

# Lord and Lady Westing's Will

## Introduction

*Lord and Lady Westing's Will* is set in 1935 at Chateauhouse in Derbyshire, England, the country estate of the wealthy and influential Lord and Lady Westing.

Lord and Lady Westing have died in a tragic hot air balloon accident. You have been invited to a celebration of their lives and legacy. It will be a day of remembrance and gaiety (and possibly great reward!). The year is 1935 and there are rumblings of war across Europe. The Great War is still fresh in people's memory and Germany is looking more militant by the day. Times are tough and the tragic death of this charming and exciting couple only further darkens the mood of the country.

But something doesn't seem quite right. Why did the Westings arrange this unusual party to read their will? Why did they invite crime-solvers as well as some of Europe's and America's more notorious personalities? Was their death truly an accident? Or is something more sinister in the wind?

**Will you attend *Lord and Lady Westing's Will*?**

## What is included when you buy *Lord and Lady Westing's Will*?

- A step-by-step guide on how to run the game.
- Character booklets for each guest, including background, goals and objectives, rules, and special abilities.
- Item cards for each guest.
- Handouts and other essential items.
- The solution!

### How does *Lord and Lady Westing's Will* work?

*Lord and Lady Westing's Will* is intended for 11 to 16 guests – plus the Host (game co-ordinator). The step-by-step guide explains which characters to omit if you have fewer than 16 guests (you do need at least 11, however). Here's how this works:

Number of guests	Male characters	Female characters	Characters that can be played by any gender
11	4	3	4
12	4	4	4
13	4	4	5
14	4	4	6
15	5	4	6
16	6	5	5

*Lord and Lady Westing's Will* is played over the course of three to four hours and is particularly suited to a buffet meal. One person plays the role of Butler or Housekeeper (the Host/game co-ordinator). They are responsible for making sure everything runs smoothly and that all guests have the information they need. The Butler/Housekeeper does not count toward the minimum or maximum number of players.

The guests are all present at Chateauhouse to celebrate the lives and legacies of Lord Edward and Lady Judith Westing. They have their own goals and agendas, and how they choose to achieve these goals is up to them. ***Lord and Lady Westing's Will*** is an evening of mistrust, revenge, lies, and murder!

### **Where can I purchase Lord and Lady Westing's Will?**

**Lord and Lady Westing's Will** is available from [www.freeformgames.com](http://www.freeformgames.com). It costs \$29.99 (US dollars). We accept all major credit cards and PayPal.

When you purchase the game, you'll be directed to a page where you can download it right away. We will also email you a download link and password, so you can come back to the site and collect your game later if that's more convenient.

### **What if I don't like Lord and Lady Westing's Will?**

No product is perfect for everyone – which is why we offer a cast-iron, no quibble guarantee. If you're not completely satisfied with **Lord and Lady Westing's Will**, let us know within 30 days and we will refund you. You can read our full terms and conditions here:

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"We played **Lord and Lady Westing's Will** for my husband's 40th birthday just after New Year's, and had an absolute blast! Everyone left the evening laughing and having had a great time, with several couple saying they were now going to plan a mystery party for their birthdays! We will definitely be choosing your party games again!"  
*Maggie Van Seters, Canada*



"What a fun afternoon :-)) We had a mix of experienced and inexperienced participants, eventually everyone got into character and after some great twists to the tale things got particularly interesting towards the end! I highly recommend **Lord and Lady Westing's Will**. Everyone had an awesome time – thanks for a great game."  
*Tonia Jackson, South Africa*



"I hosted **Lord and Lady Westing's Will** for my son's 17th birthday and it was a fabulous evening! The kids were very enthusiastic: they thrift-stored for their vintage looks, stayed in character to the end, lied and connived like champs, built alliances... They are all ready for another game as soon as possible. I am so glad to have found Freeform Games. Our only problem now is which mystery to try next."  
*Melani O'Brien, United States*



# News Clippings

## TRAGEDY IN THE ALPS!

*FAMOUS COUPLE DIE IN TRAGIC ACCIDENT*

June 13th, 1935: Lord Edward and Lady Judith Westing, one of the most celebrated couples in Europe, recently died in a tragic hot air balloon accident while in the Swiss Alps. Officials are still investigating but initial reports indicate that a sudden weather change with greatly reduced visibility caused the accident. The couple were enjoying a ride in their new hot air balloon and strayed too close to the mountains when fog rolled in. Officials are speculating that they were unable to navigate their balloon to safety before they crashed into the mountainside. What a truly tragic ending for this exciting and adventurous young couple.

