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Will of James
Successor of Blenheim
Demerits

probat on me. per test.
6th February 1755

W. Saperstone
Judge of the Court
County of Oxford

This is the last will & Testament of me James Anderson
of the Township of Blenheim & County of Oxford Farmer
in which I bequeath my property, real & personal, as
follows—

All my property real & personal I bequeath to my
beloved son Fergus Anderson and to my beloved wife Jane
Anderson to be held by them jointly & equally during the period
of her natural life, or while she remains ~~my~~ widow— all my
lawful Debts, Funeral expences, burdens, & expences of working or
improving the property, to be paid by them equally— Also all the
profits, arising from said property to be shared equally.

And I further will that at the Death of my beloved wife
Jane Anderson, the whole of the property, shall then revert to
my son Fergus Anderson, to be the unalienable property of
him & his heirs for ever Subject, however to the following
burdens, or Legacies, to be paid by him after his mother's Death
I will & bequeath to each of my other sons namely Robert,
Fenwick, & William Anderson, the sum of Ten pounds Currency
each— And I further bequeath to each of my two Daughters
viz Mary Anderson, & Jane Orr, the sum of fifteen pounds
Currency each— These different Legacies to be paid by Fergus
as soon as possible after his Mother's Death— And I will that
the Legatees shall not receive Interest on their Legacies for
two years after the Death of my widow, but after the lapse
of that period, they may claim Interest on what is unpaid
In the event of my son Fergus Anderson dying without heirs
of his own body, before his Mother then the

The property shall then become the property of my wife, & she shall be at liberty to dispose, or will it as she (& my executors, or other proper persons with whom she may consult) may think proper, only keeping in mind this proviso, that it must be well or disposed of for the benefit of my Family or their heirs & no other. But to prevent all misunderstanding on this Clause of my Will I wish it to be clearly understood that in the event of Fergus leaving a widow, she ~~shall~~ ^{may} heir the half of the whole property both real and personal.

I hereby appoint my Brother-in-law Andrew Laidlaw in Blenheim & Mr. James Black land-surveyor by as Executors of this my last will & Testament, with my request that they see this will executed according to its provisions as witness this my hand & Seal in presence of these witnesses this Eighteenth day of January One Thousand eight Hundred and Fifty Three

James Anderson

Signed Sealed & Acknowledged by the said James Anderson the Testator, as and for, his last Will and Testament in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence, and in the presence of each other, have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses

Peter Hill
Cameron Anderson

To his Honor William Laphroon Esquire Judge of the
Surrogate Court County of Oxford

The Petition of Andrew Laidlaw of the Township of
Blenheim in the County of Oxford James
Black of the Township of North Dumfries in the County of
Waterloo Land Surveyors
Amably Sheweth

That the late James Anderson of the Township of Blenheim
^{deceased} Farmer, duly made and published his last will and
Testament in writing bearing date the eighteenth day of
January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and fifty three and thereby appointed your
Petitioners the only Executors of his said will and that on
or about ~~the~~ ^{the} said day of January in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred and fifty three the said James
Anderson departed this life at the said Township
without having revised or altered his said will leaving
at at the time of his death divers goods and Chattels rights
and Credits all within the County of Oxford amounting to
the sum of three hundred pounds or thereabouts so far as
your Petitioners have been enabled to ascertain. Your
Petitioners therefore pray your Honor will be pleased to permit
them to exhibit and prove the said will and your Petitioners
as in duty bound will ever pray

Woodstock 5. February
1855.

Andrew Laidlaw

James Black

on reading the foregoing Petition I do now that justice be granted to the
Petitioners. Dated this 5th day of January February 1855

W. Laphroon

Judge Surrogate Court
County of Oxford

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford.

