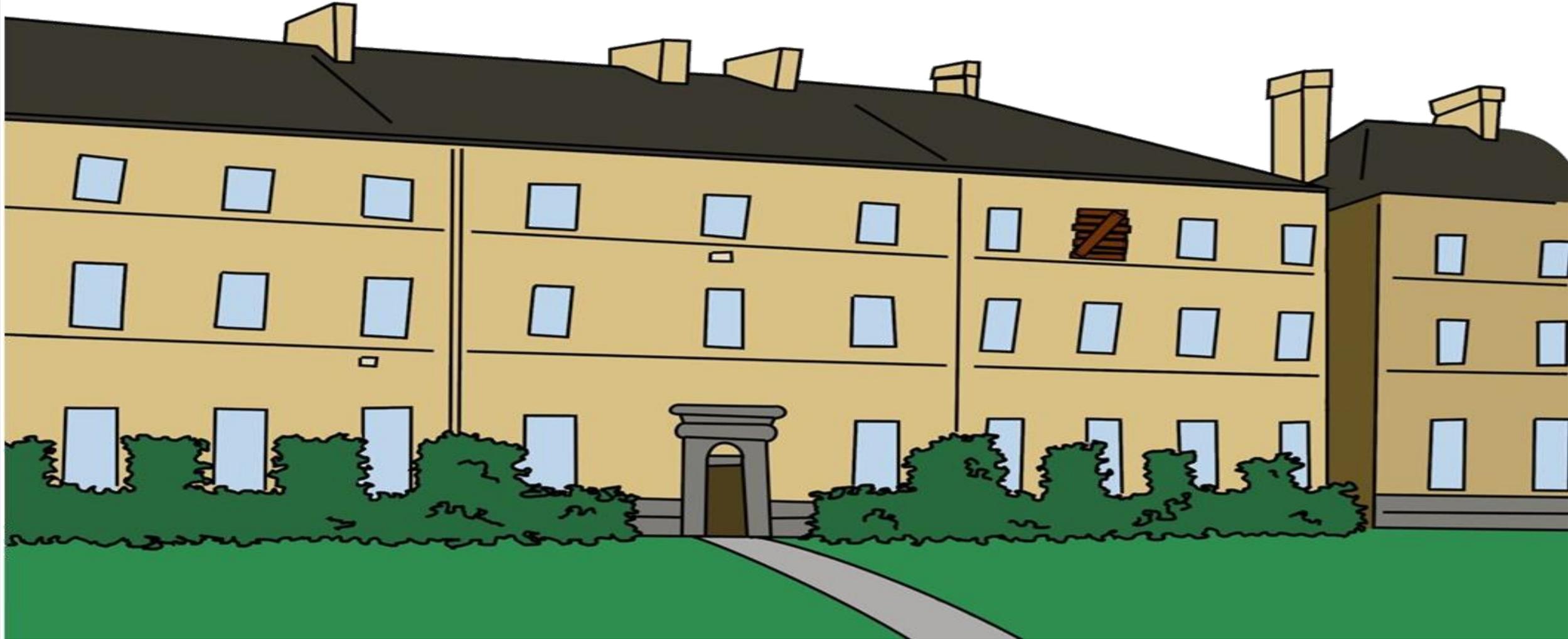


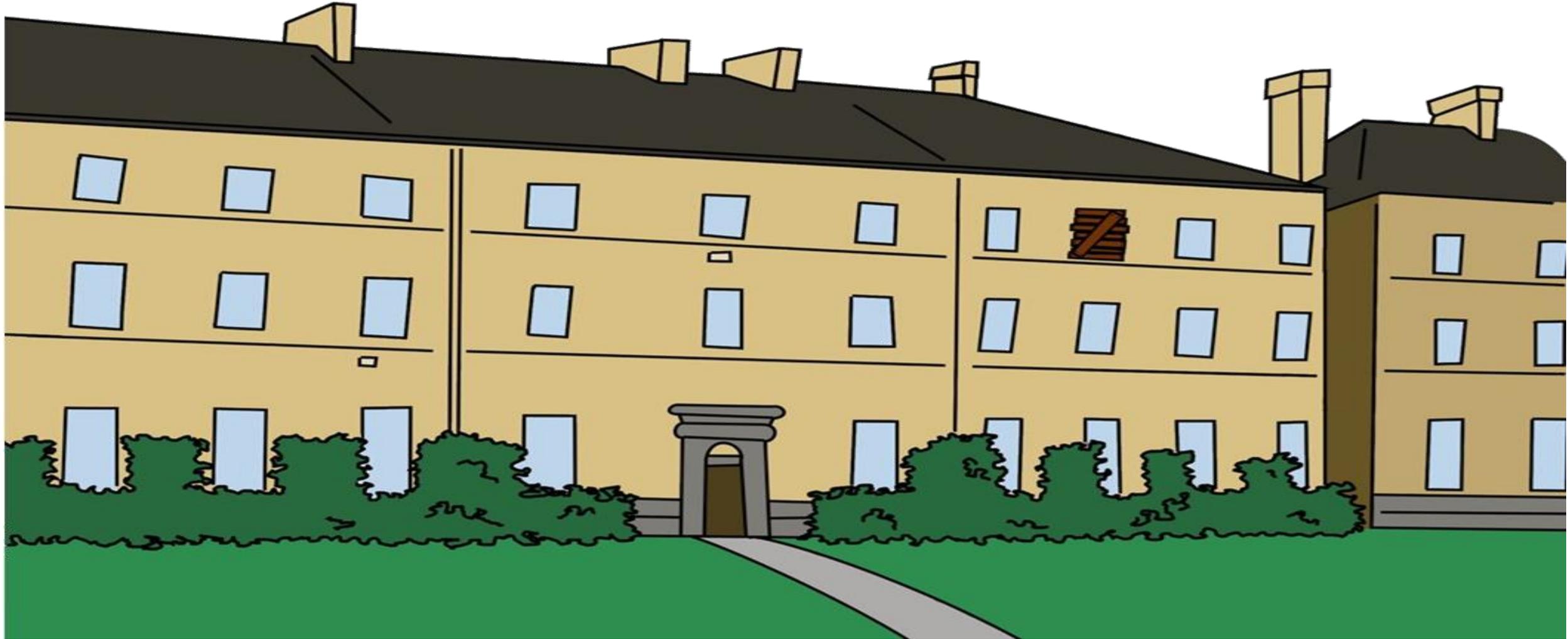
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**WELCOME TO TOPIC # 031... TODAY WE WILL BE  
LOOKING AT THE PASSING OF PROPERTY IN THE  
VICTORIAN PERIOD.**



**THE BRIEF REVIEW OF THE FATE OF SIR CHARLES'  
ESTATE IN CHAPTER FIVE OF THE HOUNDS OF THE  
BASKERVILLE...**



*...PROVIDED A SHORT GUIDE TO ENGLISH  
INHERITANCE LAWS APPLIED PRIMARILY TO THE  
ARISTOCRACY AND OTHER LARGE LANDOWNERS.*



**IN THIS CHAPTER, DR. MORTIMER NOTED THAT HENRY BASKERVILLE WILL INHERIT BASKERVILLE HALL BECAUSE IT IS ENTAILED, AND SHOULD HE PASS, THE ESTATE WOULD THEN GO TO JAMES DESMOND, A DISTANT COUSIN.**



*SIR HENRY, HOWEVER, COULD DISTRIBUTE FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ESTATE AS HE DESIRED.*





**THE NEW BARONET'S RESPONSE, HOWEVER, WAS THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE ESTATE NEEDED TO BE PASSED TO THE NEXT IN LINE TO ENSURE THE UPKEEP OF BASKERVILLE HALL.**





WHEN SIR CHARLES DIED, HIS TITLE OF BARONET  
AND ALL THE LAND ASSOCIATED WITH IT PASSED  
ON TO HIS CLOSEST...



**...LIVING MALE RELATION (HIS NEPHEW HENRY)  
AND WOULD HAVE DONE SO REGARDLESS OF ANY  
LIVING FEMALE RELATIVES.**



BEYOND THE OLDEST MALE  
DESCENDENT, ANY OTHER CHILDREN RECEIVED  
WHATEVER THEIR FATHER'S WILL DICTATED.

