

Testament of James Chalmers, 1853
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At Dundee the twenty third day of De-
-cember

[In margin] James Chalmers

Bookseller

Dundee

Died 26 May 1853

Lodged 23 Dec 1855

Stamped £60

[Main text] December Eighteen hundred and fifty

three In presence of John Irving Hen-

-derson Esquire Advocate Commissary Depute

of Forfarshire Dundee District Compeared

Mr John William Thomson Writer Dundee

And gave in the Inventory and Oath

And I Will or Testamentary Writing and

Separate paper or Scroll of Codicil afterwitten to the

Recorded in the Commissary Court Books

Of the Dundee District of Forfarshire in terms

Of law and whereof the tenor follows: In-

-ventory of the Personal Estate of the

late James Chalmers Bookseller and Stationer

Dundee, who died at Dundee upon the twenty

Sixth day of August Eighteen hundred and

Fifty three

First. Cash in House at time of deceaseds death £8

Second Value of deceaseds Household Furniture

And Wearing Apparel per Appointment

By John M. Beatts Licenced Appraiser

Dundee 206 18 .3

Third. Value of deceaseds Stock in Trade for Mr

Beatt's Appraisement 1269 14 6

Fourth Value of Thirty two shares of the Capital

Stock of the Eastern Bank of Scotland

At £10 per share 320

Fifth Value of Three l the Dundee Commercial

Bank which is in the course of being wound

Up 3

Sixth. Value of the Capital Stock of

The Forfarshire and Perthshire Fire Insurance

Company at £13 per share 26

Seventh. Value of one share of the Dundee Exchange

Buildings 8

Eighth. Ten shares of the former Dundee Gas Lighting

Note No value can be put upon these

Shares but on the contrary it is probable

There may be a call to meet the out-

-standing obligations of the Company

Ninth. Value of one share of the Tay Ferries .. 2 6

Tenth. Principal sum insured on the life of
The deceased with the Norwich Union
Insurance Office by their Policy No 7259
£300

Carried Forward £300 £1841 15 3

Brought forward £300 £1841 15 3

Add Bonus addition thereto 91 3 10

Deduct amount of sum advanced thereon by the
Insurance office to the deceased 150 241 3 10

Eleventh Principal Sum Insured on the life of the deceased
With the Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society
Their Policy No. 1807 500

Add Bonus additions made thereto 26 .. 5 526 .. 5

Twelfth. Book debts due to the deceased at the time of his death

1. Reckoned good for Appendix No 1 £855 20 9½

2. Reconded doubtful per Appendix No 2 £181.6/11

and which from the Circumstances cannot be
valued at more than 2/6 per pound Inde 22 13 3

3. Considered Irrecoverable and in which no
value can therefore be put per Appendix no3

£160.7.3 878 4 . ½

Value of the deceaseds Estate situated in Scotland 3487 3 6½

(Signed) James Chalmers

Funds belonging to the deceased sit-
-uated elsewhere then in Scotland.

1. Debt due to the deceased by R. Chalmers & Com-}
-pany London } 121 11 7

2. Due by R. Chalmers Esq[ui]re]. 88 6 8
£209 18 3

9Signed) James Chalmers W[illia]m Reid At Dundee the twenty
first day of December Eighteen hundred and fifty three years
in presence of William Reid Esquire Commissary Depute for
the Commissariat of Forfarshire Compeared per-
-sonally James Chalmers formerly residing in Mon-
-trose, now in Dundee, who being solemnly sworn and
interrogated Depones That James Chalmers Bookseller Station-
-er and Printer in Dundee, Deponents Father, died at Dundee
upon the twenty sixth day of August Eighteen hundred and
fifty three and the Deponent and Charles Dickson Chalmers
residing in Dundee, also a Son of the deceased, and Charles
Clark. Merchant in Dundee have entered upon the present
And management of the deceaseds personal Estate as my
Accepting Trustees and Executors nominated by him upon the
Twenty sixth day of September Eghteen hundred and forty
Two which is now exhibited and signed by the Deponent
And the said Commissary Depute as relative hereto
That