Province of Canada,
COUNTY OF OXFORD,

TO WIT:

You James Black
of the Town ship of
North Dumfries in the County of Waterloo and Surry

one of the Execut^{ors} named in the last Will and Testament
late of the ~~said~~ Town ship of ^{County of} ~~Blenheim~~ ^{of the late} deceased, do

swear that you believe the Will James Anderson now shewn to you to be the last
Will and Testament of the said James Anderson that you will
pay all the Debts and Legacies of the said deceased, so far as the Goods and Chattels, Rights and
Credits of the said deceased shall extend, and by law you are bound: that you will exhibit
a full, true, and perfect Inventory of the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said
deceased, in the Registry Office of the Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford, when you shall
be thereunto lawfully required. And you further swear that the Goods and Chattels, Rights
and Credits of the said deceased at the time of his death amounted to the sum of three

hundred pounds or thereabouts

So HELP YOU GOD.

Sworn before me at Woodstock
of Oxford, this 5 day of February

in the County } James Black
A. D. 1855

W. Laproch

Judge of the Surrogate Court,
County of Oxford.

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford.

Province of Canada,

COUNTY OF OXFORD,

TO WIT:

YOU *Andrew Saddleman* of the Town ship of
Bleby in the County of *Oxford*
one of the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of the late
James Anderson late of the said Town ship of *Bleby*, deceased, do
swear that you believe the Will now shewn to you to be the last
Will and Testament of the said *James Anderson* that you will
pay all the Debts and Legacies of the said deceased, so far as the Goods and Chattels, Rights and
Credits of the said deceased shall extend, and by law you are bound: that you will exhibit
a full, true, and perfect Inventory of the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said
deceased, in the Registry Office of the Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford, when you shall
be thereunto lawfully required. And you further swear that the Goods and Chattels, Rights
and Credits of the said deceased at the time of his death amounted to the sum of *three*
hundred pounds or thereabouts

SO HELP YOU GOD.

Sworn before me at *Woodstock*
of Oxford, this *5th* day of *January*

in the County
A. D. *1858*

Andrew Saddleman

W. Laprotiere

Judge of the Surrogate Court,
County of Oxford.

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford.

Province of Canada,
COUNTY OF OXFORD,
TO WIT;

You, *Cameron Anderson* of the Township of *Blenheim* in the County of *Oxford*,

James Anderson one of the subscribing Witnesses to the last Will and Testament of the late *James Anderson* late of the said Township of *Blenheim* deceased, do swear that you were personally present, and did see the said *James Anderson* sign, seal, publish, and declare the Will now shewn to you as and for his last Will and Testament, and you the said *Cameron Anderson* do further swear that the names of

Peter Auld and Cameron Anderson which appear as Witnesses to the said last Will and Testament of the said *James Anderson* are the proper handwriting of them the said *Peter Auld* who, together with

you, signed their names in the presence of the said Testator, and at his special instance and request; and you likewise further swear that you verily believe that the said *James Anderson* at the signing of the said last Will and Testament

was of sound memory and understanding. *and if he has since that time departed this life at Blenheim aforesaid on the Tuesday third day of January 1855.*
So HELP YOU GOD.

Sworn before me at *Woodstock*
Oxford, this *5th* day of *February*
W. Laproth
Judge of the Surrogate Court,
County of Oxford.

in the County of } *Cameron Anderson*
A. D. 18*55*.

CANADA

PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

IN THE SURROGATE COURT OF THE COUNTY OF OXFORD.

BE IT KNOWN that upon search being this day made in His Majesty's Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford, it plainly appears that on the Fifth day of February A.D. 1855 the last will and testament of James Anderson late of the Township of Blenheim in the County of Oxford, Farmer, deceased who died at the Township of Blenheim in the County of Oxford on or about the Twenty-third day of January A.D. 1853 and had at the time of his death a fixed place of abode at the Township of Blenheim was proved by Andrew Laidlaw of the Township of Blenheim in the County of Oxford and James Black of the Township of North Dunfraes, Land Surveyor the Executors therein named and which probate now remains in record in the said Surrogate Court. The true tenor of the said probate is in the words following, to wit:-

" Canada,	}	PROBATE of the last Will and Testament
" County of Oxford,		of James Anderson late of the Township
" To wit		of Blenheim in the County of Oxford
		and Province of Canada, Farmer, deceased.

