

Very Reverend William Chambers Townsend [6B11]

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William's Will

Transcribed by Professor David Grayson.

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Preamble:

Of 40 Church Road, St. Leonards-on Sea, died 7th November 1909.

Last Will and Testament with a Codicil.

Administration granted to Emma Mary Townsend, Widow, and Desmond Gerald Fitzgerald of Turlough Castlebar in the County of Mayo Esquire the Executor.

Named in the said Codicil The Reverend John Townsend Tuckey, Clerk, the nephew of the deceased the other Executor named in the said Will having renounced the Probate and execution of the said Will and Codicil.

Dated the 28th day of February 1910.

Gross value of Estate £6389-14-4

Net value of personal Estate £5926-6-5

Resworn £6755-0-6

Extracted by Norris & Spicer, solrs St Leonards on Sea

Text:

This is the last Will and Testament of me The Very Reverend William Chambers Townsend DD formerly Dean of Tuam County Galway I appoint my very dear wife Emma Mary Townsend and my Nephew the Reverend John Townsend Tuckey BA of Christ Church in the City of Cork (herein after called my said Trustees) to be the Executors and Trustees of this my Will and I bequeath to the said **John Townsend Tuckey** a legacy of **Twenty pounds** for his trouble in so acting I bequeath to my said **dear wife** absolutely **all my plate linen China Books Pictures Prints Furniture Jewelry and other Household Effects** I also bequeath to her a sum of **One hundred pounds** to be paid into her hands as soon as may be after my decease I bequeath the sum of **one hundred pounds** to the **Church of Ireland Incumbents** at my decease of the parishes of **Turlough and Castlebar** County Mayo to be applied by them in such manner as they in their own absolute discretion shall think fit for the benefit of the Poor without distinction of creed of the said parish of Turlough I devise and bequeath all my real and personal estate not hereby otherwise disposed of unto my said Trustees upon Trust that they shall sell call in and convert into money the same or such part thereof that shall not consist of money and shall with and out of the moneys produced by such sale calling in and conversion and with and out of my ready money pay my funeral and testamentary expenses and debts and the said legacies and shall invest the residue of the said monies with power for my said Trustees from time to time at discretion to vary such investments and shall stand possessed of the said residuary Trust moneys and the investments for the time being representing the same (hereinafter called the said Trust Funds in Trust to pay the income thereof to my said wife during her life and after her decease In Trust to sell call in and convert into money the said Trust Funds and from and out of the proceeds thereof to pay the following Charitable Legacies namely The sum of **Two hundred pounds** to the **Bishop of Tuam's Fund** in aid of poor parishes in the Diocese of Tuam either by aiding the parochial assessment or increasing the Incumbents stipend it being my desire but not a binding or legal testamentary direction that preference be given to the said Parish of Turlough and I declare that the receipt of the Bishop of Tuam for the time being or the Treasurer of the Parish Fund shall be a sufficient discharge to my said Trustees and the sum of **Eighty pounds** to the **Church of Ireland**