That the Deponent does not know of any Settlement or Writing relative to the disposal of the deceaseds personal Estate or Effects or any part of them other than the Will Or Testamentary Writing before specified and a separate Paper dated Twenty sixth May Eighteen hundred and Forty six titled "Scroll of Codicil or Appendage to My Will which separate paper is Autograph of The deceased and subscribed by him, and is also Now exhibited and signed by the Deponent and The said Commissary Depute as relative hereto; That The foregoing Inventory which is signed by the De-ponent and the said Commissary Depute as relative hereto is a full and true Inventory of all the said deceased James Chalmers wheresoever situated, already recovered or known to the ex-acting belonging or due to him beneficially at the time of his death; and that the value of the said Estate situated in Scotland is of the value of Three thousand pounds and under the value Of Four thousand Pounds Sterling; All which Is truth as the Deponent shall answer to God (Signed) James Chalmers W[illia]m Reid.-

Appendix No.1
Good Debts

William Arklay £14 8 7
 James Alexander 1 3 5
 Dr. Archibald .. 4 ..
 Pat[ric]k Andrew .. 19 2½
 Rob[er]t Alison .. 5 8½
 Albion House Library .. 7 6
 Alex[ande]r Anderson .. 2 6
 Rev[eren]d T.G.T. Anderson 1 8 1
 James Aird .. 5 ..
 Anderson Caird & Co[mapn]y 3 9 ..
 John Anderson 1 18 ..
 Miss Anderson 1 18 7
 John Brown 10 12 1
 Dr. Bell 3 9 2½
 Geo[rge] Boyd 17 12 11
 J.H. Baxter (the late) 2 3 9
 Mrs Bon .. 2 3
 Carried Forward £60 9 8½

Brought Forward £60 9 8½
 Geo[rge] Burnett 4 18 3
 Baltic Coffee Room 1 8 ..
 Bishop of Brechin 6 13 9
 Barrie & Marwick 4 3 2

Alex[ande]r Brown 1 8 2½
W Boyd .. 5 6
James Brown (Shipowner) 2 14 6
P Birrel .. 3 ..
G. F How Boyle .. 10 ..
Mrs Binst .. 2 ..
P Brown ..10 6
Bell & Com[pany] 3 10 ..
W[illia]m Brown 1 .. 2½
David Barrie 4 11 3
J.C. Bell .. 3 ..
And[re]w Brown 3 6 6
James H. Bell .. 12 4
Tho[ma]s Blyth .. 2 7
David Burns (Breachin) 1 1 ..
D Brown Teacher 1 1 8
W[illia]m Barrie .. 14 ..
Miss Boase .. 9 11
I.H. Blakey 1 1 8
Ja[me]s Bell & Son 1 8 4
Ja[me]s Bell 1 9 ..
British Linen Co[pan]y 9 18 6
Arthur Brown .. 14 10
Mrs N Brown .. 1 4
C.H. Boase .. 3 6
Broughty Ferry Bowling Club 3 9 4
Ja[me]s Bell .. 10 3
I. Beathe Montrose 4 5 ..
Baxter Brothers & Co[mapn]y
Office 18 4 6
Baxter Brothers & Co[mapn]y
Dens Calender 2 6 8½
Baxter Brothers & Co[mapn]y
Factory .. 16 ..
Edmund Baxter .. 17 ..
W[illia]m Brand .. 7 ..
Mrs Bently 1 2 8
Cha[rle]s Chalmers 9 6 9
W[illia]m Crothwaite .. 3 9
Sir W[illia]m Chalmers .. 11 3½
James Currie 7 8 10½
Carried Forward £164 5 4

Brought Forward £164 5 4

Caledonian Lodge 1 1 3
Tho[ma]s Cooper .. 2 ..
Custom House 2 10 ..
W[illia]m Clark .. 1 6
James Craig .. 7 ..
Ja[me]s Cunningham .. 5 8½

