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Robert Welsh.

Correspondence re.

Mrs Roma Hamilton's will

RW/BMC.

ROBERT WELSH,  
SOLICITOR & NOTARY PUBLIC.

TELEGRAMS:  
"WELSH, SOLICITOR, AYR."  
TELEPHONE NO. 500.

21, Wellington Square,  
Ayr.

6th December, 1921.

Dr. Lillias Hamilton,  
Studley College,  
Warwickshire.


Dear Madame,

Miss Roma F. Hamilton's Exy,

Your sister, Miss Roma, by her Will bequeathed to you free of all Legacy Duties as follows:- "To my sister "Lillias Anna Hamilton, the sum of One thousand Pounds". The legacy is payable as soon as convenient, but discretion is given to the Trustees to postpone realisation so as to allow time for the beneficial realisation of her Estate.

She also bequeathed to you by separate letter as follows:- "My moonstone mecklace and my Fox's feet lined coat" and also any personal effects in your residence at Studley College belonging to her.

Yours faithfully,



28 March 1922.

Robert Welsh Esq.,  
21, Wellington Square,  
A Y R.

Dear Sir,

My sister Roma used to guarantee an Overdraft at my Bank in Redditch to the amount of £500. I wrote to Mrs Booth and asked her if she would take over this guarantee for me and inform my Bank if she were willing to do so. I have this morning received a letter from the Manager of my Bank in which he says he has received the guarantee from Mrs Booth and asks for the name of her Bank. With this I am unable to furnish him. Would you be so kind as to let me know ~~whether~~ she has a Banking Account in Ayr or if I must refer him to Africa.

The whole position of my sister Roma's Will seems to be fraught with difficulties. I have no idea how much money she has left apart from what she has left to me, but I understood from my brother George that she had considerable Investments in New Zealand. Whether these fall to Mrs Booth as residuary legatee, or to my brother George I do not know. If, however, you would write to the Manager of the London Joint City & Midland Bank, Redditch, it would be immaterial for this purpose for me to know <sup>this</sup> ~~but~~ I would like to save the time it would take to get an answer from South Africa or New Zealand.

If Mrs. Booth does not bank in Scotland at all and you do not know her Bank, perhaps you would kindly inform Mr. Pearson (my Bank Manager) what Mrs Booth's financial position is that he might satisfy himself that her security is a sound one.

Yours faithfully,

EDM.

ROBERT WELSH,

SOLICITOR & NOTARY PUBLIC.

TELEGRAMS:

"WELSH, SOLICITOR, AYR."

TELEPHONE NO. 500.

21, Wellington Square,  
Ayr.

30th March, 1922.

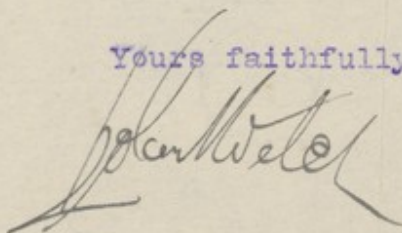
Dr. Lillias Hamilton,  
Studley College,  
Studley, R.S.O. (Station),  
Warwickshire.

Dear Dr. Hamilton,

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th inst. and note what you state. Mrs. Booth does not keep an account in this country, but I shall have pleasure in writing to the Manager of the London Joint City & Midland Bank Limited, Redditch, guaranteeing Mrs. Booth as a satisfactory guarantor.

I observe in your letter that you state that the amount of Miss Roma Hamilton's guarantee for an overdraft for you was to the amount of £500, but from a letter from the Bank to you acknowledging intimation of Miss Roma Hamilton's death they state that her guarantee was for £250, which is also the sum mentioned in a letter from the Bank to Miss Roma Hamilton in 1919. I presume that the figure of £500 mentioned in your letter is an inadvertence.

Yours faithfully,



1 April, 1922.

Robert Welsh Esq.,  
A Y R.

Dear Mr. Welsh,

In reply to your letter of the 30th. ult. my ss  
sister Roma guaranteed me for £500 at the Bank, and I have been  
in the habit of over-drawing to that amount for some years.  
I wrote to Mrs Booth and asked her if she would guarantee me  
for this amount and she said she would. I would therefore be  
obliged in accordance with Mrs Booth's letter to the Bank  
offering to guarantee £500, you would guarantee Mrs Booth as a  
satisfactory guarantor.

