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In the hands of
James Dennis

Probate grants
to Mary Dennis et al
22nd July
1859

Unto the Surrogate Court of the County of *Onford*

The Petition of *Mary Dennis* of the Township of *North Norwich* in the County of *Onford* in the Province of *Canada*

HUMBLY SHEWETH

That *James Dennis* late of the Township of *North Norwich* in the County of *Onford* deceased, died on or about the *third* day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty nine* at *North Norwich*

in the County of *Onford* and Province of *Canada*, and that the said deceased at the time of his death had a fixed place of abode at *North Norwich* in the said County of *Onford*

That the said deceased in his life time duly made his last Will and Testament, bearing date the *twenty first* day of *May* one thousand eight hundred and *fifty nine*

by which said last will and testament your petitioner is named executor and *Henry Dennis, John Corbin and Stephen Stearns* all of the Township of *North Norwich* aforesaid executors in that behalf

That your Petitioner is *the* executrix named in the said Will That the value of the personal estate and effects of the said deceased which he in any way died possessed of or entitled to, and for and in respect to which a Probate of the said Will is to be granted, are of or about the value of *two thousand and eighty eight* dollars to the best of your Petitioner's knowledge and belief,

Wherefore your Petitioner prays that Probate of the said Will of the said deceased may be granted to *them* by this Honorable Court.

Dated the *seventh* day of *July* 18 *59*

James Kenton

Mary Dennis
Mark

In the Surrogate Court, of the County of *Orange*

In the goods of *James Dennis*
deceased.

I, *Henry Dennis* of the Township
of *North Norwich* in the County of *Orange*
make oath and say:

That I am one of the Executors named in the last Will and Testament
of the said *James Dennis*
of the Township of *North Norwich* deceased.

That said deceased died on or about the *third* day of *June*
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty-nine* at *North*
Norwich and that the said deceased at the time of his death had
his fixed place of abode at *North Norwich* in the said County of
Orange

Sworn at *Woodstock*
in the County of *Orange*
the *seventh* day of *July*
A.D., 18 *89* before me.

} *Henry Dennis*

James Kitchin
A. Com., C.P.
Co., *Orange*

In the Surrogate Court, of the County

of *Andover*

In the goods of *James Dennis of the Township of North Ferris in the County of Andover* deceased.

I *John Corbin* of the Township of *North Ferris* in the County of *Andover* make oath and say that I am one of the Executors named in the last Will and Testament of the said *James Dennis* deceased.

That the personal estate and effects of the said deceased, which *he* in any way died possessed of or entitled to, and for and in respect to which Probate of the said Will is *prayed by the said Dennis* to be granted, are of or about the value of *two thousand and eighty eight* dollars.

Sworn at *Ward street* in the County of *Andover* the *7th* day of *July* A. D., 185*7* before me,

John Corbin

James Kenton
A. Com. C. P.
Co. *Andover*

Office of
The Surrogate Clerk

In the Goods of James Dennis, deceased,
named in a certain Notice of application
for a grant of Letters of Administration
dated the Seventh day of July AD 1859
as late of the Township of North Norwich in
the County of Oxford,

I Charles Fitzgibbon the Surrogate Clerk, do
hereby certify that no Notice of application in
respect to the goods of the said deceased has
been received by me from any of the Registrars
of the Surrogate Courts in Upper Canada, save
the above from the Surrogate Court for the County
of Oxford for a grant of Probate of the Will bearing
date the Seventy first day of May AD 1859.