Ja[me]s Callen .. 14 ..
 E Caird .. 14 ..
 Cockburn & Campbell .. 17 2½
 Chapelshade Church .. 9 ..
 Cox Brothers 14 17 3
 Mrs Clayhills 2 10 6
 Miss Collier .. 2 6
 Dr Crockatt 4 .. 6
 Tho[ma]s H. Cox 1 8 10½
 I.Carmichael & Co[mpan]y .. 9 9
 Cooper and Balbirnie .. 9 2
 I[a]n Copely .. 8 ..
 H.H. Cooper .. 5 10
 Cha[rle]s Clark .. 5 8½
 Alex[ander] Christie .. 9 3
 Dundee Royal Exchange 2 1 8
 Dundee Parish per H. Jack .. 16 ..
 Dundee Town Per W[illia]m Barrie 1 18 3
 Ja[me]s Pickon Tiff 2 4 6
 Dundee Town per Chamberlain 6 16 4
 Goe[rge] Duncan .. 5 8½
 Wm Don .. 6 9
 John Dick .. 4 ..
 T Dalgavins .. 10 ..
 Dundee Perth and London Ship Coy 2 19 4½
 Thos Dick .. 4 6
 Ed Dickson .. 4 6
 Jas Dickson 8 1 8½
 Dr Duncan .. 18 ..
 Major Devenzy .. 13 11
 John Duncan .. 13 2
 G. Davidson .. 5 6
 Dalgavins & Kidd .. 13 ..
 Miss Douglas 1 13 ..
 Patrick Don .. 15 7½
 Dundee Advertiser 4 6 9
 Carried Forward £233 7 7

Brought Fowd £233 7 7

Revd Mr Dandie .. 5 1
 R. Duthie .. 5 ..
 Deaf and Dumb Institution .. 8 6
 Exchange Reading Room 8 6 3½
 Eastern Bank 14 5 5
 Mrs A. Edward .. 10 ..
 Alex Easson 2 6 ..
 David Edwards .. 5 ..
 R. Edmund .. 5 2½
 C. France 3 19 ..
 Forfarshire Prison Board per Mackison 1 13 8½

Goe Fraser 5 .. 3
 R. H. Farqharson .. 4 6
 Jas Fyffe 1 15 6
 Mrs Fairweather .. 3 ..
 Forfarshire Prison Board per Collector 21 6 3
 John Fyffe 1 8 ½
 Major Fyffe 1 2 ..
 Jas Ferrier .. 18 3
 Female Lodging House .. 15 6
 Florist Society 3 1 9
 Gomersal and Norton 3 14 2
 Gray & Coy 1 4 ..
 I.A. Gordon 1 13 4
 Gas Company 2 12 1
 Robt Gray .. 1 1
 Miss Guthrie .. 3 6
 Mrs Guthrie .. 3 3
 P Geekie .. 5 ..
 Miss Gourlay .. 3 ..
 Wm Gray .. 10 ..
 Richd Gardiner .. 10 ..
 Wm Gibb .. 1 ..
 Alexr Guthrie .. 4 9
 John Guild .. 16 4½
 Miss Guthrie Tay Bank .. 5 10
 Dr Gibson .. 5 ..
 H.I. Gourlay 6 11 10
 Wm Gray & Coy .. 2 6
 H.E. Gomersal .. 1 ..
 Wm Gibb .. 17 ..
 R.I. Holden 2 3 10
 Carried Forward £324 10 ½

Brought Forward £324 10 ½

Miss Henderson 1 8 3½
 Hospital per Keates .. 9 2
 Harbour .. 3 6
 I.M. Henderson 1 7 ..
 Hospital per Chamberlain 17 9 6
 Jas Hamilton .. 14 4
 Miss Henderson .. 3 5
 R.H. Henderson .. 5 3
 David Hume 1
 James Hunter 1 18 ..
 A Hamilton .. 3 ..
 Miss Henderson (Blackness) 2 5 2
 N. Henderson .. 11 6
 Wm Hendry .. 2 ..
 Miss Hudson .. 7 6
 Geo Jameson 1 15 3

