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INFORMAL WILL.

W.O. No.: E/180345/1

Irish
DOMICILE English

Record No. 202/374554

The enclosed document
dated 7th Nov 1914

Name John McKeown

and signed John McKeown

Regtl. No. and Rank 6768 Private

Regt. 2nd Bn. Royal Irish Rifles

Died at France

Date of Death 16/6/15
on or since

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.

WAR OFFICE.

Date 29/5/17

A. Deane
for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

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6768. Pte J. McKeown.

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No. 1.

THE WILL

of 6768 Pte John M. Keown
of the 4th Bath R. I. Regt.
dated 7th November 1914

Army Form B. 243.

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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) ^{Rfm} John Mc Keown

No. 6768, of the 4th Battⁿ Roy. Ir. Rifles S. R. Regiment of Palace Bks Holywood

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) Elizabeth Mc Keown.

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

(d) 26. Frederick St. Bessbrook.

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

absolutely (e)

(f) The full names and descriptions and exact addresses of the Executors or Executors should be carefully stated.

the whole of my Estate and Effects, and everything that I can by law give or dispose of, and I appoint (f)

Executor of this my Will.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand

this Seventh day of November A.D. 1914.

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

(g) John Mc Keown

Signed and acknowledged by the said

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) W. Macnamara 2nd Lt

(i) Add Addresses in full.

(i) Woodbank Garage, G. Londonderry.

Declaration of the Medical Officer.

I declare that I was present at the Execution of this Will and that

John Mc Keown the Testator was at the time in a fit state of mind to execute the same.

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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.