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Inventory of goods & Chattels of  
the late Stephen Brant House of  
Amherst Virginia deceased.

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W. Lupton

Judge Superior  
Court

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Norwich May 21 1847

We the undersigned Appraisers of the personal Estate of  
of the late Stephen Branchflower of the Township of Norwich  
deceased - Certify this to be a true Inventory

Two Horses 20 pounds each	40	0	0
One yoke working cattle	10		
Three milks Cows	9		
Two Steers two years old	4		
Three heifers one year old	3		
Thirty Sheep and nine lambs	12	12	
Three young calves 15 shillings fourteen Hogs	11	15	
One Harness - Bredlin &c.	2		
One Wagon 10 lbs one fanning mill 3 lbs - Scoop shovel 2/6	13	2	6
Ten bushels of Corn 1 lb - Ten do of Wheat 2 pounds	3		
Two ploughs 2 lbs - One Drag and Chains 1-10-0	3	10	
Loose lumber - 1-10-0	1	10	
One shovel - three forks and hoes	10		
One Cast-iron Kettle - one six quart do.	2	10	
Two Axes 10 s - one Grindstone 7-6-0	17	6	
Four feather beds and Bedding - Bedsteads	12		
One Clock 1 lb - two Tables 1-5-0	2	5	
One Chest 10 s - nine Chairs 10 s - five Dogs 7-6-0	1	7	6
One pair Stuliyards 6 s - Kettles Pots &c. 10 s	16		
Dishes knives and forks &c.	10		
Two Pails - 1 Churn - 9 tin milk pans - 3 Crocks	18		
Six Cider barrels - 3 Casks -	1	16	
One spinning Wheel - one Reel -	2	16	

Amount 134 15 6

John Palmer

Adam Storer } Appraisers  
Albin Storer }  
Jacob Storer - } Appraisers



Stephen Branchflower of the Township of Norwich in the County of Oxford Province of Canada  
North America Farmer. Being weak in body but of sound mind and memory and considering the  
uncertainty of time here do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner  
and form following (that is to say) First, I give and Bequeath unto my well beloved wife  
Ellen Branchflower all my right title and Interest in my House and House land and Premises  
lying the North half of Lot Number fifteen in the fourth Concession of the Township of  
Norwich aforesaid with all my Household furniture farming utensils and Chattel property  
of what kind soever now in my possession to be by her possessed in as full and ample a  
Manner as the same has been possessed by me. In Trust Nevertheless for the use and support of herself  
and my Children it being the intention of this my will and my expectation that under her Parental  
and affectionate care my Children will be supported clothed, Educated and brought up to  
Industry and taught to reverence God and Obey the Lawes and when of Age to live as she is  
able and as they shall merit to settle them out to provide for themselves. And if in the joint  
and combined wisdom of my said wife Ellen and my Executors whom I shall hereafter  
Name that circumstances unforeseen should occur or happen that would in their joint opinion  
require my said farm and property to be sold for the benefit of my family they are hereby  
fully empowered to sell the said farm and property Reserving so much of the purchase money  
as shall be thought sufficient support for my said Wife Ellen during her life and at her death  
to be equally divided amongst my children and the remainder to be equally divided or  
amongst my Children directing the sum or sums paid advanced to any of the Older children  
and of their share. But if my said Wife Ellen Branchflower shall marry again or otherwise act to  
the disadvantage of my Children she shall be divested or deprived of all power and Authority  
over my Children and property and my Executors shall take the Children and property  
under their care and protection giving my said Wife Ellen a Childs part or full of her Power  
or share. Which part she may dispose of to my Children only as to her may seem best  
and my Executors are at liberty to Act according to their own judgment and Discretion for the Benefit  
of my Children if any alteration should take place in my family or Affairs which is omitted or unprovided for  
in this I have the settlement thereof to my Executors amongst my Children as to them in their Wisdom shall  
seem meet. Lastly I nominate and appoint Jacob Stover and ~~Alvin Stover~~ both of the Township  
of Norwich aforesaid Farmers my Executors to this my last Will and Testament to see it executed  
according to the true intent and meaning thereof hereby revoking all former Wills by me made  
I publish this to be my last. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 2<sup>d</sup> day of  
December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six

Signed sealed published and declared by the Testator in our presence

Who subscribe our names as witnesses in his presence and in the  
presence of each other

Enoch Mott  
Thomas Carr

Stephen Branchflower  
Testator



IN THE SURROGATE COURT.

District of Brock, Canada West.

WOODSTOCK, }

TO WIT:

*Thomas Curtis*

Of the Township of *Norwich* District of *Brock* and Province  
*Upper*  
aforesaid, maketh oath and saith that *Stephen Branch House late of the Township*  
*of Norwich in the District aforesaid Upper Canada deceased*

departed this life on or about the *twelfth* day of *December*  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty six* and that to  
the best of *his* knowledge and belief, as far as *he* hath been able to discover  
the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said deceased, within the said District  
of *Brock* did not exceed the sum of *Three hundred*  
Pounds Currency.

Sworn before me at Woodstock, this *twelfth* day of *Thomas Curtis*  
*June 1847*

*W. Lapointe*

Surrogate. DISTRICT OF BROCK.



**IN THE SURROGATE COURT.**

PROVINCE OF CANADA,  
**DISTRICT OF BROCK,**  
WOODSTOCK, TO WIT:

YOU *Thomas Curtis*  
of the *Township* of *Arvick*

in the District of *Brock* and Province of Canada, *Wagon* one  
of the subscribing witnesses to the last Will and Testament of the late *Stephen Branchflower*  
late of the *Township* of *Arvick*  
in the District of *Brock* and province aforesaid *Wagon*  
Deceased, do swear that you were personally present and did see the said *Stephen Branchflower*

(by placing his mark)

sign, seal, publish and declare the *Will*

now shown to you as his last Will and Testament; and you the said *Thomas Curtis*  
do further swear that the names *Enoch Mott and Thomas*  
*Curtis*

which appear as Witnesses to the last Will and Testa-  
ment of the said *Stephen Branchflower* are the proper handwriting of them the said  
*Thomas Curtis and of the deponent, and that the said Enoch Mott*

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  
*Stephen Branchflower* at the signing of the said last Will and Testament was of  
sound mind, memory and understanding.

**So Help You GOD.**

Sworn before me at Woodstock, this *seventh* *Thomas Curtis*  
day of *June* 184*7*

*W. Laprise*  
*Surrogate B. D.* *Register*

**IN THE SURROGATE COURT.**

PROVINCE OF CANADA,  
*Brock* DISTRICT,  
Woodstock, to wit:

YOU *Albin Stou*  
of the *Township* of *Arvick in the District of Brock, being*  
one of the people called *Quakers* as aforesaid, and you *Jacob Stou* of the

said *Township* do swear that you are the person named in the  
last Will and Testament of the late *Stephen Branchflower* late  
of the *Township* of *Arvick* in the *Brock* District, and

Province aforesaid. *Wagon* deceased as Executors — thereto,  
that you believe the paper now shown to you to be the said last Will and Testament of  
the said Deceased; that you will pay all the debts and legacies of the said deceased so  
far as the Goods and Chattels shall extend, and the law shall bind you, and that you will  
exhibit a true, full, and perfect Inventory of all and every the goods and chattels, Rights  
and Credits of the said deceased, together with a just and true account into the Registry  
of the said Surrogate Court, when you shall be thereto lawfully required—

**So Help You GOD.**

Sworn before me at Woodstock, this  
day of *June* 184*7*

*W. Laprise*  
*Surrogate Brock District*