



Our reference: BVFOI/088/15 re John Harold Lucas

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request

You asked for the following information from the Government Legal Department (“the Department”):

Further to your letter of 16 March, can I confirm that you are advertising the Estate of John Harold Lucas as an unclaimed estate, but that the estate did have a Will, so therefore has been claimed, except there is a small amount not claimed and for that I have to check with the Executor of the Will and maybe make a claim to them. Would you by any chance be able to give me the details of who the Executor is?

Your request will be dealt with by the Bona Vacantia Division (“the Division”) under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Division holds all the information that you have requested.

The deceased left a valid will and the estate was administered by the executor. However, the will did not dispose of the entire estate and the undisposed residue was collected by the Division as bona vacantia in the absence of entitled kin.

Any claims from persons claiming to be entitled to share in the undisposed residue of the estate should be considered by the executors and should be sent to them.

If the executor contacts the Division to confirm they have accepted the claim of a relative entitled to share in the estate in priority to the Crown, the Division will return the undisposed residue of the estate to the executor so they can account to the entitled beneficiaries in this respect.

In the meantime, the estate will remain on the unclaimed estates list.

The executor’s details can be found on the unclaimed estates lists which can be found on the Division’s website here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/unclaimed-estates-list>. The information is reasonably accessible to you by other means and is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 21 of the Act. This exemption confers absolute exemption from the requirement to provide information pursuant to section 1(1)(b) of the Act.