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P. to prove unto
Petition of Able
Macklem

filed 15th Sept 1857
J. H. W.

To his honor William Captrich Senior
Judge of the Surrogate Court of the County
of Suffolk

The Petitioners of Jesse Cornell
the Townships of ^{South Norwich} the County of ^{Windsor} ~~Windsor~~ and ~~Seneca~~
Palm Cornall of the said Township ~~Seneca~~
the Executors

named in the last will and Testament
of the late Abel Madam ^{late of the Town}
Ship of South Norwich ^{deceased}

Sheweth
That the said Abel Madam ^{deceased}
departed this life on or about the twenty second
day of June A.D. 1857 having first published
his last will and Testament in writing which
said will bears date on or about the ^{fourteenth}
day of April A.D. 1857 whereby

he appointed your Petitioners Executors
of his said will that the said
deceased after his death was possessed
of divers good chattels and credits which
amount in the whole to the sum of two hundred
and sixty four pounds ^{or thereabouts}

That your Petitioners are desirous to be allowed
to prove the said will and therefore pray that
your honor will be pleased to have the
necessary steps taken to enable them to do
so and your Petitioners as in duty
bound will ever pray

Witness your hand
Jesse Cornell
Samuel P. Cornell

Woodstock 15 Sept 1857

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In the Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford.

Province of Canada,
COUNTY OF OXFORD,
TO WIT:

You, *Elijah Seal* of the Town of *South Norwich* in the County of *Oxford*

Proximate one of the subscribing Witnesses to the last Will and Testament of the late *Abel Macklem* late of the said Town ^{*Woman*} deceased, do swear that you were personally present, and did see the said *Abel Macklem* sign, seal, publish, and declare the Will now shewn to you as and for his last Will and Testament, and you the said *Elijah Seal* do further swear that the names of *Francis Ponce* and *Sarah Watson* which appear as Witnesses to the said last Will and Testament of the said *Abel Macklem* are the proper handwriting of them the said *Francis Ponce* and *Sarah Watson* 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 *Abel Macklem* at the signing of the said last Will and Testament was of sound memory and understanding.

So HELP YOU GOD.

Sworn before me at *Woodstock*
Oxford, this *15* day of *September*

in the County of }
A.D. 1857 }

W. Laproture
Judge of the Surrogate Court,
County of Oxford.

Elijah Seal

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford.

Province of Canada,
COUNTY OF OXFORD,
TO WIT:

You *Jesse Cornell*
Minick

of the Township of *South*
in the County of *Orford* *Manan* one of

the Executors named in the last Will and Testament _____ of the late
Abel Macklem late of the said Township *Manan* deceased, do solemnly

swear that you believe the Will _____

now shewn to you to be the last Will and Testament _____ of the said *Abel Macklem* 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 sixty four pounds or thereabouts*

And so you affirm
~~So Help You God.~~

affirm Sworn before me at *Woodstock* in the County _____
of Oxford, this *15* day of *September* A. D. *1857*

Jesse Cornell

W. S. [Signature]

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 *Samuel Palmer Cornell* of the Town *Shick* of
South Norwich in the County of *Oxford* ~~of the~~ *Merchant*

one of the the Executors — named in the last Will and Testament _____ of the late
and truly desire and affirm *Abel Macklem* late of the said Town *Shick* *Yonama* deceased, do solemnly
swear that you believe the Will _____ now shewn to you to be the last
Will and Testament _____ of the said *Abel Macklem* 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~~ *affirm* 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 sixty four pounds & no more.

And so you affirm
So Help You God.

affirmed
Sworn before me at *Woodstock*
of Oxford, this *15* day of *September*

in the County } *Samuel P. Cornell*
A. D. 1857 }

W. S. Apperance
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:

John Jesse Cornett of the Town ship of
South Norwich in the County of *Upper Meram* do solemnly

swear and truly declare and affirm

maketh oath and saith, that the late *Abel MacKlem*

late of the Town ship of *South Norwich* in the said County of *Upper*

Meram deceased, departed this life, at the said Town ship on or about the
September 22 day of *April* in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight
hundred and *eighty seven* and so you affirm

affirmed Sworn before me at *Woodstock* in the County }
of Oxford, this *15* day of *September* A. D. 18*57*

J. P. Cornell

W. Dapson

Judge of the Surrogate Court,
County of Oxford.

An inventory of the property of the
late Abel Macklem of South Norwich
County of Oxford Canada West
as follows

1 Note against Truman Wilcox Bearing	
Date January 27 th 1857 - for	\$ 148-00
But on a Note against J Withrill	
Bearing Date April 4 th 1856 - - -	290-26
1 against J Wetherel hearing Date	
June 1 st 1857 - - - - -	26-50
But Due on J W & J P Cornell's Note	
Bearing Date Dec 4 th 1856 - - -	32-20
House and Lot of five Acres	240-00
1 Horse - - - - -	65-00
1 Cow - - - - -	25-00
1 Waggon - - - - -	40-00
2 Cutters - - - - -	60-00
Lot of Timber and Lumber - - -	50-00
Buffaloe Robe - - - - -	12-00
Harp and Bells - - - - -	8-00
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	\$ 1296-96

South Norwich July 16th 1857

We the undersigned freeholders certify the above
to be a true and correct list of the property of the late Abel Macklem as
apprized by us

John C. Hamilton
James G. Catman
mark

This The Last Will and Testament of
Able Macklem of the Township of South Norwich
County of Oxford and Province of Canada yeoman
being weak in body but of sound and perfect mind and
memory do make and publish this my last Will and
Testament in manner and form following, that is to say

First I order and direct that all my just debts
and funeral expences be paid;
Second I order and direct and hereby empower my
Executors whom I shall hereafter name to sell and
convey all of my Real and Personal estate (except
the Household furniture) as soon as convenient after
my death;

Third I give and bequeath unto my
beloved Wife Achey the household furniture and
the one half of the balance after the debts and
expences are paid; which said legacy or sum of
money I will and order shall be paid to her within
one year after my death;

Fourth I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Margaret (as) an infant; the remainder half
of my estate to be kept on Interest by my executors
the Interest to go for her support as she needs it; which
said legacy or sum of money I will and order shall be
paid to her when she arrives to the age of eighteen
years

Fifthly In case of his death before she arrives to the age of eighteen years I then order and direct that her share be equally divided share and share alike between my three minor brothers namely James, Guesmar and Samuel Macklem their or their heirs to be paid to them as they come of age

And for the due performance and carrying out of this my last Will and Testament I nominate and appoint my friend Jesse Cornell and my Uncle Samuel A Cornell to be my Executors hereby revoking all former wills made by me

In Witness whereof I the said Able Macklem have hereunto set my hand and seal the seventeenth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven

My said seal published and declared by the said testator Able Macklem as and for his last Will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto

Elijah Fleeth
Francis Burns
Jacob Catman

Able Mack