" THIS IS THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT of me James Anderson
" of the Township of Blenheim and County of Oxford, Farmer in
" which I bequeath my property real and personal as follows:-
" All my property real and personal I bequeath to my beloved
" Son Fergus Anderson and to my beloved wife Jane Anderson to
" be held by them jointly and equally during the period of her
" natural life or while she remains my widow. All my lawful Debts
" Funeral expences burdens and expences of working or improving
" the property to be paid by them equally. Also all the profits
" arising from said property to be shared equally. And I further
" will that at the death of my beloved wife Jane Anderson the
" whole of the property shall then revert to my Son Fergus

" Anderson to be the unalienable property of him and his heirs for
 " Ever Subject however to the following burdens or legacies to be
 " paid by him after his Mothers death 1st I will and bequeath to
 " each of my other Sons namely Robert Fenwick and William Anderson
 " the sum of Ten pounds Currency each And 2nd I further bequeath
 " to each of my two daughters viz. Mary Anderson and Jane Anderson
 " Orr the sum of Fifteen pounds Currency each. These different Legacies^s
 " to be paid by Fergus as soon as possible after his Mothers death.
 " And I will that the Legatees shall not receive Interest on their
 " legacies for two years after the death of my Widow but after the
 " lapse of that period they may claim Interest on what is unpaid.
 " In the event of my son Fergus Anderson dying without heirs of his
 " own body before his Mother then the the property shall then become
 " the property of my Wife and she shall be at liberty to dispose or
 " will it as she (and my Executors or other proper persons with
 " whom she may consult) may think proper only keeping in this mind
 " this proviso that it must be willed or disposed of for the benefit
 " of my family or their heirs and no other. But to prevent all mis
 " understanding on this Clause of my Will I wish it to be clearly
 " understood that in the event of Fergus leaving a Widow she may
 " heir the half of the whole property both real and personal. I here
 " by appoint my Brother in law Andrew Laidlaw in Blerheim and Mr.
 " James Black Land Surveyor Ayr as Executors of this my last Will
 " and Testament with my request that they see this Will executed
 " according to its provisions. As Witness this my hand and seal in
 " presence of these Witnesses this Eighteenth day of January One
 " thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

(Sgd.) James Anderson (L.S.)

" Signed sealed and acknowledged by the said James Anderson the
 " Testator as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of
 " us who at his request in his presence and in the presence of each
 " other have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses.

Peter Auld.

Cameron Anderson.

IN THE SURROGATE COURT OF THE COUNTY OF OXFORD.

Province of Canada }
County of Oxford }

To wit

" By the Tenor of these Presents I, William
" Lapenotiere Surrogate of the County of
" Oxford aforesaid make known to all whom it doth
" or may concern that on the date of the date

" hereof before me at Woodstock in the said County was proved and
" approved the last Will and Testament of James Anderson late of
" the Township of Blenheim in the County of Oxford and Province of
" Canada, Farmer, deceased, a true Transcript whereof is hereinbefore
" written by means whereof the approbation and insinuation of the
" said last Will and Testament and committing the Administration
" of all and singular the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits
" which were of the said deceased and also the Auditing of the
" Accounts Calculations, Reckonings and final admission of the same
" to me is manifestly known to belong and Administration of all
" and singular the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits of the
" said deceased mentioned in the said last Will and Testament
" of the said James Anderson is committed to Andrew Laidlaw of the
" Township of Blenheim in the County of Oxford and James Black
" of the Township of North Dumfries Land Surveyor in the said last
" Will named the said Andrew Laidlaw and James Black well and truly
" administering the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits of the
" said deceased and making a true and perfect Inventory thereof and
" exhibiting the same into the Registrars Office of the said Court
" within six months from the date hereof and rendering a true
" account calculation and reckoning when thereunto lawfully re-
" quired.

" In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and affixed
" hereto the seal of the Court at Woodstock this fifth day of Feb-
" ruary in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and
" fifty five.

(Sgd.) J. G. Vansittart,
Registrar.

(Sgd.) W. Lapenotiere,
Judge of the Surrogate
Court of the County
of Oxford.

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Given under my hand and seal of the said Court at Wood-
stock this Twenty-fifth day of November A.D. 1908.

Surrogate Registrar.