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# INFORMAL WILL.

W.O. No.: E/262842/1

DOMICILE. *Irish*

Record No. *129/265589 16/17*

The enclosed document

dated *20th Nov. 1914*

Name *William Fox*

and signed

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Regtl. No. and Rank *31841 Private*

appears to have been written

Regt. *Royal Army Medical Corps*

or executed by the person

Died at *France*

named in the margin while

Date of Death *19<sup>th</sup> September 1916*

he was "in actual military

service" within the meaning

of the Wills Act, 1837, and

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War Department as con-

stituting a valid will.

WAR OFFICE.

*Boffer to*

Date *23/1/17*

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for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

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In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand this 20<sup>th</sup> day of Nov.

A.D. 1914

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

(g) William Fox

Signed and acknowledged by the said

William Fox.

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.

(i) Add address-  
es in full.

(h) Wm. Truitt

(i) 44<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance  
Ramb.

(h) E. J. Tree

(i) 44<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance

R.M.C.

Declaration of the Medical Officer.

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

L. G. Hood Lieut. R.A.M.C.

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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

(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].

Funeral Expenses, I give to (b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

And I give to (b) \_\_\_\_\_

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

And all the rest of my Estate and

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

Effects, and everything that I can give or

dispose of, I give and bequeath absolutely

to (b) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) William Fox.

No. 31841 of the 44<sup>th</sup> Field Amb Regiment of R.A.M.C.

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

(c) The name in full.

(b) Mother

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

(c) Mary Fox.

(e) If to a female, add the words [for her sole and separate use, her receipt alone being a sufficient discharge].

(d) 41 Selskirk Bldg Kingsdown Dublin  
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

Mary Fox.

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 if 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.