Representative Body to be applied by them in such manner as they in their absolute discretion shall think fit for the benefit of the **Parish of Drinagh County Cork** whether to aid the Parochial Assessment or the stipend of the Incumbent And I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the said Body shall be a sufficient discharge to my said Trustees And in Trust to pay and **divide the remainder** of the said proceeds of the said and conversion of the said Trust funds into and amongst such of the following ten persons as shall be living at the date of the death of the survivor of my dear wife and myself namely:- **Isabella Adine Day** the wife of the Reverend William A. Day at present Rector of Claremorris **Rebecca Hill** the Widow of the late Reverend Lionel T. Hill **Jane Wakeham** the daughter of the Reverend Thomas Wakeham **Ethel Hill** the daughter of the late James B. Hill C. E. **Desmond Gerald Fitzgerald** of Charleville Turlough aforesaid and the **Five several daughters** of my **late dear sister Mary Elizabeth Tuckey** Provided always that in case any of such ten persons shall die before the survivor of myself and my said wife leaving issue living at the death of such survivor then I declare that the share and interest of the person so dying of and in the remainder of the said proceeds shall not lapse but shall vest in his or her Representatives as part of his or her personal estate in the same manner as if he or she had survived such survivor And I declare that my said Trustees may postpone the sale or conversion of any part of my real and personal estate indefinitely or allow the same to remain permanently in such investments as at my decease or for so long as they shall think fit And that in the meantime the income arising therefrom shall be paid and applied as the income of the proceeds thereof would have been payable or applicable And I further declare that all moneys liable to be invested under this my Will may be invested in or upon the public stocks or Funds or Government securities of the United Kingdom or India or any Colony or Dependency of the United Kingdom or the Stock of the Bank of England or upon freehold copyhold leasehold chattel Real securities in England or Wales (**but not in Ireland**) or in or upon the Preference or Guaranteed Stocks Funds or Shares or the Debentures or Debenture Stocks or Mortgages or securities of any Corporation Company or Public Body Municipal Commercial or otherwise in the United Kingdom or India or any Colony or Dependency of the United Kingdom And lastly I hereby revoke all Wills and testamentary dispositions heretofore made by me and declare this to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of April one thousand nine hundred and four.

Signed by the said William Chambers Townsend as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us both present at the same time who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribe our names as witnesses

Stephen T. S. Spicer 14 Warrior Square St Leonards-on Sea Solicitor

Arnold H. Garrett 14 Warrior Square St Leonards Clerk to Messrs Norris & Spicer, Solicitors

This is a Codicil to my last Will and Testament made in April 1904 Wm. C. Townsend If John T. Tuckey cannot act as Co-executor with my wife I appoint in his place Desmond G. Fitzgerald of Turlough and I leave him if he acts the Twenty pounds left to John Tuckey If those I have named as Executors approve of it I appoint the Public Trustee to act as my executor and Trustee I give and bequeath to my faithful friends and servants Fifty pounds (£50) each that is to James Lipton & his good wife I add to the list of persons who are to benefit by the division of the residue of my money Isabella Lynch Wife of Revd James Lynch Pallas Green Co Limerick and my dear niece Mary E Barry.

Signed by the very Revd Wm C Townsend as a Codicil to his last Will & Testament in the presence of us both present at the same time who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribe our names as witnesses this 26th day of February 1908

Harlow Phibbs MA Curate in Charge of St Saviours St Leonards-on-Sea

Frances Lena Stanley Phibbs

On the 28th day of February 1910 Probate of this Will (with a Codicil) was granted at Lewes to Emma Mary Townsend Widow and Desmond Gerald Fitzgerald two of the Executors

I certify this to be true copy

Emma's Will

Transcribed by Professor David Grayson.

Trinity College Dublin

Preamble:

Of 40 Church Road, St. Leonards-on Sea, Widow, died 2nd April 1911 at No 19 Russell Square Brighton

Last Will and Testament.

Administration granted to The Reverend William Charles Edward Soughton of No 192 Bohemia Road St Leonards on Sea aforesaid Clerk the sole Executor named in the said Will

Dated the 9th day of June 1911.

Gross value of Estate £4013-15-11

Net value of personal Estate £3871-5-9

Resworn £3918-9-9

Extracted by Norris & Spicer, solrs St Leonards on Sea

Text:

