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Formal Will
and
INFORMAL WILL.

W.O. No.: *E/234658/1.*

DOMICILE *Irish*

Record No. *132/270361¹⁶/17.*

The enclosed document

dated *3/12/15.*

Name *David Worthington*

and signed

D. Worthington.

Regtl. No. and Rank *57633 Sapper.*

appears to have been written

or executed by the person

Regt. *Royal Engineers.*

named in the margin while

he was "in actual military

Died *at in France.*

service" within the meaning

of the Wills Act, 1837, and

Date of Death *7-7-1916.*

has been recognised by the

War Department as con-

stituting a valid will. *A formal will bearing the same date is also enclosed.*

W.A. House

WAR OFFICE.

for the Assistant Financial Secretary.

Date *6/9/16*

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WILL.

In the event of my Death
I give the whole of my
Property and Effects to
My Wife Evelyn Worthington
27 Ballymena St Belfast
Ireland [for her sole use]

Signed By Me this day 3/12/15

Sapper D. Worthington

No 57633 Royal Engineers

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Lady Carson.

Ulster Division Comforts Team

31 Belgrave Sq

London Eng
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In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of December 1915

A.D. 19

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

(g) David Worthington

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) James Finlay

(i) Add addresses in full.

(i) no. 10, 8 St. P. D. Dublin

(h) William Thompson

(i) 22, Abertan St
Belfast, Ireland

Declaration of the Medical Officer.

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

_____ the Testator, was at the time in a fit state of mind to execute the same.

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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 Funeral Expenses, I give to (b) _____

(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].

(c) _____

And I give to (b) _____

(c) _____

And all the rest of my Estate and Effects, and everything that I can give or dispose of, I give and bequeath absolutely to (b) _____

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

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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) Sapper David Worthington

No. 57633 of the 121 Field Coy Regiment of Royal Engineers

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 wife

(c) The name in full.

(b) Evelyn Worthington

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

(c) 27 Ballymena Street
(d) Belfast, Ireland

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

absolutely (e) For her sole and 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) _____

Executor of this my Will.

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form of attestation, and the general outline of the Will, as shown in the following Forms, are to be carefully preserved.

4. 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.

5. A person to whom money, etc., 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.

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.