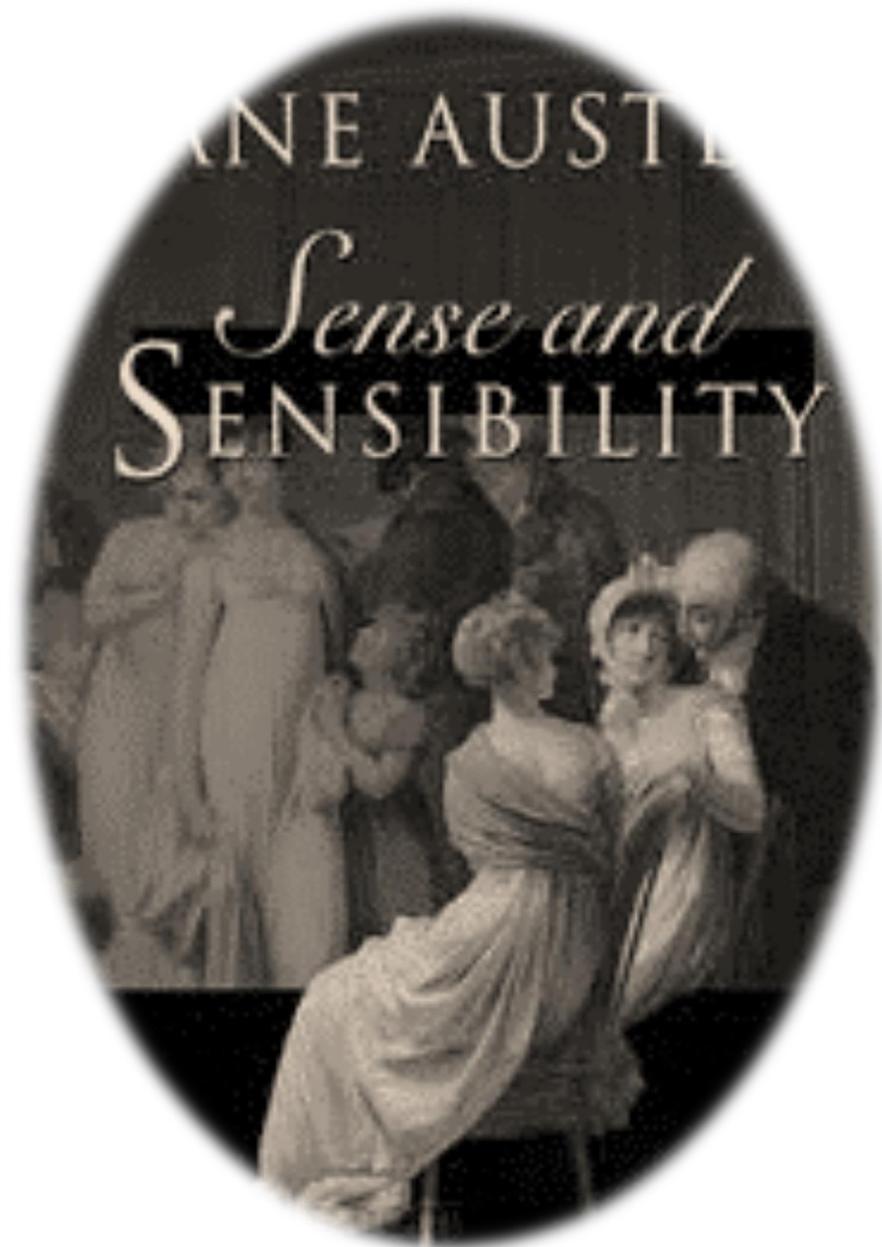


THUS, WIVES, DAUGHTERS, AND 'SECOND SONS' COULD FIND THEMSELVES HOMELESS IF THE INHERITOR WAS SO INCLINED...



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...TO TURN THEM OUT (SUCH AS THE FATE OF THE  
DASHWOOD WOMEN IN JANE AUSTEN'S NOVEL  
SENSE AND SENSIBILITY.)



WITH SUCH FUTURE, MOST WOMEN SOUGHT AS  
'FORTUNATE' A MARRIAGE AS POSSIBLE WHILE  
YOUNGER BROTHERS PREPARED THEMSELVES TO  
EARN THEIR OWN WAY...



