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# INFORMAL WILL.

W.O. No.: E/685222/1

DOMICILE. *Irish*

Record No. *459/756880*  
*18719*

The enclosed document

dated *10-8-18*

Name *Frank Coker*

and signed

*Coker Francis*

Regtl. No. and Rank *164 Sgt.*

appears to have been written

or executed by the person

Regt. *12th Br. R. Irish Rifles*

named in the margin while

he was "in actual military

service" within the meaning

Died at *France*

of the Wills Act, 1837, and

has been recognised by the

Date of Death *23.10.18*

War Department as con-

stituting a valid will.

WAR OFFICE.

*H. G. Malins*

Date *17 Feb 1919*

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

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**WILL.**

In the event of my death  
I give the whole of my  
property & effects to my  
Mother M<sup>rs</sup> Annie Costery  
Money Lane Annalong  
Co Down Ireland

Signature Costery F. Sgt

Rank and Regiment 1<sup>st</sup> B. F. Rif

Regtl. Number 164

Date 10/8/18

Soldiers are recommended to make a will before embarkation, on AF. W. 3297, and to hand it to their Commanding Officer for transmission to the Officer in charge of Records for safe custody.

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Short Form of Will.

(See instruction 4 on page 1).

If a soldier on active service, or under orders for active service, wishes to make a short will, he may do so on the next page. It must be entirely in his own handwriting and must be signed by him and dated. The full names and addresses of the persons whom he desires to benefit, and the sum of money, or the articles of property which he desires to leave to them, must be clearly stated. The mere entry of the name of an intended legatee on the opposite page without any mention of what the legatee is to receive is of no legal value.

The following is a specimen of a will leaving all to one person :-

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my mother, Mrs. Mary Atkins, 999, High Street, Aldershot.

(Signature) THOMAS ATKINS, Private, No. 1793.

Date 5th August, 1914 Gloucester Fusrs.

The following is a specimen of a will leaving legacies to more than one person -

In the event of my death I give £10 to my friend, Miss Rose Smith, of No 1, High Street, London, and I give £5 to my sister, Miss Sarah Atkins, 999, High Street, Aldershot, and I give the remaining part of my property to my mother Mrs Mary Atkins, 999, High Street, Aldershot.

(Signature) THOMAS ATKINS, Private, No 1793,

Date 5th August 1914 Gloucester Fusrs.

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**WILL.** R. J. P. P. P.

In the event of my death  
I give the whole of my  
property and effects to  
my mother Mrs Anne Costery  
Money Gara



Amalony  
Co Down  
Ireland

Signature Costery Francis

Rank and Regt. Sgt. 1st Reg. 1st Div.

Date 25/11/18

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104	—	—	Farmer

Musketier

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In the event of my death I give the whole of my

property and effects to my Mother.

No 164.

Sergeant

F. Costery.

11 Batt. R. I. A.

D. Coy.

B. E. I.

France

M. Annie Costery

Moneydara,

Annalong

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Army Form W. 3297.

**USE EITHER THIS FORM OR THE FORM, OVERLEAF, BUT NOT BOTH.**

Form of Will to be used by a soldier desirous of leaving the whole of his property and effects to one person.

(See overleaf for Form of Will leaving legacies to more than one person.)

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to

Name of Legatee in full Mrs Annie Costery  
(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)

Relationship to soldier, if any Mother

Address of legatee in full Moneydara, Annalong Co Down

Signature of Soldier (full name) Francis Costery

Rank and Regimental Number Sergeant 18/164

Regiment 18th Bn R. I. Rifles

Date May 17

Signed and acknowledged by the said (a) Francis Costery

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\*

(a) Insert full name of soldier making the Will.

(b) Witnesses to sign here.

(c) Add addresses in full.

(b) 12/3483. Cpl. T. Chambers.

(c) C. Coy. 18th Bn. R. I. Rifles. Blandeboye.

(b) 11/19511. Lan. Cpl. Wm Galbraith

(c) C. Coy. 18th Bn. R. I. Rifles. Blandeboye

\*N.B.—The Witnesses must NOT be persons intended to benefit under the Will, or husbands or wives of such persons.

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**USE EITHER THIS FORM OR THE FORM OVERLEAF, BUT NOT BOTH.**

Form of Will to be used by a soldier desirous of leaving legacies to some one or more persons, and the residue to another or others.

(See overleaf for Form of Will leaving everything to one person)

In the event of my death I give to

(a) Name the person and describe him by his rank, regt., or profession, degree of relationship (if any) or in any other way, and give his address in full

(a)

(b)

(b) Here state the particular articles, or money intended to be given

And I give to (a)

(b)

And all the rest of my estate and effects, and everything that I can give or dispose of, I give and bequeath absolutely to (a)

Signature of Soldier (full name)

Rank and Regimental Number

Regiment

Date

Signed and acknowledged by the said (c) 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\* :—

(c) Insert full name of soldier making the Will.

(d) Witnesses to sign here

(e) Add addresses in full

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\*N.B.—The Witnesses must NOT be persons intended to benefit under the Will, or husbands or wives of such persons.

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