Jaffe Brothers 2 6 ..
Jas Jack .. 1 9
Wm Kirkland & Son 5 11 6
Alexr Keiller 2 6 9
John Kerr Jr .. 9 ..
John Kerr 1
C. D. Chalmers 22 15 2
James Kirkaldy .. 10 ..
Kirk Session 2 4 9
Kirk Fabric 1 2 6
C. Kerr & Family 4 19 ..
Alex Keay .. 5 8½
Wm Kirkland 1 .. 6
James Kennedy 1 2 3
John Kirkland 1 .. 6
C. Ken & Coy .. 14 ..
John Kidd 6 3 5½
Jas Kirkland .. 2 ..
J.S. Lithgow 1 4 11½
J.B. Lindsay 7 5 2
Laing and Ewan .. 18 ..
Revd R. Logan 1 2 6
J. Lipman 3 6 4
Revd J.A. Louisnorth 2 3 3½
Lanark Asylum 3 13 ..
J. & H. Lawrie .. 1 6
Carried Forward £435 15 8½

Brought Forward £435 15 8½

Chas Lucas & Coy 3 3 6
Miss Low (Teacher) 1 17 11
Alex Lawson 1 7 6
Dr Laing 1 2 ..
Wm Lawson .. 19 8
Wm Middleton 4 3 3½
David Martin .. 5 ..
Mrs Montgomery .. 6 ..
Jas Miller .. 11 ..
J.H. Miln .. 12 8½
Mrs Miln .. 4 ..
Wm Miln .. 3 ..
James Martin .. 2 6
John Morris .. 10 11
Geo Milne 2 14 6
Robt Miln 2 5 6
Montrose Foundry Coy 3 10 11
J. Noon Langlands & Coy 2 3 6
Mrs C. G. Miller 2 2 4
Wm Miller .. 12 ..
Jn Moncur .. 5 8½

Jas Miln 2
 Mrs Mitchell .. 12 6
 Marwick .. 11 6
 McGregor (Joiner) .. 3 ..
 Neil McGregor .. 5 8
 David McKenzie .. 2 ..
 Dr W Caul .. 4 ..
 John McGregor .. 11 ..
 Jas McEwen 1 17 ..
 Jn McGlashan .. 7 3
 McKenzie 19 17 3
 P McDonald 4 3 11
 G.H. & G.Naill 3 3 ..
 Neish and Whithorn .. 19 5
 Thos Nicholson 1 16 3
 James Chalmers 71 2 6
 New Gas Coy 2 4 9
 Dr Nimmo 1 5 7½
 Mrs Naill .. 10 6
 C.B. Naill 2 19 9
 Thos Neish .. 19 6
 Carried Forward £580 15 6½

Brought Forward £580 15 6½

Thos Neaves .. 14 6
 Dr M. Nimmo .. 12 ..
 E Nonners 1 18 ..
 Robt Niall .. 6 6
 New Episcopal Church 1 8 10
 Orphan Institution .. 16 6
 Sir John Ogilvy 1 2 ..
 Operative Lodge .. 10 ..
 James Ower 1 10 ..
 A Olgilvie & Son 1 6 3
 Mr Owen .. 14 ..
 Miss Ogilvy .. 6 ..
 Charles Ower .. 7 2
 Mrs Balfour Ogilvie 1 4 ..
 Parochial Board per Collector 8 14 ..
 D. Rathull (Baldragon) .. 1 ..
 Pilot Office 1 9 5
 Police Commissioner .. 7 ..
 R.D. Pryde 12 18 7½
 James Patterson 1 2 6
 J. Pennycook .. 1 2
 Revd J. Rankin 4 1 6
 Reid McLachlan & Heron 8 8 2
 Rusell (Panmure St) .. 9 6
 Ritchie (Ritchie & S) .. 2 ..
 Jas Rickard 1 7 11