And I further certify that no caveat or
Copy of caveat against the grant of Probate or
administration in the goods of the said deceased
has been lodged with or received by me

Dated this Eleventh day of July AD 1859

Charles Fitzgibbon
Surrogate Clerk

To

The Registrar of the Surrogate Court
County of Oxford

Woodstock

Clerk

The Last Will and Testament of James Dennis of the Township of Norwich north
in the County of Oxford Canada west, feeling the uncertainty of this mortal life,
and having great reason to bless God for his goodness, and care of me, and after resigning
all into the hands of my said Redeemer. — I do hereby make and publish this my Last
Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say. First, I direct that
the South-east quarter of lot number ten in the seventh conception of East: Oxford be
sold at public or private sale, as soon as practicable, and the proceeds thereof to go towards
paying all my just debts funeral expences, and so forth, after which I do hereby direct that
my said beloved wife Mary Dennis do have, hold, retain, and enjoy the residue thereof for her use
for ever

Secondly. I direct give and bequeath unto my beloved wife aforesaid, the South-east forty acres
of lot number sixteen in the second conception of the Township of Norwich north aforesaid with and
singular the hereditaments and appurtenances belonging or in anywise appertaining, and also the East
thirty acres of the South half of lot number eighteen in the said second Conception of Norwich aforesaid,
with all and singular as aforesaid unto her use, profit and maintenance during her
life time, and if she my said wife shall after my decease, see fit to marry again and have issue
of her body, then I direct give and bequeath the above mentioned lots of land and tenements to her
and to her heirs and assigns for ever, — and if it her death she should leave no issue or heirs of her
body as aforesaid, then I direct my Executors to divide, or sell and divide the proceeds of such sale of
the above mentioned lots of land, between her relatives or kindred as they my Executors shall see fit

Thirdly. I direct that my said wife do have and retain to her use, such of my (personal) household furniture
as she may need and choose to have and retain, and the residue together with the farming utensils, live
stock, grain, books, wagons &c, to be sold at public or private sale as my said Executors shall
see fit, and out of said proceeds I further direct that Marshall Faulkner be paid the sum
of Two hundred dollars in clothing, and such other necessaries as may be required for
his maintenance from time to time as he may stand in need thereof

Fourthly. I direct give and bequeath the West Seventy acres of lot number eighteen in
the second conception of Norwich north aforesaid to be let out at a yearly rent so as to im-
prove said farm, and when there is a profit arising from it, the said profit and profits
to go and be for the use and support of the Second Regular Baptist Church in
Norwich aforesaid, of which I am a member, the said bequest to be under the care and
management, of the Trustees of the said Baptist Church from time to time appointed for ever.

Fifthly I do hereby authorize and empower my herein named Executors to bring in account and reckoning, ask, demand, collect, sue for, or otherwise as may fit, all debts, or matters or things due unto me, or which may be hereafter due, from all persons, or persons, whomsoever, and to give, and receive all receipts, releases, make and receive deeds of conveyance, and so forth to the best of their means, the same as if they were their own according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

Lastly I do hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my beloved wife Mary Dennis as aforesaid my Executrix, and Henry Dennis my beloved brother of Norwich aforesaid and John Corbin of Norwich aforesaid and Stephen Stevens of Norwich aforesaid my Executors to this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all other wills by me previously made.

Witness my hand and seal this twenty first day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty nine

Signed by the Testator James Dennis
in presence of us, at the time, and in presence
of each other
William H. Haviland
Joseph Watson

James Dennis

Affidavit of Execution of Will.

In the Surrogate Court, of the

County of *Y*

of *Orange*

In the goods of *James Dennis*
deceased.

I *William H. Haviland* of the Township
of *North Norwich* in the County of *Orange*
make oath and say:

That I knew *James Dennis*
late of the Township of *North Norwich* deceased.

That on or about the *twenty first* day of *May* in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty nine* I was present
and did see the said *James Dennis* sign and declare the
paper writing hereunto annexed, as and for the last Will and Testament of the
said *James Dennis*

That I, deponent and *Joseph Watson*
of the said Township of *North Norwich*
did subscribe our names as witnesses to the execution of the said Will at the
request of the said Testator and in presence of each other; and lastly, that the
several names subscribed as witness to the execution of the said Will are of the
proper handwriting of this deponent and the said *Joseph Watson*
respectively.