Yours faithfully,

RMS.

ROBERT WELSH,  
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*Answered personally  
by Mr Hamilton Esq.*

21, Wellington Square,  
Ayr.

6th. June, 1922.

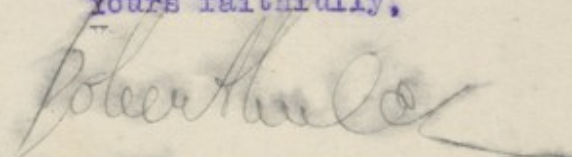
Doctor Lillias Hamilton,  
Studley College,  
Warwickshire.

Dear Madame,

Miss Roma Hamilton's Exy.

The Executrix, Mrs. Booth, and Colonel Hamilton have now had a Meeting and considered as to how best meet the Legacies left by your late sister, and they instruct me to offer you the undernoted investments towards your Legacy, these investments to be taken over at the present Market value on the Stock Exchange, and any difference to be paid in cash. I shall be obliged by your letting me hear from you whether you are agreeable to the proposal or whether you would prefer to have the whole of your Legacy in cash.

Yours faithfully,



P. S. I understand that the present prices of the shares are:-

Bank of New South Wales, 8 shares of £20 each @ £38.10/- each	£308 - -
Weardale Lead Coy. Ltd., 100 shares of £1 each @ 16/6	82 10
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Leaving to be paid to you in Cash .....	390 10
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	609 10
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	£1000 - -

RMS.

ROBERT WELSH,

SOLICITOR & NOTARY PUBLIC.

TELEGRAMS:  
"WELSH, SOLICITOR, Ayr."  
TELEPHONE NO. 500.

21, Wellington Square,  
Ayr.

5th. July, 1922.

Doctor Lillias Hamilton,  
Studley College,  
Studley,  
Warwickshire.

Dear Madame,

Miss Roma Hamilton's Exy.

I have taken up the new share of the Bank of New South Wales on your behalf but the Company wish you to sign the enclosed form of acceptance. Will you please do so where your initials are marked and return same to me in enclosed stamped envelope. Kindly return this in course.

I enclose Form of Transfer of the eight old Shares in the Bank of New South Wales along with Mandate in connection therewith for signature before a witness and return to me. I also enclose Form of Mandate which you may use or not as you think best.

Yours faithfully,

*R Robert Welsh*  
*Alex W Connick*

Encls.

RMS.

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TELEPHONE NO. 500.

21, Wellington Square,  
Ayr.

5th. July, 1922.

Doctor Lillias Hamilton,  
Studley College,  
Studley,  
Warwickshire.

Dear Madame,

Before settling with you for your Legacy, I as solicitor must procure Miss Roma Hamilton's Estate released of her guarantee on your behalf, and uplift from the London City & Midland Bank at Redditch the guarantee signed by her. I understand her guarantee was for £200 and that by paying this the Bank will release her Estate. I presume I shall therefore pay this out of your Legacy so as to end the matter. I should like to have this arranged at once, so shall be obliged by your letting me hear from you approving

Yours faithfully,

*R Robert Welsh*  
*Alex W Coomick*

8th July, 1922.

Dear Mr. Welsh

I have to-day received your letter dated the 5th July. You are mistaken in thinking that the overdraft my sister guaranteed at the London City & Midland Bank was for £200. It was for £500. I should, therefore, have to ask you to pay that amount into the Bank as soon as possible, and later, when her affairs are settled, the balance of whatever is due to me. I do not know how you come to have ~~the~~ £200 as the limitation of her guarantee. She must have signed for £500 or else I should not have been able to overdraw to that amount, which I have always been able to do.

As regards the papers you have sent me to sign - the only one I find it difficult to accpet is that appointing James Strang Campbell and David Geddie my true and lawful attorneys. I know nothing whatever of them and I have my own lawyers who settle all my affairs. I enclose herewith the other signatures, but my affairs are quite sufficiently complicated for me not to wish to increase the number of lawyers (three) who deal with my affairs.

Faithfully yours

LH

AC.

ROBERT WELSH,

SOLICITOR & NOTARY PUBLIC.

TELEGRAMS:

"WELSH, SOLICITOR, AYR."

TELEPHONE NO. 500.