## ANTIQUES THIEF STRIKES AGAIN!

*FROM THE NEW YORK POST:*

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1935: We have recently heard that an antiques thief, styling himself as 'Mr. Flynn' has been striking the upper echelons of society. None of the families that have been robbed (both here and in Europe) have been willing to admit to it but those in the know have confirmed some valuable pieces have gone missing. It certainly reminds this reporter of 'The Jaguar': a notorious jewelry thief who still remains at large.

## *THE MAJORCAN SPARROW* BY MARION MILES

June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1935: The latest title by world-famous mystery writer Marion Miles is sure to live up to the hopes of the most eager reader. Marion Miles has again delivered a suspenseful and masterful tale with Dash Hammett as the central figure. Dash is on the track of a dangerous statuette, known to have led many previous owners to ruin. On the way Dash must

deal with danger, deception and a beautiful heroine. Don't miss it! Pick up a copy at your local booksellers.

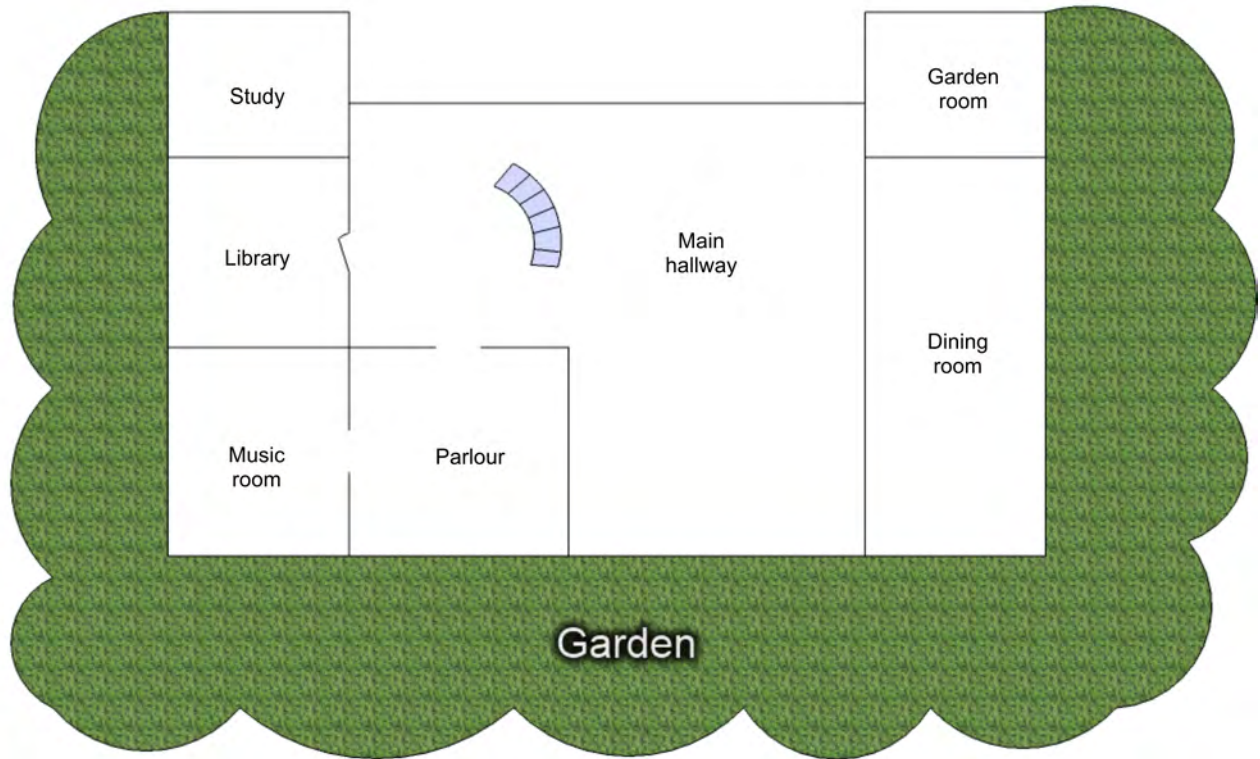
## ECCENTRIC COUPLE'S LEGACY CONTINUES

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HOSTS WITH THE MOST*

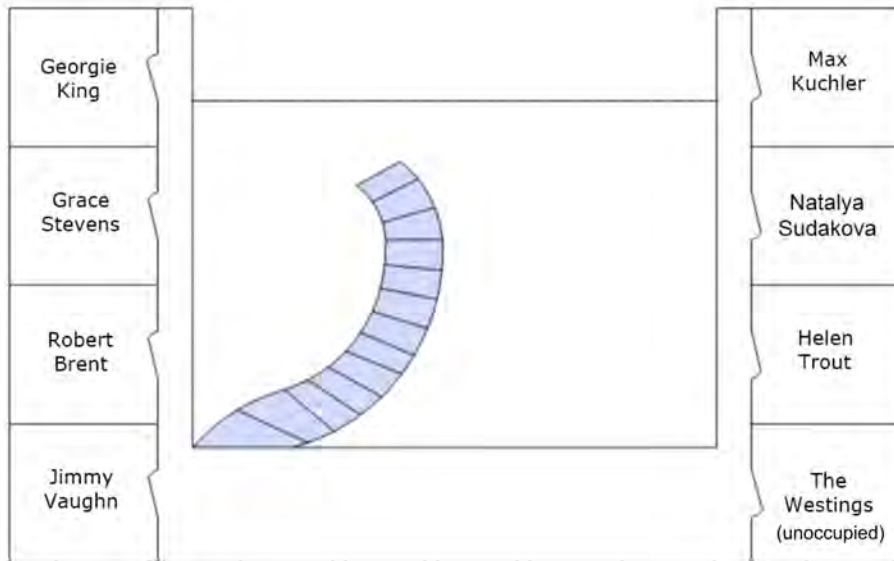
June 20<sup>th</sup>, 1935: It appears that even after death Lord Edward and Lady Judith Westing have the hottest tickets in town. The couple, whose recent untimely death shocked the world, are not done with us yet. A provision of their will requires their lawyers to arrange a party to read it. However, none of their relatives or close friends will be in attendance. In fact, the majority of the guests have never met the Westings. No one is sure what the Westings' intention was with this odd provision; and the firm representing them, Smyth & Johnson, have been close-mouthed about any details. Fortunately we were able to get