# Will Signing Instructions - Scotland

A Will becomes legally valid and binding as soon as it is correctly signed by the Granter and observed by an Independent Witness, who will sign to confirm this fact. It is important that you **SIGN AND DATE** your Will in front of the Witness as soon as possible, **BUT PLEASE READ THE REST OF THIS PAGE FIRST.**

## An example of how to sign your Will

1. The signing of your Will involves **TWO** people, you and a Witness.
2. The **WITNESS** must be over **16** years old.
3. Make sure that the Witness is as **independent** as possible. An ideal Witness could be a neighbour or colleague.
4. The **WITNESS** must **NOT** be a Beneficiary, spouse of any Beneficiaries, member of your own family or have the same surname as you or any Beneficiary, even if the Beneficiary has been named as second or third reserve to inherit any part of the estate. Making the mistake of signing as a Witness means that they will lose their inheritance or cause issues at probate.
5. Ask your **WITNESS** to add their "usual" signatures, where required.
6. They should also print their **name**, **address** and **occupation** clearly for identification purposes.
7. In addition to the requirements above, you also need to sign **EACH** page at the bottom of your Will on the same day and in the presence of the Witness.

**The Granter signs and dates the section at the bottom of every page of their Will, including the last page. See example below**

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand

Date: 10/02/22
*(Insert the date you signed your Will)*

Signature of Granter: J. Smith
*(Granter to sign here)*

**You also sign the last page of your Will in the presence of your witness**

### The Testimonium and Attestation

**SIGNED by JOHN SMITH**

**on the** 10th **day of** February **20** 22

Signature of Granter J. Smith
JOHN SMITH
*(Granter to sign here)*

SIGNED by the Granter in my presence and attested by us in the presence of the Granter

**Witness**

Signature H.Williams
*(Independent Witness to sign)*

Full Name Harry John Williams
*(Independent Witness to print full name)*

Address 22 Stowell Street
Durham, DH3 1LR
*(Full address of Independent Witness)*

Occupation Bricklayer
*(Occupation of Independent Witness)*

**Don't delay – Sign your Will today!**