

This is the last Will and Testament of me

JAMES SUTCLIFFE of "Wyncot" Sandy Lane Romiley in the County of Chester
Minister of Religion.

1. I HEREBY REVOKE all former Wills Codicils and other testamentary dispositions heretofore made by me.

2. IF my wife Kate Shepherd Sutcliffe shall be living at the expiration of fourteen days from the date of my death I GIVE to her absolutely all my real and personal estate and effects whatsoever and wheresoever situate including property over which I shall then have a general testamentary power of appointment and I APPOINT her sole Executrix of this my Will.

3. IF my said wife shall not be living at the expiration of the said period of fourteen days from the date of my death then the following provisions shall have effect.

4. IN the last mentioned event I APPOINT my two sons ALAN CLEWORTH SUTCLIFFE of "Innisfree" Sandy Lane Romiley aforesaid and KENNETH EDWARD SUTCLIFFE of 8 Mavis Drive Upton Wirrel in the County of Chester (hereinafter called "my Trustees") to be the executors and trustees of this my Will.

5. I GIVE DEVISE AND BEQUEATH all the real and personal property of or to which I shall be possessed or entitled at my death (including property over which I shall then have a general testamentary power of appointment) except property hereby or by any Codicil hereto otherwise disposed of unto my Trustees UPON TRUST to sell call in and convert into money all such parts thereof as shall not consist of money but so that my Trustees shall have full power to postpone such sale calling in and conversion for so long as they shall in their absolute discretion think fit without being responsible for loss.

6. MY Trustees shall out of my ready money and the clear moneys to arise from the said sale calling in and conversion pay or provide for

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my debts and funeral and testamentary expenses and any legacies bequeathed by this my Will or any Codicil hereto and shall stand possessed of the residue of such moneys and the future income thereof UPON TRUST as to the sum of two hundred and seventy five pounds part thereof for my son the said Kenneth Edward Sutcliffe absolutely free of duty and as to the balance of the said trust fund IN TRUST for my four children the said Alan Cleworth Sutcliffe, Margery McKellen, Dorothy Lomas and the said Kenneth Edward Sutcliffe in equal shares absolutely PROVIDED ALWAYS AND I DECLARE that in the event of any of my said children predeceasing me leaving issue him or her surviving I DIRECT that my trustees shall hold the share of the moneys hereinbefore bequeathed to such deceased child or children of mine IN TRUST for the issue of such deceased child or children on their respectively attaining the age of twenty one years and if more than one in equal shares absolutely IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand this first day of March One thousand nine hundred and forty five.

SIGNED by the said James Sutcliffe)
the Testator as and for his last)
Will and Testament in the presence)
of us both being present at the)
same time who at his request in)
his presence and in the presence)
of each other have hereunto)
subscribed our names as witnesses)

James Sutcliffe

*Henry Sydney Rose
With Victor Rose & Co
Solicitors
36 Spring Gardens
Manchester*

*Emily Rose
Henri Sandy Lane
Romiley
Married Woman*

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In the High Court of Justice.

The District Probate Registry at *Manchester*

BE IT KNOWN that *The Reverend James Sutcliffe of*
'Wyncot' Sandy Lane Romiley Cheshire

died *there* on the *7th* day of *March* 1953

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AND BE IT FURTHER KNOWN that at the date hereunder written the last Will and Testament

(a copy whereof is hereunto annexed) of the said deceased was proved and registered in the District Probate Registry of the High Court of Justice at *Manchester*

and that Administration of all the Estate which by law devolves to and vests in the personal representative of the said deceased was granted by the aforesaid Court to

Kate Shepherd Sutcliffe of 'Wyncot'
aforesaid widow executrix of deceased the
sole executrix named in the said will

And it is hereby certified that an Affidavit for Inland Revenue has been delivered wherein it is shewn that the gross value of the said estate in Great Britain (exclusive of what the said deceased may have been possessed of or entitled to as a Trustee and not beneficially) amounts to £ 1626 - 17 - 6 and that the net value of the estate amounts to £ 1547 - 7 - 6

Dated the *19th* day of *June* 1953

[Signature]
District Registrar.

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the executrix.

Army Chaplain in France (1915-19). On demobilization he was appointed chaplain to the National Institute for the Blind (1920-22), after which he served pastorates at Woodley (Stockport) (1922-29), and Crescent, Liverpool (1929-40). On retirement he settled in Prenton, Birkenhead, and was invited to take charge of the Prenton Congregational Church during the absence of the minister on war service. This temporary pastorate he exercised until 1946, and the reference to his ministry in the News Bulletin of the church may well serve as his epitaph. "He had charge of the pastorate during the difficult years of the war. Only a man who was spiritually well equipped would have shouldered such responsibility at his age and in such circumstance. In the discharge of his duty he proved himself to be a "workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth". Many there are who look back upon his ministry with profound gratitude as they recall the encouragement and comfort with which he upheld them."

He married Madeleine Elizabeth Turk in 1902, and died on December 11, 1952, being survived by his widow and one son.

SUTCLIFFE, JAMES, was born in Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, on November 11, 1872. After a short commercial experience he heard the call to the Christian ministry and entered Paton College, Nottingham.

Ordained in 1900, his first pastorate was at Golborne, Lancashire. In 1903 he accepted a call to the church at Charlestown, Salford, where he did excellent service for twenty years, leaving in 1923 to commence a ministry at the old cause at Hatherlow, Cheshire, where he remained until 1942, when, in his seventieth year, he resigned from the active ministry on doctor's orders. When announcing his pending retirement, he said that Hatherlow had woven its spell around him, and he continued to live in the district and remained in membership with his former church until the home-call on March 7, 1953. In the years of his retirement, he knew no greater joy than to be able to help his former church, which he did from time to time.