an exclusive look at the guest list for the party. It includes the celebrated ballerina Natalya Sudakova, the renowned author Marion Miles and the internationally famous French private detective Camille Perroquet. The Westings have also requested a rather unusual host for the evening: Helen Trout, a somewhat well-to-do shopkeeper. This is not the first time they have asked for an unusual host: who can forget the party to raise funds for the London Zoo, hosted by a lion-tamer?

As this is, one assumes, their final party, it should be the most surprising and extravagant yet. It is well known that the Westings were generous in life and it is hard to imagine they will be any less so for their final farewell. If we can judge by previous gatherings hosted by Lord and Lady Westing, this final party should be one to die for.

# GROUND FLOOR:



# FIRST FLOOR:



## ***Lord and Lady Westing's Will – Cast List***

- **Ethel Collins:** Lord and Lady Westing's cook
- **Alex Harper:** Flighty socialite
- **Georgie King:** Wealthy American big game hunter
- **Max Kuchler:** powerful Swiss arms manufacturer
- **Francesca Marcuzzi:** elegant Italian viscountess and widow
- **Jack McGritt:** grizzled, no-nonsense American private investigator
- **Marion Miles:** world-renowned mystery writer, creator of the Dash Hamlet and Agnetha Mistie novels
- **Frank Norris:** Lord and Lady Westings' gamekeeper
- **Camille Perroquet:** famous French private investigator
- **William Smyth:** Lord and Lady Westings' loyal lawyer
- **Grace Stevens:** charming and youthful American heiress
- **Superintendent Charles Stone:** respected and solid officer of the Metropolitan Police
- **Natalya Sudakova:** talented ballerina from the Soviet Union
- **Helen Trout:** middle-class London shopkeeper
- **Lord Jimmy Vaughn:** charming and frivolous second son of a Duke
- **Morgan Vay:** well-known German hypnotist and psychologist