July 1910 The last Will and Testament of me Emma Mary Townsend Widow of v Rev W. C. Townsend late Dean of Tuam I appoint as my Executor my Parish Priest and very dear Friend the Rev W. C. E. Soughton at present curate of S Pauls St Leonards on Sea The only money I have absolute power over and can leave as I choose is invested in consols 2½ %, Bank of England and amounts to nearly £3700 but as consols are low this sum when sold out may not realise more than about £2900 I wish it to be sold out as soon as possible and when Probate is taken out and all expenses (lawyer and so on) are paid) the following legacies are to be paid To my Executor, **Rev W. C. E. Soughton** the sum of **£450** (four hundred and fifty pounds To my faithful servants **James and Eliza Lipton**, or the longer lived of them **£450** as a mark of appreciation of their devoted service both to myself & to my dear husband Dean Townsend £10 to be paid to them at once over & above the legacy of £450 To my first cousin **Mrs Annie Woolfe** of 3 Ferndale Road Clapham SW **£250** To my first cousin **Miss Hannah Fetherstonhaugh** **£250** Failing her, this sum to go to her sister **Miss Susan Fetherstonhaugh** failing her it is to go to their widowed sister **Mrs Addie Nixon** or failing her to Mrs Nixon's married daughter **Mrs Marjorie Millar** all of Devon Road Bedford To the Dean's goddaughter **Miss Daisy Pemberton** Daughter of Rev Thomas Pemberton, Vicar of S Matthias Church, Liverpool **£100** To **Miss Harriet Sugden** of 3 Calton Grove Road Norwich **£100** Should she have left Norwich Rev W. R. Supple rector of Thoyse may know her address To **Mrs Helena Day**, Widow, of Teddington, **£100**. Her sister Mrs A Woolfe already mentioned may know her address To **Miss Isabel Delmege** of 115 Up Leeson St Dublin **£100** To my **little godson**, son of Ormond Fitzgerald of Charleville Turlough Castlebar **£100** To **Miss Marianne Abbott** of 3 Bridge Terrace Park Road Walmer **£100** should she have moved Mrs Burleigh Miss Wills Sandford's cousin may know her address To **Mrs Isabella Lynch** of Cahirconlish Rectory Pallas Green co Limerick **£100** as a mark of affection To **Dick Woolfe**, my godson, the youngest son of Mrs A Woolfe of 3 Ferndale Road Clapham SW **£50** To **Miss Jane Macfarlane** of 8 up Mount Pleasant Avenue Rathmines Dublin **£25** To **Mr Dick Mooney** of 13 Arranmore Avenue North Circular Road Dublin **£25** I wish my Executor to know that the National Debt Commissioners old Jewery London, pay an additional quarter's