Rickard & Coy 1
Alex Rodger Montrose 2 16 ..
G Robertson Seminaries .. 5 ..
John Reid .. 12 11
Royal Infirmary .. 13 9
Ed Rapp 1 3 ..
Jas Rowan 1 4 ..
David Robertson .. 3 4
James Renny .. 14 ..
Wm Sime 5 14 11
Wm Shaw & Son 3 12 ..
St Pauls School 4 14 11½
Mrs Stirling 3 11 5
A. B. Spence 2 3 6
E. E. Scott 3 19 9
Shiell & Small 20 19 ..
Carried Forward £686 1 7½

Brought Forward £686 1 7½

Wm Scott 2 4 9
John Sime 2
Alex Simpson 4 7 11
A Spence (Broughty Ferry) .. 5 ..
Scott (Scott and Paton) .. 3 ..
Mrs Scott (Magdalen Yard) .. 2 ..
J Smieton .. 3 6
Dr Stewart .. 11 4
Lt David Lodge .. 6 6
Geo Stewart .. 4 1
Colin Symes .. 5 1½
Revd F Stirling .. 7 ..
J.P. Shaw .. 3 4
J. & H. Strong 6 11 1
John Sturrock Jr 4 15 2
Wm Shaw .. 3 4
Revd H.A Smith .. 2 ..
Miss Sturrock 1 11 10
D. Sidey .. 5 4½
Jas Smiths (Lawsons) .. 15 6
St Pauls Chapel 1 9 6½
Savings Bank 5 2 6
Mrs Scott .. 7 4
J. Shailer 1 8 3
Jn Sturrock 1 17 6
St Davids Church .. 16 6
St Andrews Church 1 4 6
C & R Smith .. 7 6
David Small (Eastern Bank) 4 6 8
Thos Smieton .. 6 ..
Colin Symes .. 16 7

Jas Smith (Arbroath) 6 1 6
David Scott .. 1 ..
Jas Stewart .. 5 2
Sailors Home .. 7 6
A.P. Stewart 1 10 ..
Trades Lane Calendaring Coy .. 15 4
Thos Thow .. 8 ..
Mrs Wm Turnbull .. 14 8
Carried Forward £741 18 5

Brought Forward £741 18 5

John Thain 6 6 10
Trinity House 1 7 ..
Wm Thoms .. 4 6
James Tramen .. 9 ..
James Tarbat 1 1 ..
John Wm Thomson 2 19 ..
John Todd .. 6 6
A Traill 1 11 9
Thomson Auctioneer .. 1 ..
Victoria Lodging House .. 19 9
J. Wallace 1 9 6
P. Wilson (Arbroath) 2
Miss Wise 46 17 4
Dr Wingest 13 11 3
Wm Wales 1 16 8
E Wilson .. 4 6
Wellgate Coffee House .. 10 ..
Miss Whitt et .. 9 ..
Mrs Watson Keiller 1 2 10
James Watt Jr 1 17 9
Miss Wilson .. 16 4
P. Watson 5 5 6
Captn Walker .. 13 11
Walker and Gloag .. 10 8
Jas Wyllie 4 2 9½
Wm Wrongham .. 3 10
Thos Walker .. 17 6
P Wilkie (Kirriemuir) 1 13 2½
James Webster (Saddler) .. 11 ..
Chas Walker 5 18 1½
W.N. Watson 3 3 ..
A Wallace .. 4 2
Ward Chapel .. 1 6
855 10 9½
(Signed) Jad Chalmers Wm Reid

