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## INFORMAL WILL.

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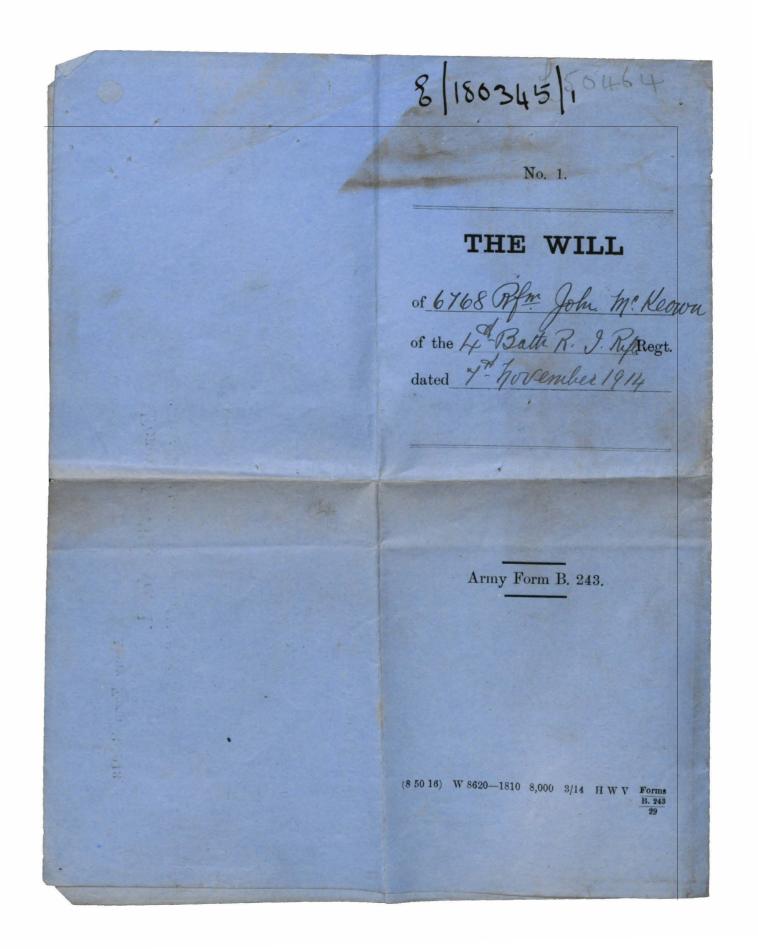
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appears to have been written or executed by the person named in the margin while he was "in actual military service" within the meaning of the Wills Act, 1837, and has been recognised by the War Department as constituting a valid will.

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## GENERAL RULES AS TO WILLS.

The Will must be in writing, and signed by the Testator with his name (or, if he cannot write, with his mark), in the presence of two Witnesses, who must be present together; and the Will must be acknowledged and attested in the presence of all three.

A person to whom money, &c., is left by the Will, or the husband or wife of such a person, should not be an attesting Witness, for the gift would not be good, but he or she may be appointed an Executor.

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 portion of the estate cannot be defeated by a Will.

If any alteration is made in the writing of a Will, the signatures of the Testator and of 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.

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.

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 14 years.