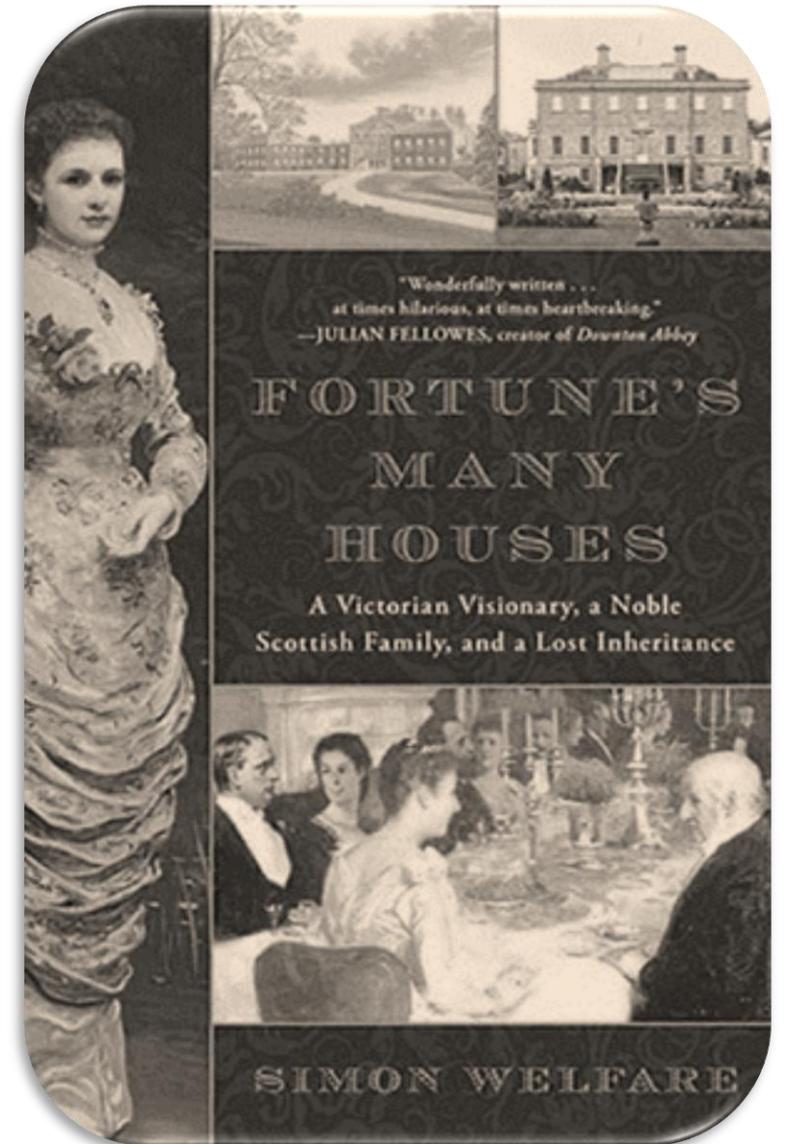
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...USUALLY IN SUCH CLASS-APPROPRIATE  
PROFESSIONS AS THE CLERGY OR THE MILITARY —  
ALTHOUGH A 'FORTUNATE' MARRIAGE OF THEIR  
OWN WAS NOT OUT OF THE QUESTION.





**SOME EVEN TOOK TO GO ABROAD SUCH AS SIR HENRY'S FATHER DID TO CANADA AND RODGER BASKERVILLE TO CENTRAL AMERICA.**



*GIVEN MY COUNTRY SQUIRE ANCESTRY, I WAS ALL TOO AWARE THAT, WITH AN OLDER BROTHER, I COULD ANTICIPATE LITTLE INHERITANCE.*





**AS A 'SECOND SON,' I HAD TO MAKE MY OWN WAY  
IN THE WORLD, AND SO I CARVED OUT HIS OWN  
VOCATION.**



UNLIKE THE TRADITIONAL PATH, HOWEVER, I  
CREATED THE UNIQUE PROFESSION OF  
CONSULTING DETECTIVE.



**NOT ONLY DID ENGLISH INHERITANCE LAW IN THE  
1800s PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR THE MOTIVE IN  
MANY A PLOT...**



*...IT ALSO HELPED CREATE ONE OF ITS MOST  
INTRIGUING AND POPULAR CHARACTERS, YOU.*



SO, WE HAVE COMPLETED TOPIC # 031 IN OUR SERIES...

IN TOPIC # 032, WE WILL LOOK AT THE USE OF FIREARMS IN THE SHERLOCKIAN STORIES.



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