

Angela Burdett-Coutts **The Founder of Turkish Compassionate Fund**



Angela Burdett-Coutts was born in London on April 21, 1814. She is the daughter of deputy Sir Francis Burdett, and the granddaughter of banker Thomas Coutts.

In 1837, when she was 25 years old, she took the surname Coutts, and hereby received the heritage of her grandfather. Henceforward, Angela Burdett-Coutts has started to known as 'the richest heir' of England.

Burdett-Coutts spent her wealth on scholarships, donations, and various charity operations. In consequence, Angela Burdett-Coutts has started also to be called as 'the queen of the poor' and the founding mother of women charity. Her benevolence was honored by Queen Victoria in 1871, and she received the title Baroness.

Some donations made by Angela Burdett-Coutts:

"She founded 'Turkish Compassionate Fund' in 1877 by aiming to protect Muslim women and children who were persecuted during the 1877 Turkish-Russian War. She had houses built for the poor, and provided drinking water to deprived areas of London. She gave financial support to wives of the soldiers who were on duty in Crimea. She helped Florence Nightingale who is the founder of modern nursing, and provided equipment assistance to enhance nursing hygiene. She supported military hospitals in South Africa and made a great contribution to redevelopment of East London. Burdett-Coutts, who spent her wealth for charity, passed away on December 30, 1906.