

## Collection Details

My collections consist of the following items:  
 (please tick the relevant boxes and indicate quantities)  
Please attach a separate sheet if necessary

- Photographs**
  - Prints Nos.....
  - Negatives Nos.....
  - Transparencies Nos.....
  - Digital images Nos.....
  - Film/video/DVD Nos.....
- Books**  
 Approximate shelf length.....
- Magazines (please give title/s)**  
 Bound Volumes (year/s) Nos.....
- Tickets** Nos.....
- Nameplates**  
 Nos/Names.....
- Model Railways** Scale.....
  - Showcase, Static items
  - Fixed layout
  - Portable layout

Other items (including electronic material not detailed above)

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### Option B

It may be that if a Testator realises their collection has little or no intrinsic value but nevertheless it might well be of interest to members of the Society then s/he might wish to give all of the collection to the Society outright. In this case the appropriate wording might be as follows:

*I give and bequeath, free of tax, all my items of railwayana to include my collection of railway literature, books, maps, photographic prints, negatives, transparencies, digital images, videos/DVDs, other electronic material, illustrations, drawings, paintings, tickets, models and all other railway related material together with such copyright and other intellectual property rights and material that I own at the time of my death and have power to assign to The Railway Correspondence and Travel Society which may be contacted via email via [secretary@rcts.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rcts.org.uk).*

These clauses may be edited and amended to include or exclude specific items dictated by the scope of the collection.

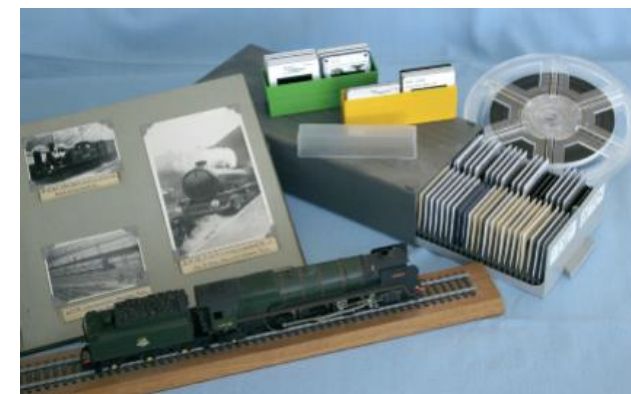
Please keep this part of the leaflet with your Will



THE RAILWAY CORRESPONDENCE  
AND TRAVEL SOCIETY

**WILLS & BEQUESTS  
ADVICE for MEMBERS**

**DISPOSAL OF YOUR  
RAILWAYANA COLLECTION**



[rcts.org.uk](http://rcts.org.uk)

Many members will be aware that unless they have made specific instructions with regard to the eventual disposal of their railway related collections of books, negatives, prints, transparencies, digital images, paintings, tickets and any other railwayana, there is a real danger that their collections will be lost forever.

There have been many instances where family members or estate executors have hurriedly disposed of sometimes priceless material before anybody with the necessary knowledge has become involved.

We all know of many instances where this has happened and the purpose of this leaflet is to offer some guidance on what might be put in place to ensure that your collections are dealt with in the manner that you would wish.

As with the job of making a Will, this is always one of those tasks that is easier to put off for another day but, hopefully, the advice in this leaflet may provide the incentive to capture and record your exact wishes.

From time to time the Society receives enquiries at Branch level from relatives and/or executors of deceased members but this usually happens where the member has been an active Branch member and is well known to other members. The Society also receives enquiries at national level, usually from members of the legal profession, who are dealing with an estate and even, on occasion, from auction houses.

With this in mind the Society has taken legal advice and can now offer members some acceptable forms of wording that members may wish to insert into their Will.

However, it must be stressed that the making of a Will is a job for professionals and members should always seek legal assistance in this area.

### Option A

Where the member has a large collection of material including books, photographs, nameplates and other items, then a clause worded as follows may be appropriate:

***I direct - with regard to the disposal of my collection of railway literature, books, maps, photographic prints, negatives, transparencies, digital images, videos/DVDs, other electronic material, illustrations, drawings, paintings, tickets, models and all other railway related material - that my Executors should contact the Secretary of The Railway Correspondence and Travel Society, via email to [secretary@rcts.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rcts.org.uk) as to the valuation and most appropriate method of realising or otherwise disposing of the same. My Executors may reimburse the said Society and its individual officers for their expenses and further, if realisation or disposal shall be for monetary consideration to the estate, my Executors should, by prior agreement with the Society, pay a percentage of the sum realised to the Society.***



**Please ensure that this page and the form overleaf are completed then detached and returned to the RCTS Society Secretary. Your membership record will be amended to indicate that you have notified the Society of your intentions.**

Name.....

Address.....

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Membership Number.....

Please be advised that my Will instructs my Executors to contact the RCTS with respect to the disposal of my railway collections.

Brief details of my collections are shown overleaf.

Signed.....

Dated.....

My Legal Advisers/Executors are:

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