

The Last Will and Testament
of John Leander deceased
Late of the County of Alameda

Office of the Surrogate Clerk

In the goods of John Leader deceased,
named in a certain notice of application
for a grant of Probate dated the Twenty
first day of July AD 1857 as late of the
Township of Glenheim 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 Tenth
day of October AD 1855.

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 Twenty third day of July AD 1857

Charles Fitzgibbon
Surrogate Clerk

To the Registrar of the Surrogate Court
County of Oxford
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Surrogate Court of the

County of Oxford

The Petition of Noah Rouse and Joseph Leader of the Township of Bluewin in the said County of Oxford

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That John Leader late of the Township of Bluewin in the County of Oxford deceased, died on or about the Twenty second day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine at Bluewin aforesaid

in the County of Oxford and Province of Canada, and that the said deceased at the time of his death had his fixed place of abode at Bluewin in the said County of Oxford

That the said deceased in his life time duly made his last Will and Testament, bearing date the Twelfth day of October one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, and did afterwards, to wit on the twenty sixth day of February one thousand eight hundred and fifty six make and execute the Codicil therein endorsed.

That your Petitioners are the executors 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 Six hundred fourteen Dollars

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 16th day of July 1859

Noah Rouse
Joseph W Leader

Affidavit of Execution of Will.

In the Surrogate Court, of the

County of *Jefferson*

of *Jefferson*

In the goods of *John Leader*
deceased.

I *William Harris* of the Township
of *Blenheim* in the County of *Jefferson*

make oath and say:

That I knew *John Leader*
late of *Blenheim Jefferson* deceased.

That on or about the *ten* day of *October* in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty five* I was present
and did see the said *John Leader* sign and declare the
paper writing hereunto annexed, as and for the last Will and Testament of the

sign and have the Council engraved on said will on or about the twenty sixth day
said *John Leader*, and also did see the said *John Leader* duly
sign and declare the *Council* engraved on said will on or about the twenty sixth day

That I, deponent and *Jared Kilborn Esquire*
of *Plattsville* in the Township of *Blenheim* of *residence* *Council*
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 *Jared Kilborn*
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 *and Council* was of sound and
perfect mind memory, and understanding.

Sworn before me at *Plattsville* in
the County of *Jefferson*
this *seventeenth* day of *July*

A.D., 18 *57*.

William Harris

Jared Kilborn

a Commissioner in C. P. in and for the County of *Jefferson*

of February 1859-

value of Property, &c.

In the Surrogate Court,

County

of Oxford

In the goods of John Leader

deceased.

We Noah Rouse & Joseph W. Leader of the Townships of Blenheim
in the County of Oxford, severally make oath and say that we are
the Executors named in the last last Will and Testament
of the said John Leader 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

to be granted, are of or about the value of

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dollars.

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The above named deponents Noah Rouse
and Joseph W. Leader were severally

Sworn at Blenheim

in the County of Oxford

the 22nd day of December

A. D., 1867 before me,

George Perry

Noah Rouse
Joseph W. Leader

A Com^r for taking affidavits
in B. R. in and for the County
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In the Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford,

In the Goods of John Leader deceased,

We Noah Rouse and Joseph ^{Walker} Leader of the Township of Blenheim in the County of Oxford severally make oath and say that We believe the paper writings hereto prefixed to contain the true and original last Will and Testament and Codicil of the said John Leader deceased late of the Township of Blenheim in the County of Oxford. That we are the joint Executors therein named and that we will faithfully administer the personal estate and effects of the said Testator by paying his just debts and the legacies contained in his Will and Codicil so far as the same will thereunto extend and the Law bind us and that we 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 our Execution whenever required by Law so to do.

The above named Deponents Noah Rouse
and Joseph ^{Walker} Leader were severally
Sworn at Blenheim in the County of
Oxford the 22nd day of December
A.D. 1859. Before me
George Perry.

Noah Rouse
Joseph W Leader

A Court for taking affidavits in
B. R. in and for the County of
Oxford

In the Surrogate Court of the County of
Oxford,

In the Goods of John Leader deceased,
S. Joseph Walker Leader, of the Township of Blenheim
in the County of Oxford make oath and say
That I am the Executor named in the last Will
and Testament of the said John Leader deceased
That said deceased died on or about the Twenty second
day of March in the Year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifty nine at the said Township
of Blenheim and that the said deceased at the
time of his death had his fixed place of abode
at Blenheim in the said County of
Oxford,

Sworn at Blenheim
in the County of Oxford
the 22nd day of December
A. D. 1859. Before me.

Joseph W Leader

George Perry
A Com^r for taking affidavits
in D. C. in and for the
County of Oxford.

In the name of God Amen.

I John Leader the elder of the Township of Blenheim in the County of Oxford and Province of Canada Grooman, calling to mind the Shortness and uncertainty of this mortal life, and knowing that it is appointed unto all men to die, and being very sick, but of sound and disposing mind memory and full of age, do make ordain and publish this last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say. First I commend my spirit into the hands of Almighty God, who first gave me being, and my body to the earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my Executors. And as touching such lowly Estate as it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with in this life, I dispose of the same as follows. First I will that all my just and lawful debts be paid.

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Rhoda Leader the profits and proceeds of all my personal and real estate after the said debts are paid my real estate consists of the south half of the north half of Lot number sixteen in the fourth Concession fifty acres also eleven and a half acres or so number thirteen in the said fourth Concession and twelve and a half acres or so number eighteen in the said fourth Concession all of the said Township of Blenheim - to hold the same during her natural life, and at her decease I will that all my said real estate become the property of my son William Leader, provided he my said son William Leader, do pay to my lawful heirs the following legacies namely

Codicil 3 I John Leader the testator within named do hereby publish namely having exchanged the south east quarter of the in the fourth Concession ^{of Blenheim} with my son Joseph W. Leader, I will that the said lands so obtained by such exchange be as the other lands mentioned in my said last

will sealed and delivered this twenty sixth day of February A.D. 1859
in presence of William Morris witness
James Kilbourn witness

I will and bequeath to my beloved wife Rhoda Leader the profits and proceeds of all my personal and real estate after the said debts are paid my real estate consists of the south half of the south half of Lot number sixteen in the fourthth Conception of ^{of} acres also eleven and a half acres or lot number thirteen in the said fourthth Conception and twelve and a half acres or lot thirteenth together in the fourthth Conception all of the said Township of Blenheim to hold the same during her natural life, and at her decease I will that all my said real estate become the property of my son William Leader, provided he my said son William Leader, do pay to my lawful heirs the following legacies namely to my son John James Leader the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars. To my daughter Rhoda W. Colborn the sum of one hundred dollars, and to my daughter Mary Jane Leader the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. I will that my son Joseph Leader shall have and keep possession of the acres, part of my land on lot no thirteen, during his natural life or during his pleasure but finally to go to my said real estate him or his heirs ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the} Leader and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint my friend Noah Rogers of Blenheim executor, and my son Joseph Leader of the same place executor to this my last will and Testament, and asking all and every other heir or child of mine to give up their shares in my said real estate to my said executor or administrator. I declare this to be my last will and Testament. I witness whereof I have subscribed at my hands and seal this fourth day of October A.D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty five in

within name do hereby publish this codicil to my said will the south east quarter of the south half of of lot number sixteen with my son Joseph W. Leader, for the north west quarter of the said lands so obtained by such exchange shall be subject to the same provisions mentioned in my said last will and Testament.

day of February A.D. 1859
 witnesses

John Leader

William Morris. witnesses
 Lana Colborn witnesses
 Rhoda Leader

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