

Will of Private Robert Andrew Lomax Purves, 1916

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INFORMAL WILL

War Office Number:	E/252571/1
Record Number.	198/369107 16/17
Name	Robert Andrew Lomax Purves
Regimental Number and Rank	Number 4397 Private
Regiment	9th Battalion Royal Scots
Died at [deleted]	Killed in Action (self-inflicted)
Date of Death	29 August 1916

Domicile Scottish

The enclosed document dated 29 August 1916 and signed R. A. L. Purves appears to be holograph of the person named in the margin, and has been recognized by the War Department as a valid will according to Scottish Law.

[Signed by] [illegible initials] Malings

War Office

Date 30 January 1917

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Certified that this was extracted from Army Book 64 of 4397 Private R A L Purves 9th Royal Scots (attached 5th Scottish Rifles).

[signed] H Codrington, Captain for Officer in command of Territorial Infantry Northern Section General Headquarters 3rd Echelon 22 September 1916

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WILL

In the event of my death I give the whole of my property and effects to my mother, Mrs Eliza Purves, Athelstane Lodge, Preston, Prestonpans, in the County of Haddington in Scotland.

Signature	Robert A. L. Purves
Rank and Regiment	Private, No 4397 5 Scottish Rifles
Date	1st August 1916

[note by Purves]

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I have shot myself as I cannot stand the hardship and sufferings of this life any longer, and there is no chance of getting home again to see my parents whom may God bless and comfort in their trouble. Mr Clarkson & Mr Collins are two fine officers and I hope they will come

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through this war safe & sound. Any of my pals can have what they wish of my things here. Goodbye and good luck to everyone.

R. A. L. Purves

Fricourt Wood,
29 August 1916

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