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FORMAL WILL.

W.O. No.: E/ 439911/1 ✓

DOMICILE Irish ✓

Record No. 552/901389. 19/20. ✓

Name Michael J. Cooke ✓

Regtl. No. and Rank 6249 Lance - Sergt. ✓

Regt. Irish Guards ✓

Died at Drowned R. M.S. Leinster ✓

Date of Death 10/10/1918 ✓

WAR OFFICE.

Date 11th Aug 1919

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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.

I, (a) Frederick Michael F. booke 6279

No. 2 Coy of the 2nd Battalion 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 my

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

(b) mother

(c) The name in full.

(c) Delia booke

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

(d) Georges St. 70th St. Galway Ireland

(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 and 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) John A booke Georges St. 70th St. Galway Ireland Executor of this my Will.

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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.

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In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 5th day of August

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

(g) M. F. Cooke

Signed and acknowledged by the said Michael F. Cooke

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) R. Hannay 2nd Lt

(i) Add addresses in full.

(i) 1st Marine Battalion Co Dublin

(h) Thaugriske

(h) Kendal Christopher Abbey

(i) Co Wickham, Ireland.

Declaration of the Medical Officer.

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

R. Hannay 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) _____

No. _____ of the _____

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 (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.