Appendix No.2
Doubtful Debts.
Miss Torry Anderson £4 19 4

Dr Arnot 4 5 10
A Breysig 2 5 ..
Carried Forward £11 10 2

Brought Forward £11 10 2
Wm Byres 1 13 6
Brown Brothers (Melbourne) 25 13 10
Peter Cramb .. 6 ..
Copland and Buckmann 5 14 11
Kinton Cabel .. 11 ..
Miss Cook 1 10 ..
T. P. Donovan (Grangemouth) 1 7 6
Major Douglas 1 13 7
Capt Fenwick 15 10 7
N. Graves & Coy (London) 2
Mrs Hankin (E. Bas) .. 18 ..
J. Henderson (E. Baxter) .. 4 6
David Hunter .. 6 3
Miss Hunter (Teacher) 4 9 2
Revd Mr Irvine 3 3 ..
C Lyall 1 19 9
J Johnston .. 18 6
Geo Key .. 10 6
Miss Low (Broughty Ferry) 40 17 2
Wm Morison (the late) 2 13 ..
Miss Main .. 3 ..
Mrs McKenzie (Anfield) .. 4 ..
Jas Paton 30
Philharmonic Society .. 15 ..
P.P. Ritchie 2 16 8
Geo Smith (Forfar) 2 12 2
H.L. Spindler 1 10 8
P Spence (Guard Bridge) 1 9 1
Chas Tosh .. 12 ..
James Thorns 6 19 8
Miss Wilson 3 2 6
£181 6 ..
(Signed) Jas Chalmers Wm Reid

Appendix No. 3
Bad Debts
R.M. Adams £ .. 7 6
Miss Allan 1 10 9
Mrs Buist (the late) 2 15 ..
John Birse
Carried Forward £5 1 9

Brought Forward £5 1 9
Broughty Ferry Band .. 3 6
Wm Boyd (St Andrews) 1

Geo Buist .. 12 2
James Barry 1 16 ..
Jas Buchanan 1 4 10
Jas Baik (Barry) .. 3 6½
Miss Bruce .. 3 ..
Balfour & Shiell .. 18 ..
Miss Bruce 1 3 6
T Crawford (Musician) .. 11 6
Jas Campbell (Teacher) .. 7 ..
Dr Campbell .. 2 6
J.C. Carolan .. 10 ..
Clark (Panorama) .. 2 6
Jas Calvert 1 1 5
J.H. Carr 4 14 9
Robt Cochran .. 3 ..
Alex Cochran 2 7 3
J Snodgrass Chalmers 4 11 6
Wm Cameron 1 10 6
Mr Douglas (Broughty Ferry) .. 2 6
John Dryburgh .. 3 6
G.L.A. Donovan 6 2 3
Revd Douglas 7 15 ..
Miss Duff .. 1 ..
Mrs Try (London) .. 10 6
Mrs Gilroy .. 2 6
G. Gourlay .. 12 ..
Gourlay (Actor) .. 7 ..
Goodman (Architect) .. 3 ..
Stewart Gordon 5 17 ..
J. G. Horsburgh 9 11 6
A. Hamilton (Panorama) 1 5 6
Hamilton (Phrenologist) .. 10 ..
A Hatton 2 2 6
F. Helmore 3 3 ..
Alexr Henderson (Auchtermuchty) 3
Mrs Jones 4 11 6
R. Livingston .. 3 4
A Lyall (Minorgan) 2 6 7
Robt Lithgow 1 6 6
John Lawson 1 4 ..

Carried Forward £79 8 10½

Brought Forward £79 8 10½

Literary Society Union .. 7 6
Revd John Marshall 2 3 3
Moon Ramsay & Coy 3 12 6
A Miln 1
Mrs Molon .. 2 ..
Thos Martin .. 8 3
Jas Mortimer 14 14 ..

R. Melbourne (Comedian) 2 12 6
John Mair 3 3 ..
J. McLann .. 8 10
Alex McLeod (late with C. Kerr & Coy) 2 3 8
Revd Mr McFarlane (Perth) .. 3 9
R McGregor & Coy (glasgow) .. 8 ..
Miss Neill .. 8 ..
Thomas Neish Jr. 1 18 1
James Pearman 9 13 6½
Jas Pearson .. 1 6
R. Poured .. 14 ..
John Phillip .. 13 5
Goe Roy .. 15 6
Miss Reid .. 2 ..
Wm Reid (Broughty Ferry) .. 5 3
James Russell .. 4 6
James Robertson 2 10 ..
Alex Rickard .. 11 3
A. T. Reid 2 8 10
J. A. Reid 3 19 ..
A. J. Rowland 1 15 11
D. Scott Watchmaker .. 1 6
Miss Sturrock (St Andrews) .. 1 9
D. Sandeman 1 10 ..
Miss Steel .. 2 1
Sam Spink 3 18 ..
Sutherland .. 4 6
P. Smith .. 2 4½
D. Spalding .. 1 10½
Jas Strachan (Teacher) 6 2 6
A Seeale 2 2 2
John Smith (Harecraig) .. 6 ..
Lieut Stra Kenzie (33rd) .. 2 ..
Dr Saunders .. 16 ..
James Scott 1 1 7

