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Jeweller's widow leaves £14 m

Eight charities are to receive £3 million under the will published yesterday of Mrs Esma Edgar, widow of Mr Robert Edgar, former vice-chairman and joint managing director of H Samuel, the jewellers.

Mrs Edgar, who died in June, left estate valued at £14,604,545 net (£14,744,661 gross). The sale proceeds of her home, Newtown Valance Place, Alton, Hampshire, which is valued at £3 million, were bequeathed to charities including Help the Aged, the PDSA, and St John Ambulance Brigade.