And I this deponent further say that I verily believe that the said Testator at
the time of the execution of the said last Will and Testament was of sound and
perfect mind memory, and understanding.

Sworn before me at *Woodstock*

this *seventh* day of *July*

A.D., 18 *59*

William H. Haviland

James H. H. H.
Ch. Com. C. D.
Co, Orange

OATH OF EXECUTOR.

In the Surrogate Court of the
of *Anford*

County *of*

In the Goods of *James Dennis*

deceased

I *Henry Dennis*

of the Township

of *North Norwich* in the County of *Anford*

make oath and say, that I believe the paper writing hereto prefixed, to contain the true and original last Will and Testament of

James Dennis

late of the Township of

North Norwich in the County of *Anford*

That I am one of the

executors therein named

and that I will faithfully administer the personal estate and effects of the said Testator by paying his just debts and the legacies contained in his will so far as the same will thereunto extend, and the law bind me, and that I will exhibit a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the personal estate and effects, rights and credits of the Testator, and render a just and full account of my Executorship, whenever required by law so to do.

Sworn at *Woodstock*

in the County of *Anford*

the *7th* day of *July*

A.D., 18 *59* Before me,

Henry Dennis

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OATH OF EXECUTOR.

In the Surrogate Court of the
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In the Goods of James Dennis deceased

I John Corbin of the Township
of North Newark in the County of Amford

make oath and say, that I believe the paper writing hereto prefixed, to contain the true and original last Will and Testament of

James Dennis late of the Township of
North Newark in the County of Amford That I am one of the
executors therein named

and that I will faithfully administer the personal estate and effects of the said Testator by paying his just debts and the legacies contained in his will so far as the same will thereunto extend, and the law bind me, and that I will exhibit a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the personal estate and effects, rights and credits of the Testator, and render a just and full account of my Executorship, whenever required by law so to do.

Sworn at Woodstock
in the County of Amford
the 17th day of July
A.D., 1859 Before me,

John Corbin

James Kunkin
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OATH OF EXECUTOR.

In the Surrogate Court of the
of *Auford*

Count of *A*

In the Goods of *James Dennis* deceased

I *Stephen Stevens* of the Township
of *North Norwich* in the County of *Auford*

make oath and say, that I believe the paper writing hereto prefixed, to contain the true and original last Will and Testament of

James Dennis late of the Township of
North Norwich in the County of *Auford* That I am one of the
executors therein named

and that I will faithfully administer the personal estate and effects of the said Testator by paying his just debts and the legacies contained in his will so far as the same will thereunto extend, and the law bind me, and that I will exhibit a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the personal estate and effects, rights and credits of the Testator, and render a just and full account of my Executorship, whenever required by law so to do.

Sworn at *Ward Church*
in the County of *Auford*
the *4th* day of *July*
A.D., 18*59* Before me,

Stephen Stevens

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OATH OF EXECUTOR.

In the Surrogate Court of the
of *Orford*

Count *2*

In the Goods of *James Dennis*

deceased

I *Mary Dennis* of the Township
of *North Norwich* in the County of *Orford*

make oath and say, that I believe th~~e~~ paper writing hereto prefixed, to contain the true and original last Will and Testament *James Dennis* of

North Norwich in the County of *Orford*
execut~~or~~ therein named

late of the Township of

That I am ~~among~~ the

and that I will faithfully administer the personal estate and effects of the said Testator by paying his just debts and the legacies contained in his will so far as the same will thereunto extend, and the law bind me, and that I will exhibit a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the personal estate and effects, rights and credits of the Testator, and render a just and full account of my Executorship, whenever required by law so to do.

Sworn at *Woodstock*

in the County of *Orford*

the *15* day of *July*

A.D., 18 *69* Before me, *and*

Mary Dennis
Mark

I certify that I read over the above affidavit to the said *Mary Dennis* who said that she fully understood its import

James Perkins
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