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# FORMAL WILL.

W.O. No.: E/535026/1

DOMICILE Irish

Record No. 374 / 639404 / 17 / 18

Name Michael Dowler

Regtl. No. and Rank 4128 Private

Regt. 1st Bn., Irish Guards

Died at death presumed

Date of Death 10-12-16

## WAR OFFICE.

Date 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1918.

H. 16/1906.

w/ 535026

5 Mar 1918

n/128. Pte. M. Dowler.

Irish Grds

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In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Aug A.D. 1915

(g) Soldier to sign here, or if he cannot write, to make his mark.

(g) <sup>His</sup> Michael ~~X~~ Dowler  
<sup>Mark</sup>  
Signed and acknowledged by the said <sup>His</sup> Michael ~~X~~ Dowler

the same having been previously read over to him as and for his last Will, in the presence of us, present at the same time, who, in his presence, at his request, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses.

(h) Witnesses to sign here.

(h) Lawrence McGinnis

(i) Add addresses in full.

(i) The Two Castlemore

(h) William Waldron

(i) Ballymore, Co. Wick

(i) Royalway

Declaration of the Medical Officer.

I declare that I was present at the Execution of this Will, and that Michael Dowler the Testator was at the time in a fit state of mind to execute the same.

B.B. Watson M.D.

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Army Form B 244.

FORM OF WILL, No. 2.

To be used by a Soldier desirous of leaving Legacies to some one or more persons, and the residue to another, or others.

(a) The names of the soldier to be written in full.

I, (a) Michael Dowler, Ballyglasson Carrickby Longford

No. 1128 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Batt-

Regiment of Irish Guards

do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made, and declare this to be my last Will.

After payment of my just Debts and Funeral Expenses, I give to (b) Wife

(b) Name the person, and describe him by his rank or profession, regiment, degree of relationship (if any), or in any other way, and give his address in full. If to a female, also add the words [for her sole and separate use, her receipt alone being a sufficient discharge].

(c) Ellen Dowler And I give to (b) Ballyglasson Carrickby

(c) for her sole and separate use her receipt alone being a sufficient discharge

And all the rest of my Estate and Effects, and everything that I can give or dispose of, I give and bequeath absolutely to (b)

Michael Dowler's Mark

w/ 535026

5 Mar 1918

n/128. Pk. M. Dowler.

Irish Gds

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Army Form B 243.

FORM OF WILL, No. 1.

To be used by a Soldier desirous of leaving the whole of his effects to one person.

I, (a) Michael Dowler

(a) The names of the soldier to be written in full.

Ballyglasson barrickboy Longford

No. 728 of the 2 Batt

Regiment of Irish Guards

do hereby revoke all former Wills by me made, and declare this to be my last Will.

After payment of my just Debts and

(b) Insert "friend," or if a relative, in what degree.

Funeral Expenses, I give to my Wife

(b) Ellen Dowler

(c) The name in full.

(c) Ballyglasson

(d) Insert the address, if known, or other description.

(d) barrickboy barlongford

(e) If to a female, add the words [for her sole and separate use, her receipt alone being a sufficient discharge].

absolutely (e) for her sole separate use her receipt alone being sufficient discharge

the whole of my Estate and Effects, and everything that I can by law give or dis-

(f) The full names and descriptions and exact addresses of the Executor or Executors should be carefully stated.

pose of, and I appoint (f) My Wife

Ellen Dowler

Ballyglasson barrickboy

Executor of this my Will. Longford

w/ 535026

5 Mar 1918

n/128. Pl. M. Dowler.

Irish Gds

QD 18465.

6. In English law a Will is revoked by the marriage of the testator, and therefore a new Will ought to be made after marriage if desired. By the law of Scotland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man, the rights of the widow or children to some part of the estate cannot be defeated by a Will.

7. If any alteration is made in the writing of a Will, the signatures of the testator and the witnesses ought to be made in the margin or other part of the Will, opposite to or near such alteration, or at the foot or end of, or opposite to, a memorandum referring to such alteration and written at the end or some other part of the Will.

8. But an alteration or addition may be made by a *Codicil* (that is to say, by an addition to the Will), executed and witnessed in the same way as the Will.

9. When engaged in actual warfare, or when he has been placed under orders for active service, a Soldier of English, Guernsey, or Manx domicile is privileged (where circumstances do not allow of these Forms being used) to record his Will in writing without the attesting witnesses [see page provided for the purpose in Army Book 64 (Soldier's Pay Book)], or to declare the same orally in the presence of witnesses. A Soldier of Scottish, Jersey, or Guernsey domicile can make a written Will without witnesses at any time, provided it is entirely in his own handwriting and dated and signed by him.

N.B.—The testator, if of English domicile, must be of the age of 21 years unless he is on active service or under orders for active service. A Scotsman can dispose by Will of personal property (as distinguished from real property) when over the age of fourteen years.