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INFORMAL WILL.

W.O. No.: E/127252/11

DOMICILE Irish

Record No. 65/169904

1915-16.

The enclosed document

dated 8th August 1914

Name Edward Adams and signed

E Adams

Regtl. No. and Rank } 7944 Rifleman

appears to have been written
or executed by the person

2nd Batt

Regt. Royal Irish Rifles named in the margin while

he was "in actual military
service" within the meaning

Died at near La Courteux

of the Wills Act, 1837, and
has been recognised by the

Date of Death 14/10/1914.

War Department as con-
stituting a valid will.

McCracken

WAR OFFICE.

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

Date 7th January 1916

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2/1944 Rfm. E. Adams
2/R. Irish Refs

Will

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No. 1.

THE WILL

of 7944 Edward Adams

of the 2/ A. I. Huffer Regt.

dated 8-8-14

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Army Form B. 243.

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REGISTRY
Army Form B. 243. &
ATTY. RECORD OFFICE.
15 AUG. 1914
DUBLIN

Form of Will, No. 1.

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

(a) The Names of the Soldier to be written in full.

I, (a) Edward Adams

No. 7944 of the 2/ Royal Irish Rifles Regiment of _____

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 my

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

(b) Sister

(c) The name in full.

(c) Rose Ann Adams

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

(d) 45 Gibson St Belfast

(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 a sufficient discharge

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

the whole of my Estate and Effects, and everything that I can by law give or dispose of, and I appoint (f) (Sister) Rose Ann Adams
45 Gibson St
Belfast

Executor of this my Will.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand

this 8th day of August A.D. 1914.

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

(g) E Adams.

Signed and acknowledged by the said Edward Adams 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) W. J. O'Connell

(i) Add Addresses in full.

(i) 2/ R. I. Rifles

X
(h)
(i)

Declaration of the Medical Officer.

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

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GENERAL RULES AS TO WILLS.

The Will must be in writing, and signed by the Testator with his name (or, if he cannot write, with his mark), in the presence of two Witnesses, who must be present together; and the Will must be acknowledged and attested in the presence, of all three.

A person to whom money, &c., is left by the Will, or the husband or wife of such a person, should not be an attesting Witness, for the gift would not be good, but he or she may be appointed an Executor.

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 portion of the estate cannot be defeated by a Will.

If any alteration is made in the writing of a Will, the signatures of the Testator and of 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.

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.

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 14 years.