

## Charlotte Rosa Raine will

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### An Eccentric Will

The Illustrated London News says:- The will of Charlotte Rosa Raine, of St Margaret's Lodge, Woodstock, Oxfordshire; Haylands Manor House, Ryde, Isle of Wight, and 7 Peter's Place, Brighton, who died on 19th June, was proved on 28th August, the value of the personal estate in the United Kingdom amounting to upwards of £86,000. Among many interesting bequests may be noted that of her lands and hereditaments in the Parish of Wolvercot, Oxfordshire, to Lord Randolph Henry Spencer Churchill. "in recognition of his commanding political genius, and also in acknowledgement to the Marlborough family of the favors and benefits derived from the Marlborough estate by my late father, who had the honor of acting as receiver of those estates under the Court of Chancery." She bequeathes the remainder of her books, after a selection by two legatees, to found a public library for the parishioners of St Michaels and All Angels, Swanmore, Isle of Wight; £1000 each to St Margaret's Society, East Grinstead, and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; £500 each to the London Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews, the English Church Union, the Society for Promoting the Unity of Christendom and the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. "And as regard my pussies", she gives her dear old white puss Titiens and her pussies Tabby Rolla, Tabby Jenefee, and black and white Ursula to Ann Elizabeth Matthews; and she directs her executors to pay her £12 a year for the maintenance of each cat so long as it shall live. Her long haired white puss Louise and her black and white puss Dr Clausman, to her hand-maiden, Elizabeth Willoughby; and her Black Ebony and White Oscar to Miss Lavinia Sophia Beck; and her executors are directed to pay them also £12 for each of these pussies so long as it shall live. All the remainder of her pussies she gives to the said Ann Elizabeth Matthews, and she directs her executors to pay her out of the balance of her father's Lambeth Waterworks shares £150 a year for their maintenance so long as any of these shall live, "but this is not to extend to kittens afterwards born". There is also a direction to Ann Elizabeth Matthews to live out of this annuity in the village of Haylands (or elsewhere) in a cottage and garden for the maintenance of the same pussies, unless the Rev William Martin Spencer is willing to permit the pussies to reside on the premises and in the garden at Pound. All live creatures she leaves to the kindly disposal of her executors, and if her poor old black mare Fenella should be alive she authorises them to take from her estate a sum sufficient to pay for her board and lodging as long as she shall live.