21, Wellington Square,  
Ayr.

15th July, 1922.

Doctor Lillias Hamilton,  
Studley College,  
Studley,  
Warwickshire.

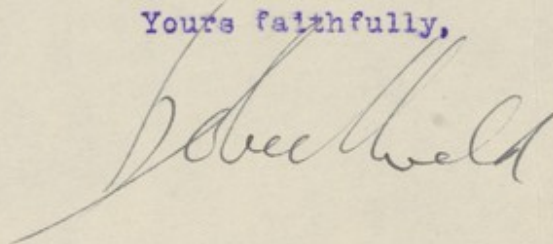
Dear Doctor Hamilton,

I have your letter of

As regards the question of appointing the two parties named as your mandatories it is a purely formal matter to avoid your attending personally at the Bank of New South Wales, and, as the men are only to act for you in connection with the New South Wales Stock, it is not a case of employing further lawyers as their duties will end with the Transfer of this Stock.

I note that you agree to my repaying the overdraft of £500 out of the Legacy due from Miss Roma's Estate.

Yours faithfully,



BMC.

ROBERT WELSH,

SOLICITOR & NOTARY PUBLIC.

TELEGRAMS:

"WELSH, SOLICITOR, AYR."

TELEPHONE NO. 500.

21, Wellington Square,  
Ayr.

17th July, 1922.

Dr. Lillias Hamilton,  
Studley College,  
Studley, R.S.O., (Station)  
Warwickshire.

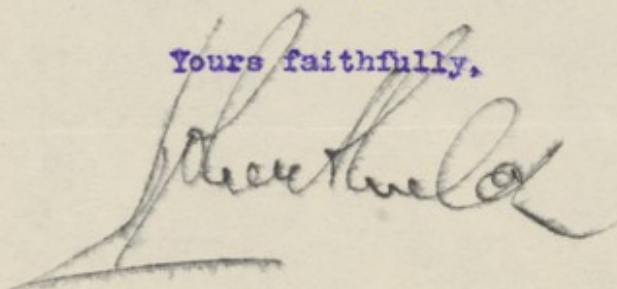
Dear Dr. Hamilton,

I have your letter of yesterday's date and, as desired, shall settle up with the Bank for the balance of your legacy at once. The fact of Miss Roma's death, however, does not end the Guarantee as her Executor is liable, but by paying up the sum due out of your legacy I shall get delivery of the Guarantee by your sister.

I am sorry to hear you are still ill.

The Bank of New South Wales Shares which you have taken over have paid 50% in the past and you could, as you say, assign these shares to the Bank as security.

Yours faithfully,



17th July, 1922.

Dear Mr. Welch

I am herewith enclosing the paper which I did not return, not knowing what it involved. I have now signed it and had it witnessed.

In your letter of July 5th, you say that you would be glad to have the matter of the guarantee arranged at once. Nobody is in a greater hurry to have it arranged than I am, and I do beg that you will take immediate steps to send me the entire amount due to me in cash to the London, City & Midland Bank, Redditch, in addition to the £500 over-draft. Also, I should like to have the scrip of whatever shares fall to me sent to me. You will understand that my reason for pressing you in this matter is entirely due to the fact that <sup>the</sup> Bank is pressing me. I would, otherwise, be very loth to in any way increase the difficulties which I am sure you and Mrs. Booth have had in settling these matters. Had Mrs. Booth given the promised guarantee, there would have been none of this trouble, but you can quite understand that I have an over-draft at my Bank which at present is unguaranteed.

Yours faithfully

LH.

BMC.

ROBERT WELSH,

SOLICITOR & NOTARY PUBLIC

TELEGRAMS:

"WELSH, SOLICITOR, AYR."

TELEPHONE NO. 500.

21, Wellington Square,  
Ayr.

18th July, 1922.

Dr. Lillias Hamilton,  
Studley College,  
Studley, R.S.O. (Station)  
Warwickshire.

Dear Dr. Hamilton,

Miss Roma Hamilton's Trust.

I am in receipt of yours of yesterday returning duly signed by you the Power of Attorney to the Bank of New South Wales for which I am obliged. I am sending on the Power of Attorney and also the Transfer of the Shares and the Allotment Letter to the Bank of New South Wales and when I receive the Certificate for the Shares I shall send you this.

