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INFORMAL WILL.

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W.O. No.: E/142638/1

DOMICILE Irish

Record No. 110 236683 - 1915/16

The enclosed document,

dated 3rd August 1915

Name William Horgan

and signed

William Horgan

Regtl. No. and Rank

6391 Private

Regt.

2nd Bn Irish Guards

Died at

In the Field
in France

Date of Death

16. 11. 1915

appears to have been written or executed by the person named in the margin while he was "in actual military service" within the meaning of the Wills Act, 1837, and has been recognised by the War Department as constituting a valid will.

A second document, dated 2nd Aug: 1915, to the same effect is also enclosed.

WAR OFFICE.

Date 10th Jan: 1916

G. B. Crawford
for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

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6391 L/b. W^m Horgan

of Irish Guards.

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WILL.

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3^d August 1915

In case of my Death

I will leave all my money

to my wife Bridie Horgan

Fairside Rostellan

Co Cork

Ireland

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William Horgan

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In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of August A.D. 1915

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

(g) William Morgan
Signed and acknowledged by the said William Morgan

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) Thangrishe

(i) Add addresses in full.

(i) and Christopher Abbey
Co Wickham

(h) George E. MacCarthy

(i) 14 Sgt 5796 2 P.S.

Warley

Declaration of the Medical Officer.

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

R. Hanney 2nd Lt

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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) 6391 William Horgan

No. _____ of the _____
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) _____

(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) _____
And I give to (b) _____
(c) _____

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) _____

(c) Here state the particular articles or money intended to be given.

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6391 L/b. Wm Horgan

of Irish Guards.

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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.

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

1, (a) William Horgan

No. 6391 of the 2nd Batt
Regiment of Irish Guards

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

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

After payment of my just Debts and Funeral Expenses, I give to my

(b) wife

(c) The name in full.

(c) Bridie Horgan

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

(d) Starside Rostellon Co. Cork

(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

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

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

of, and I appoint (f) the said Bridie Horgan

Executor of this my Will.

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639, L/b. W^m Morgan

of Irish Guards.

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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 is 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.