Annuity on the death of the Annuitant over & above the quarters annuity due either 5th May, 5th of April, 5th July or 5th October as the case may be so that there will be more than enough out of this to pay my **funeral expenses (not to exceed £40)** and also a **cross of not more than £10** for my grave the extra annuity money would amount to over £80 this surplus to go to my Executor for his trouble in addition to the legacy of £450 In the event of any legatee dying before me this lapsed legacy to go to my Executor as well as any other money there may be either in Bank to my account, or in P Office Savings Bank said Executor viz. residuary legatee I wish said **Executor** to have my **single stone diamond Gipsy ring** as a memento of our delightful "Talks" also he is to choose any **picture or pictures or pieces of furniture** he fancies, such as the **big clock in the Hall** the **two ebony armchairs** now in drawing room the **leather Armchair** in which he always sat in the dining room and the **small painted tea stools** Also the **large silver hunter watch** And the **revolving Book case** and **bureau** Rev W. C. E. Soughton Rev J. F. Nicholson of Castletown Rectory Killaloe Rev Thomas Pemberton of S Matthias Vicarage Liverpool and Rev John Tuckey Canada, to share the books as they may agree amongst themselves John Tuckey's sister Mrs Sullivan wife of Headmaster of St Andrew's College Dublin will know his address or store the books for him **any old Townsend books** to go to **John Tuckey** Also the beautiful **miniature of Mrs Townsend** mother of the Dean The rest of the **furniture** after my executor has had his choice to go to **James & Eliza Lipton** to furnish a house for themselves **Miss Daisy Pemberton** to have my **Collard Piano** and my **set of Aqua marines set in silver** and a **broad band silver gilt necklet and ditto bracelet** Mrs Pemberton to have my **small gipsy diamond ring** Rev F Nicholson to have my **gold hunter watch** and the **chain with bunch of seals** etc attached to it also my **large mahogany desk with Townsend crest** on lid also the **five stone diamond ring** Mrs Lynch of Cahirconlish rectory to have my **large round opal ring set with small brilliants** & my **three row gold chain necklet** Also **gold bracelet with small brilliant** in centre **Miss H Fetherstonhaugh** to have **long gold chain with gold locket** and **gold bracelet with cairngorm** in centre engraved with Fetherston crest To **Miss Gwendolen Fitzgerald** sister of Desmond Fitzgerald of Turlough Park a **necklet set with stones & handsome pendant** Also **diamond (best stones) crescent brooch** also **gold curb bracelet** Also **two bracelets cameos & red stone set in filagree gold & which form dog collar** And to **Mrs Desmond Fitzgerald** handsome **star diamond brooch** in trust for her daughter To **Miss Rosie Kirwan** of Gardenfield Tuam **ruby and diamond half hoop ring worth £30** To the **Misses Hume** of Wellington Sqre Hastings a **ring each one 3 row sapphires & diamonds** the other **3 row rubies and diamonds** v valuable **Desmond Fitzgerald Turlough** to have my **3 stone large diamond ring worth £100** to go to his wife if he marries **single stone gipsy (diamond) ring** to go to **Rev W. C. E. Soughton** in memory of our delightful "talks" **Mrs Carter of Chantilly, France** to have the **diamond ring** her father gave me years ago **Mrs Hills' daughter Annie of Malahide Dublin** to have my **turquoise ring** and **long silver chain set with onyx stones** and **3 onyx brooches** **Miss Harriet Sugden** to have my **chains and brooches of amber** Also my **set of garnets, necklet & several brooches** and **different bead necklaces** and her sister **Lizzie Nurse Sugden** to have as a remembrance my **broadband ring with one opal** in centre and **gold snake ring** **Mrs Marjorie Millar** daughter of Mr Nixon of Bedford to have my **handsome 3 stone opal ring** **Mrs A Woolfe** to have my mother's **long gold chain and watch** in trust for Dick her youngest son the **rest of the jewellery** that is the gold brooches topaz brooches and a lovely garnet brooch large stones worth £2 each set in 22 Carat gold **to go to Mrs Georgie Lydall** of 16 Bedford Gardens who can also have my **new Erard Piano**, but I expect her to give at least £5 to the Church Army for it **any more brooches rings** etc including an **heirloom** in the shape of a **jet long necklace** to be **divided between the three Tucky girls** sisters to John Tucky **Desmond Fitzgerald** to have the **Fitzgerald plate** the **curios Knife stands 3** and **any family or other pictures he fancies** also the **old prints** in a case and the **miniatures** the **Collard Piano** to go to **Daisy Pemberton** and **Mr Pemberton** to have the **pictures painted by Mr Williamshurst** and the **plate (electro)** left to me by my Aunt Mrs Williamshurst which will be easily distinguished by the different make **Tea coffee pot sugar basin and forks and spoons any bed or table linen glass china** etc to go to **James and Eliza Lipton** The valuable **old china** in big case to go to **Desmond Fitzgerald** There are **3 tureens** in another case valuable old china **Mr Soughton** to choose **one** for himself **Frank Nicholson** of Castletown **one** and **Mrs Sullivan** of S Andrews College Dublin **one** My **wardrobe** to be divided (Eliza & Mrs Woolfe can do it) between them and **Miss M A Abbott** The **Townsend plate** & the

melon shaped silver tea pot to go to the **Tucky girls** I do not know if I have made it clear that an additional quarter's annuity is always paid by the National Debt Commissioners on the death of an annuitant over & above the ordinary sum due This additional sum would be about £90 and out of this sum there will be £40 for my funeral expenses and £10 for a cross for grave the remainder to go to my executor for his trouble Lastly I declare this to be my last Will and Testament In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand this seventh day of July 1910 (ten)

Signed by the said Emma Mary Townsend as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us both present at the same time who at her request and in the presence of each other hereunto subscribe our names as witnesses

Harlow Phibbs MA Helensdene St Leonards on Sea Curate in Charge of St Saviours

Henry Knox Hutchinson MA late Rector of Elsworth Cambs 169 London Road St Leonards on Sea

On the 9th day of June 1911 Probate of this Will was granted at Lewes to The Reverend William Charles Edward Soughton clerk the sole executor

I certify this to be a true Copy