

Testament of Robert Louis Stevenson  
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Robert Louis Stevenson SC70/1/358 [pp.182-3] [In margin] Robert Louis Balfour Stevenson Duty 4 1/2 pc £3.17.4 Testate 11 May 1897 [main text] At Edinburgh the Eleventh day of May Eighteen hundred and Ninety Seven the following Inventory of the personal estate of Robert Louis Balfour Stevenson and Deed relative to the disposal thereof were presented by Mitchell & Baxter W[riters to the] S[ignet] Inventory of the Personal or Moveable Estate and Effects of the late Robert Louis Balfour Stevenson, Advocate of the Scots Bar, who resided at Vailima in the Island of Upolu, Samoa who died at Vailima aforesaid on the third day of December 1894 Scotland 1. Sum in 5% Debebture of the [pp.184-5] The Edinburgh and San Francisco Redwood Company Limited £80...- Interest thereon at 5% from 1st November 1894 to date of death 32 days ..7.. 80..7..- 2. Amount of expectancy under Trust Disposition & Settlement and Codicil by Thomas Stevenson Civil Engineer Edinburgh dated 29th October 1873 and recorded in the Books of Council and Session 16th May 1887 (Scotch M-Z Register N1887 -F442) as at date of death £25863...- Less Value of an Annuity Mrs Stevenson~\*s life at 4% on the above sum say £1114..10/- 9,146...- 16717...- £16,797..7..- England England 1. Net amount of Deceased~\*s Estate upon which duty has already been paid 15,525..8..- £32,322..15/- Estate Abroad Note:- The deceased had personal estate in Samoa the amount of which is not yet known. When ascertained it will be accounted for and any duty which may be exigible thereon will be paid (Signed) C. Baxter ( .. ) E. Vaughan Morgan Alderman Guildhall London. At London Guilhall Justice Room the Twenty third day of April Eighteen hundred and Ninety seven In Presence of E. Vaughan Morgan, One of Her Majesty~\*s Justices of the Peace for the City of London Appeared Charles Baxter Writer to the Signet residing at 6 Staple Inn, Holborn Bars [pp.186-7] Bars, London who being solemnly sworn and examined Depones That the said Robert Louis Balfour Stevenson Advocate of the Scots Bar died at Vailima in the Island of Upolu, Samoa upon the third day of December Eighteen hundred and Ninety four a British Subject whose domicile of Origin was Scotch and whose Will is Valid by Scotch Law, his domicile at death being doubtful That the Deponent is Executor nominated by him along with Henry James Novelist London, (who declined to act) in his Last Will and Testament executed by him in September Eighteen hundred and ninety three and registered in the Books of Council and Session on the fourth day of April Eighteen hundred and Ninety five and Extract whereof is now exhibited exhibited and signed by the Deponent and the said Justice of the Peace of this date as relative hereto. That the Deponent has entered upon the possession and management of the deceased~\*s estate as Executor foresaid. That the Deponent does not know of any testamentary Settlement or writing relative to the disposal of the deceased~\*s personal or moveable estate or effects or any part thereof other than the before mentioned Last Will and Testament That the foregoing Inventory, signed by the Deponent and the said Justice of the Peace is a full and complete Inventory of the personal or moveable estate and effects of the said deceased wheresoever situated and belonging or due to him beneficially at the time of his death, in so far [pp.188-9] far as the same has Come to the Deponent~\*s knowledge. That the amount of Estate Duty (and interest thereon) payable upon this Inventory as particularly shown in the Statement for Estate Duty and Accounts annexed hereto is paid to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue Conform to the receipt upon page No 1 hereof. That Confirmation of the personal or moveable estate in Scotland is

required. All which is truth as the Deponent shall answer to God. (Signed) C. Baxter.  
( .. ) E. Vaughan Morgan J.P.