- To Miss Estelle Wetherby of 20 St. Johns Road Wellingford the sum of One hundred pounds.
- To The British Archaeological Association the sum of One thousand pounds for the endowment of a Fund the income of which is to be used for Prehistoric work such as excavation and
- To the Committee for the time being of the Thames River Club the sum of One hundred pounds free of all duty which I direct

shall be invested by them in the purchase of a suitable prize to be rowed for annually by officers of the said Club the class of boat and the course and time of race or races to be decided by the said Committee.

3. I desire to be buried if possible in the Churchyard of the Parish Church of Spixtelling near Hastings and I direct that a suitable tombstone with inscription in my memory be erected on my grave the cost thereof to be defrayed out of my estate.

4. As to all the real residue and remainder of my estate of whatsoever nature or kind whether real or personal and whatsoever situated I give devise and bequeath the same unto the Company upon trust to sell call in and convert into money the same or such part thereof as shall not consist of money and such and out of the proceeds of such sale calling in and conversion and with and out of my ready money in the first place to pay my debts funeral and testamentary expenses and the legacies given by this my Will and any Codicil hereto and all duty thereon.

5. In the year One thousand nine hundred and six I made a Will with the object of establishing a fund to ensure accurate firing and marksmanship in gunnery in the Royal Navy but as during and since the late War the practice changed to the General Control of Firing I decided after consultation with the Naval Authorities to form a fund to be called the Herbert Lott Naval Trust Fund with the object of encouraging better efficiency and this Fund has been founded with an endowment of twenty five thousand pounds. Now I direct the Company to stand possessed of the balance of my estate that may remain after making the payments directed by the first two clauses of this my Will on trust to pay the same to the Commissioners for executing the Office of Lord High Admiral of the United Kingdom (whenever called the Admiralty) to be held by them as part of the said Fund called "the Herbert Lott Naval Trust Fund" and upon the same trusts in all respects as are declared concerning that Fund by a Deed of Trust executed by me and bearing date

1899

the thirtieth day of November One thousand nine hundred and twenty eight

I, Lestley I revoke all former Wills and Testaments

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this Twenty eighth day of July, One thousand nine hundred and thirty.



Signed by the said Herbert Charles Lott the testator as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us both being 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

Herbert C Lott



Thomas Melling
2 Queens St Hastings
Stalpoan

Hathleen M. Shirley
4 Edmund Rd Hastings
Spensker

Relative value in UK pounds

In 2002, £129020 0s 0d from 1947 is worth:

- ▶ **£3,090,290.12** using the retail price index
- ▶ **£3,152,697.39** using the GDP deflator
- ▶ **£9,279,468.95** using average earnings
- ▶ **£10,486,775.05** using per capita GDP
- ▶ **£12,538,429.50** using the GDP



Relative value in UK pounds

In 2002, £1400 0s 0d from 1947 is worth:

- ▶ **£33,532.83** using the retail price index
- ▶ **£34,210.02** using the GDP deflator
- ▶ **£100,691.80** using average earnings
- ▶ **£113,792.32** using per capita GDP
- ▶ **£136,054.89** using the GDP

Relative value in UK pounds

In 2002, £130000 0s 0d from 1947 is worth:

- ▶ **£3,113,763.10** using the retail price index
- ▶ **£3,176,644.40** using the GDP deflator
- ▶ **£9,349,953.21** using average earnings
- ▶ **£10,566,429.67** using per capita GDP
- ▶ **£12,633,667.92** using the GDP

Relative value in UK pounds

In 2002, £266112 0s 0d from 1947 is worth:

- ▶ **£6,373,920.97** using the retail price index
- ▶ **£6,502,639.95** using the GDP deflator
- ▶ **£19,139,498.07** using average earnings
- ▶ **£21,629,644.10** using per capita GDP
- ▶ **£25,861,312.59** using the GDP