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William James  
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Will of  
William James of Norwich Co  
Essex Vermont

Rebat. Co: Mr. Pr. Test.  
17 August 1854.

N. Lapinsiere  
Judge Surrogate Court  
County of Oxford

This is the Last Will and Testament of me  
William James of the Township of Norwich in the  
County of Oxford in the Province of Canada Yeoman  
In the Name of God Amen I William James being of  
sound mind Thanks be to God for his mercies I do make  
this my last Will and Testament as follows —

It is my Will and Desire and I do give and bequeath to  
my present wife by my last marriage Delphia her ample  
comfortable living from my property if she should out live  
me and a comfortable home in my house during her life  
with all things necessary for her support to be provided for  
her by my sons —

I give and devise to my three sons William James &  
Joseph James and Joshua James, their heirs and assigns  
my homestead place where I live situated in the North Half  
of Lot Number twenty four in the North Concession of the Township  
of Norwich in the County of Oxford aforesaid containing Ninety eight  
Acres less or more, to hold the same with the appurtenances then  
thereunto belonging unto and to the use of them my said sons  
William James Joseph James and Joshua James their heirs and  
assigns forever subject to supporting the said Delphia so long as  
she shall live as before is mentioned for her — And the third  
part of my said homestead land and premises which will fall  
to the share of my said son William James, as each will to share  
equal except my said William's share is to be held subject to  
payment by him to his other brothers above named each one  
third of the value of two Acres of said half lot heretofore conveyed by  
me to him so as to make all my said sons equal sharers of my  
property aforesaid — Also I bequeath to my said three sons  
all my movable effects goods, Chattels & credits, but subject to the  
support of my present wife above named with whom I now live for  
what she has done for me and I desire that she may be properly taken  
care of in sickness & in health.

Lastly I appoint my two said sons William and Joshua  
Executors of this my last Will and Testament  
hereby revoking all former Wills by me made — In Witness

Whereof I herewith set my hand and seal at the Town of Lincoln  
The twenty third day of June, in the year of our Lord One  
Thousand eight hundred and fifty four

Wm. James

Signed Sealed Published and Declared  
by the above named William James, as  
and for his Last will and Testament  
In presence of us who have herewith  
set our subscribed our names as Witnesses  
In presence of the Testator & of each other

P. J. Walsh

A. Walsh.

The meeting of the Deacons' State of  
 the late William James son of the late  
 of Norwich County & Bedford as approved by the  
 Honorable Joseph Wakefield Bill and Thomas  
 all of the same place probators on the 24th day  
 of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty  
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2	Wags	10 "		1850 1/2 1 Dec 1850	1 5
1	English 1/2	1 "		1850 1/2 1 Dec 1850	1 5
1	Salamon 1/2	2 "		1850 1/2 1 Dec 1850	1 5
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In the Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford.

Province of Canada,  
COUNTY OF OXFORD,  
TO WIT:

You *William James* of the Town *Shelburne* of  
*Arundel* in the County of *Oxford*.

the Executor named in the last Will and Testament of the late  
*William James* late of the said Town *Arundel* deceased, do  
swear that you believe the Will now shewn to you to be the last  
Will and Testament of the said *William James* 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 *two hundred*  
*and fifty pounds or thereabouts, and that the said deceased died in the said Township of*  
*Arundel on or about the tenth day of August instant.*

So HELP YOU GOD.

Sworn before me at *Woodstock*  
of Oxford, this *17* day of *August*

in the County }  
A. D. *1854* }

*William James*

*W. Lapenhere*

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

*Joshua James*  
*Wrench*

of the Town *Ship* of

in the County of *Oxford* *Sharncliffe*

the Executor named in the last Will and Testament \_\_\_\_\_ of the late

*William James*

late of the said Town *Ship* *Wrentham*

deceased, do

swear that you believe the Will \_\_\_\_\_

now shewn to you to be the last

Will and Testament \_\_\_\_\_

of the said *William James*

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 *two hundred*

*and fifty pounds* *at three shillings*

So HELP YOU GOD.

Sworn before me at *Woodstock*  
of Oxford, this *17* day of *August*

in the County

A. D. *1854*

*Joshua James*

*W. Lapointe*

Judge of the Surrogate Court,  
County of Oxford.

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To His Honor, William Laperouse Esquire, Judge of the Superior Court  
of the County of Oxford.

The Petition of William James of the Township of Norwich in the  
County of Oxford Esquire and Joshua James of the said Township Justice of the  
Peace named in the last Will and Testament of William James of the said  
Township of Norwich deceased  
Humbly Sheweth

That William James late of the Township of Norwich in the  
County of Oxford Esquire deceased departed this life at the said Township  
on or about the fifth day of August in the Year of our Lord 1854 having  
first on the twenty third day of June last, duly made and published his  
last Will and Testament in writing whereby he appointed your petitioners  
Executors of his said Will. That at the time of the death of the said  
William James he was possessed of such goods and chattels, rights and  
credits all within the County aforesaid amounting to the sum of two  
hundred and fifty pounds or thereabouts ~~as~~ near as your petitioners  
have been enabled to ascertain. Your Petitioners being desirous  
of establishing and proving the said Will and taking in discharge the  
duty of such Executors. Humbly pray you Hon<sup>ble</sup> will be pleased to  
grant probate of the said Will &c. And your Petitioners as  
in duty bound will ever pray. William James

Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 1854

Joshua James