Carried Forward £152 19 3

Brought Forward £152 19 3

David Spalding .. 7 8
Captn Staples .. 16 6
James Templeton .. 10 ..
Captn Wilkinson (42nd) 2 .. 1
Webster (Teacher Broughty Ferry) .. 18 6
Wyatt & Son (Oxford) .. 7 2
A. J. Warden .. 13 1
Watt Institution 1 15 ..
£160 7 3

(Signed Jas Chalmers Wm Reid Writer. I James
Chalmers Bookseller Stationer and Printer
Dundee Do hereby declare the following to be my Will

And Testament in regard to the disposal of all or
Any part of my property which I may Chance
To leave at the time of my death And do by this
Deed convey my whole Heritable and Moveable property
With a few exceptions herein narrated to the
Following Trustees or Executors who I hereby Ap-
-point and Nominate to carry into effect my
Intentions, Namely. My Son James Chalmers
Residing in Montrose. My Son Charles D. Chalmers
My Brother Charles Chalmers Flaxspinner, Charles
Clark Merchant and James R Ireland Mer-
-chant all residing in Dundee, or the majority of
them accepting or to each other person or persons
as I may hereafter Nominate and
Appoint with power to them to Assume one or more
Trustees, should those accepting deem it ne-
-cessary to do so the major part in life to
be a quorum declaring that the said Trustees
shall not be personally liable for omissions or
neglect of Office

I very much regret that none of my Sons
Are likely to follow my line of business, chiefly
On account of the females of my family, I there-
-fore instruct and empower my Executors to ap-
-point one of themselves who shall be reasonably
remunerated for his Trouble, And who shall
find satisfactory, security, for his Intromissions
with the funds and who shall along with qualified
persons take an Inventory of my property
and stock in trade as speedily as possible
embracing

embracing the various Departments separately, and
put a value on such property and stock, as nearly
as that can be ascertained according to the respective
branches also to uplift the debts due to my
Estate either by process or otherwise, as far as
These can be accomplished, or to sell outstand-
-ing debts and to ascertain from my Books
the Bills Current and Claims against my Estate
these Claims to be compared with accounts rendered
and to be rendered, authenticated by oaths of
verity if required deducting from such accounts,
all munie printed Books or other articles Charged
in them which have been sent to the shop on "Sale
or Return" before Settlements are made I do farther
impower the Executors to receive the sums for
on my life, namely Three Hundred pounds In *[note in margin] the Norwich Union
office and four hundred pounds in [main text] "The
Scottish Equitable Office" along with any Bonuses due on

The Policies respectively, the proceeds of these policies along With what may be recovered of Book debts and ready Money drawn from Sales, if the Shop is kept open, to Be applied In the first place towards the payment of Bills Current And debts on open Accounts, should the Proceeds from these sources, prove not ample for These engagements, the said Executors Are then dis- -pose of such portions of my property or stock as they may conceive to be most available fot the subject in view, either by Public Sales or Private Bargains Should it be deemed expedient to continue all or Certain portions of my business, to be carried on under proper management, for behoof of Mr Chalmers and my daughters the Survivors or Survivor of them this proportion is of course en- -tirely optionable with themselves, and if done it follows that it must be with their respective shares of the residue of my Estate, for if more is retained than their equal proportions, they will have to account to my Sons for the difference when that as adjusted, My property at present Consists of Houses and ground At Lochee, and a House in Thom's Close High Street over these I have Five hundred ponds Borrowed. I hold thirty two shares of the Eastern Bank Stock. Five shares of the Dundee Marine Two shares of the Forfarshire Fire Insurance Company Nine