I also send you herewith for your signature before two witnesses Discharge by you in favour of the Executrix of your Legacy. Settlement of the Legacy of £1000 will be made as follows:-

Transfer as at 12th June of 8 Shares of £20 each of the Bank of New South Wales @ 33½ .....	£268	- -
Transfer of the additional share allotted in respect of the holding of 8 shares as at 1st July 1922 at price of issue .....	20	- -
Transfer as at 12th June of 100 Shares of £1 each fully paid of the Weardale Lead Coy. Ltd. at 16/6 .....	82 10	-
Balance in Cash .....	<u>629 10</u>	-
	£1000	← ←

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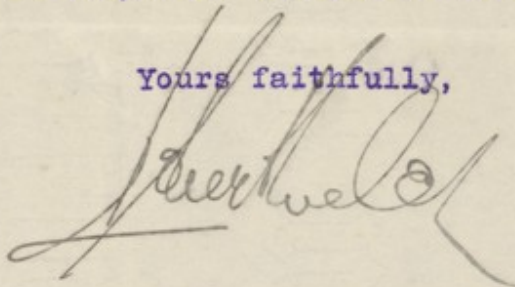
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In addition interest will fall to be paid on the whole legacy at 5% per annum from the 19th of December 1921, being three months after Miss Roma Hamilton's death, to 12th June 1922, the date <sup>at</sup> at which the shares are to be transferred, and on the balance of cash from 12th June 1922 to date of payment.

On your returning the Discharge signed I shall send a remittance to the London City & Midland Bank ~~of~~ Redditch for the balance of cash and interest and send you a note of the sum which I have remitted to that Bank.

I am having the Transfer of the Weardale Shares signed by Mrs Booth and shall send it to you in the course of a day or two.

Yours faithfully,



Encl.

8 JAN 1920

DAVID W. SHAW,  
SOLICITOR.

TELEPHONE N° 158.  
TELEGRAMS:- WESTERN, AYR.

24 Sandgate.

Ayr 7th Jany., 1920.

Dr. Lillias Hamilton,  
Studley College,  
STUDLEY, R.S.O.,  
WARWICKSHIRE.

Dear Dr. Lillias,

I think it right to mention to you that on the suggestion of Miss Roma, Col. Crawford and I have considered as to the advisability of selling No. 20 Wellington Square, and we have decided that this should be an advantageous time to sell, and I am accordingly advertising the property for sale privately.

Yours sincerely,

David W. Shaw

13/1/1920

It isn't it would be good thing to see 20 Wellington Square in these days when small dwellings houses are fetching more than large ones.

RCF.

ROBERT WELSH,  
SOLICITOR & NOTARY PUBLIC.

TELEGRAMS:  
"WELSH, SOLICITOR, AYR."  
TELEPHONE NO. 500.

21, Wellington Square,  
Ayr.

20th July 1922.

Dr. Lillias Hamilton,  
Studley Cottage,  
Studley, R.S.O.  
Warwickshire.

Dear Dr. Hamilton,

Miss Roma F. Hamilton's Trust.

I send you herewith for your signature Transfer by Mrs. Booth as Executrix of the late Miss Roma F. Hamilton in your favour of 100 Shares of the Weardale Lead Co. Ltd. This you might kindly sign before a witness and return to me in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope.

Yours faithfully,

*p Robert Welsh*  
*Alex W. McCormick*

Encls.

Encl.

24 Sandgate.

Apr 16th Novr., 19 21.

TELEPHONE NO 158.

TELEGRAMS "WESTERN, AVR"

Dr. Lilius Hamilton,  
Studley College,  
STUDLEY, R.S.O.,  
WARWICKSHIRE.

Dear Dr. Lilius,

Mr. H. Hamilton's Trust.

The half of the half year's income from the Barns Street money was sent to you as usual at this term. The other half, of course, up to the date of Miss Roma's death, falls to her Representatives and from that date onwards the whole interest of this money is payable to you in terms of your Father's Will. I had not overlooked this, but held over the adjustment of the figures until after the press of the term work was over. I herewith enclose cheque for £7:1:3 being the remainder of the half year's income after crediting Miss Roma's account with the amount due to her up to the date of her death. Please sign and return the accompanying receipt.

Yours faithfully,

*David Shaw*

T/JS.