



# NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF IRELAND

NAI/2002/119

Archives are subject to copyright and should not be copied or reproduced  
without the written permission of the Director of the National Archives

3

# FORMAL WILL.

W.O. No.: E/599257/1

DOMICILE

*Irish*

Record No.

*395/666067*

*18/19*

Name

*Albert William Cowan*

Regtl. No. and Rank

*11/17484 L. Cpl.*

Regt.

*12th Br. R. Irish Rifles*

Died at

*France*

Date of Death

*15-4-18*

WAR OFFICE.

Date

*6/9/18*

17

H. 16/1005.

E/599257

23 MAY 1918  
MAY 1918

17484. Lt. A. W. Cowan.

R. Irish Rfls

36838

**WILL.**

In the event of my death  
I leave the whole of my  
property & effects to my mother

Certified that this will was executed  
from a B. 64 of  
17484 Lt. A. W. Cowan. a. W.  
12th Royal Irish Rifles.  
1 Wallace Avenue  
Kisburn  
Co. Antrim

Credibly  
Off. in Ch. 3rd Bde. 31-5-18  
3rd Bde. 31-5-18  
Lieut. for

Signature. *A. Cowan.*

Rank and Regiment *Lt. R. F. Rfls*

Ill. Number *17484*  
21 MAR 1918

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

E/599257

23 MAY 1918  
MAY 1918

117484. L/c. A. W. Cowan.

P. Louis R. Rfle

V36838

P.U. 964

Short Form of Will.

(See instruction 4 on page 1).

E/5992571

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.

SPECIMEN PAGE

E/599257

23 MAY 1918  
MAY 1918

17484. 1/c. A. W. Cowan.

P. Lint R. Rifle

V36838

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 Lucy Cowan  
(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)

Relationship to soldier, if any Mother

Address of legatee in full 1 Wallace Avenue

Keshburn Co Antrim.

Signature of Soldier (full name) Albert Cowan.

Rank and Regimental Number R/1/cpl 17484

Regiment 18th (Res.) Batt. Royal Irish Rifles.

Date 27 MAR 1918



Signed and acknowledged by the said (a) 17484 1/cpl Cowan AW  
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.

(l) J. Cleland. C. P. U.S.  
(c) 18th R. I. Rifles  
(b) R/cpl S. Farley  
(c) A. Coy., 18 (Res.) Batt. R. I. RIFLES.

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

(390) Wt. W. 10166/M.1053. 500M. 11/16. C. P., Ltd. Forms/W. 3297/2.

[P.T.O.]

E/599257

23 MAY 1918  
MAY 1918

17484. L/c. A. W. Cowan.

P. Lint R. Rfle

V36838

**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.)

P36838

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)

E/599257

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

(b)

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

(d)

(e)

(d)

(e)

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