He had known sorrow, losing his first wife at an early age, but he had the good fortune to find in his second wife a devoted mother for his children and one who never spared herself when her husband's welfare was concerned.

A quiet, efficient, unassuming man, of simple tastes and kindly disposition, scholarly and well-read, his patent sincerity made it a joy to listen to his message. He was greatly loved, not only by his own people, but in the surrounding district and there are many who have experienced the comfort of his quiet confidence and sure faith in times of adversity.

His memory will linger long as one whom it was a pleasure and privilege to have known and who proved himself worthy of his high vocation. The world needs more of such men.

THOMPSON, REGINALD WILLIAM, M.A., B.D., was born at Cardiff on September 26, 1888, and was trained at New College, London, and entered the ministry in 1907, holding pastorates successively at Basingstoke, Wokinghampton (Queen Street), Bolton (St. George's Road), and finally from 1930 to 1947 at Redland Park Church, Bristol. He was chairman of the Union from 1938 to 1939. During his Bolton ministry he was the pastor and intimate friend of the first Lord Leverhulme, to whom he acted as Chaplain when he was High Sheriff of Lancashire—the first Free Churchman to occupy that position. He initiated the system of grouping local churches, in which experiment Bolton provided an example to the whole denomination. In Bristol Mr. Thompson took a leading part in all the Free Church activities of the city, and was held in the highest regard by the citizens of all denominations. He was a man of affairs and a capable administrator, but it was not there that the secret of his influence lay. The secret lay in his splendid Christian character and his supreme gift of unselfish friendliness. He had a fine presence and easily dominated any Assembly, but shining through it all was this supreme inward grace.

Mr. Thompson was pre-eminently a pastor, and it was really a pastoral concern for the souls of men and women which led him to his two great "external" enthusiasms—the cause of foreign missions and the cause of Temperance. For each of these causes he was a magnificent advocate, inspiring his audiences everywhere with much of his own ardent interest. It was a source of great pride to him that his daughter Joan found her vocation as a medical missionary at the great missionary hospital of Neyyoor in India, and he took endless pride in the magnificent generosity to missions shown by his church in Bristol.

In the two fields of service above mentioned he fought with the joyous spirit of a crusader. He died on March 23, 1953.

WILBY, ARNOLD, was a native of Ossett, Yorkshire, and came from a family with a long and honoured connection in the Ossett Green Church. After leaving school, he entered the family business, but his main interests were in good literature and the activities of the church. He served for some years as Sunday School Superintendent. He was a splendid pianist and organist. During the first World War he joined the army and was badly wounded in France. His war experience affected all his life.

From his early days he had wished to be a minister. So, after the war, with the encouragement and confidence of his home church, he moved to this service. He felt that it was too late for him to enter one of our colleges, and by this time he was a married man and a father. The way opened for him to have charge of the church at Lingdale, Yorkshire, where he served with marked fidelity (1934-44). He was successful in passing the County Union examinations and was ordained as minister. With the same devotion and consecration he later served at Sowerby (1944-48) and at Caterham-on-the-Hill and South Godstone until his early death on May 5, 1953, at the age of sixty-two. During his pastorate at Caterham he was chaplain to St. Lawrence's Mental Hospital, where his understanding sympathy was much appreciated by both patients and staff.

Arnold Wilby was a genial comrade and a good student. He proved himself in every sense a worthy minister of Jesus Christ. In his wife, the daughter of a Scottish minister, he found a true helper. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her and to her daughter, and we thank God for every remembrance of a devoted minister.

WILLIAMS, EMLYN MAURICE, was born in 1880 in Maentwrog, Merionethshire, the youngest son of the Rev. William Williams. He was educated at Caterham School, and then spent some years in business in London and Manchester. Whilst in Manchester he attended Chorlton Road Welsh Congregational Church, and was there encouraged to dedicate his whole time to Christ's service. After training at Lancashire College he was invited to take charge of Tonge Moor, Bolton, in 1909, and during the nine years of his ministry there the church flourished. While minister of Tonge Moor he married Miss Sarah Davies, also of Maentwrog. In 1918 he was invited to Mill Hill, Blackburn, where he spent twenty-seven active years. He never spared himself and always gave of his best, and was president of the Blackburn Sunday School Union and of the Blackburn and District Congregational Association as well as taking a great interest in the London Missionary Society.

He retired in 1945 after thirty-six busy years in the ministry. He settled in Caernarvon, where his services were in much demand as a preacher in the English and Welsh churches.

His rich human sympathy, thoroughness, eager outlook, his wonderful cheerfulness and kindness will long be remembered by his many friends in Lancashire and North Wales.

He died on June 22, 1953, after an illness borne with quiet fortitude through which he was devotedly nursed by his wife and sister-in-law.

LIST A (Continued)



JOHN HENRY ROBINSON



ROBERT SHEPHERD, M.A.



JAMES EDWARD STEVENSON



JAMES SUTCLIFFE



REGINALD WILLIAM
THOMPSON, M.A., B.D.



ARNOLD WILBY



EMILYN MAURICE
WILLIAMS



HUMPHREY WILLIAMS
WARDLE RIDLEY
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PHILIP BONWILL FRANCIS
WILLIAMS

LIST B



HENRY EDWARD JACQUES

HERBERT WILLIAM ROSE
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WILLIAM BENNETT
MINIKIN

LIST C—WALES



WILLIAM RHYB BOWEN, B.A.



FREDERICK BOWYER



DAVID DAVIES GREEN



EDWIN JONES

ROBERT HUGH DAVIES, B.A.
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JOHN OWEN JONES

ALUN GARNER, B.A.
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THOMAS LEWIS JOSEPH

DAVID RHUFON JONES
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