Nine Sixty four of the Bug Gratitude. One Original share of the Tay Steam packet, one share Of the exchange Buildnings, and one share of The Tay Fermes, exclusice of my Stock in trade Consisting of Printing Materials, Piano Fortes Articles for manufacturing Books, Bookbinding Materials, Stock of printed and paper Books, Music and Miscellaneous Musical Instruments And stationery with shop Furniture, I hereby Empower my said Executors to dispose of these In the most judicious way for the Interest of All concerned, or of what remains more or Less (at the time of my death) which will be Found more particularly entered in my private Ledger

The Balance or residue of my property I Hereby Instruct shall be divided in Equal shares Among my Wife and family Namely Mrs Barbara Chalmers or Dickson my Sons James Chalmers Robert Chalmers * [note in margin] Charles D Chalmers Patrick Chalmers my Daughters Margaret Chalmers [main text] & Anne Chalmers the Survivors or Survivor of them, but being

Advances and under Certain obligation for
Sons James Robert and Charles for Cash Credits &
Otherwise it will be necessary that these be ad-
-justed before or at the time of equalizing their
proportions of the residue from my Estate,

Should any of my Children Marry and die
Before me, they he or her leaving a Child or
Children. I farther Instruct that the parents
Share of my property shall go to the Child or
Children

Calculating as I now do that my Life Insurance
My Book Debts Stock in trade and other stock
Will be more than sufficient to liquidate all
Obligations and debts, if so, I farther bequeath all
My Household Furniture, Plate Bed and Table
Linens to my Wife and Daughters Margaret and
Anne, the Survivors or Survivor of them *[note in margin] and this to the afterwards
entitled at their or her disposal [main text] as they
Or she may think proper. I bequeath my Gold
Watch to my Son James a copy of Brewster Encyclo-
-pedia to my Son Charles the other Books in
The House to be divided among themselves
Males and Females as they think proper, so
To

To divide them

Written with my own hand on this and the two pre-
-ceding pages and duly signed In presence of the follow-
-ing Witnesses Vizt John Irvine Journeyman Printer
In my Office, and Alexr Stephen my present (princi)
Principal Shop and Book keeper. At Dundee the
Sixth day of September Eighteen hundred and
Forty two years (Signed) Jas Chalmers John Irvine
Witness Alexr Stephen Witness Dundee 21 December
1853 This is the Deed of Settlement of the late Mr
James Chalmers, Bookseller Stationer and printer
Dundee referred to in the Affidavit by me of this date
Annexed to the Inventory of his personal Estate, (signed)
Jas Chalmers Wm Reid 26 May 1846 Scroll of
Codicil or Appendage to my Will which Will is
Dated and subscribed by me 26th Septr 1842 before
John Irvine And Alexander Stephen Witnesses I do here-
-by Authorise And empower You my said Trustees and
Executors Namely James Chalmers Junr now re-
-siding In Dundee and Charles Chalmers now residing in
Montreal Canada my Sons along with the other Trustees
Named in the said Will of 26 Septr 1842, the Acceptors
Or acceptor of same to act, or others who may be
Appointed to the said Trust to take the legal measures
Of disposing of my Heritable property and of convey

-ing the same to any purchaser or purchasers for all or any part of the following properties which they may consider requisite to dispose of Namely My property at Lochee in the parish of Liff, the House in Thom's Close High Street and the flat of shops No 10 Castle Street both in Dundee, over which I have One thousand pounds borrowed, and to apply the Surplus if any in term of the preceding Will

This Codicil signed at Dundee

Before these Witnesses

Chas Chalmers Dundee 21 December 1853 (Signed) This is The paper titled Scroll of Codicill or appendage to my Will which is referred to in the Affidavit by me of this date Annexed to the Inventory of the Personal Estate of the Late James Chalmers Bookseller Stationer and Printer In Dundee (Signed) Jas Chalmers Wm Reid
By James Callow