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Petition of William
McLeod to determine to the
estate of Norman McLeod

filed 22nd Oct 1853

W. McLeod

To His Honor William Lapierre Judge of the County
Court of the County of Oxford

The Petition of William McLeod of the Township of Blenheim
in the County of Oxford Ontario the eldest son of the late Norman McLeod
late of Meldred Township Ontario deceased

It humbly Shearith

That the late Norman McLeod late of the Township of Blenheim
in the County of Oxford Ontario deceased departed this life at the said
Township on or about the tenth, ninth day of August in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four inclusive. That the said
deceased in the Father of your petitioner and that your petitioner is the
eldest son of the said Norman McLeod by his mother Lydia
who was the lawful wife of the said Norman McLeod at the
period of your Petitioners birth. That your petitioner has
made diligent search for a will of the said deceased but has not
been able to discover any such will. That at the time of the
decease of the said Norman McLeod he was possessed of dices gold
and chattels right and credits all within the County of Oxford
amounting to the sum of two hundred and fifty nine pounds 15/9
or thereabouts so far as your Petitioner has been enabled to ascertain
that the Meadow of the said deceased is still alive but is now
and incapable of raising any Burden. That no letters of
administration of the estate of the said deceased have as yet been
granted to any one by the County Sheriff but I pray your
Honour may be pleased to grant to him letters of administration
of the estate of the said deceased And your Petitioner as in duty
bound will ever pray. William McLeod

Woodstock 22 October 1855.

In the Sungale Court of the County of Oxford

County of Oxford

No. 1055

John Canada Star of the Township of Blenheim in the
County of Oxford, Ontario and John Challenor of the
said Township of Brantford severally make oath and say
and give this deposition ^{John Brantford} for himself, that that he knows
Lydia McLeod the widow of the late Norman McLeod late
of the said Township of Brantford deceased, and that she
the said Lydia McLeod is insane. And the defendant
John Challenor for himself, that he knows Lydia
McLeod the widow of the late Norman McLeod, and that
she is insane.

The deponents John Canada Star
and John Challenor were personally known
to each other at the Town of Brantford in the
County of Oxford this 22 day of October
A.D. 1855

John C. Star
aforesw. Challenor

W. Sapperton
Judge of Sungale Court
County of Oxford

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford.

Province of Canada, }
COUNTY OF OXFORD, }
TO WIT: { John Canada Stark of the Township of
Blenheim in the County of Oxford
makest oath and saith, that the late Norman McLeod
late of the Township of Blenheim in the said County
deceased, departed this life, at the said Township on or about the
day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight
hundred and fifty five.

Sworn before me at Woodstock in the County
of Oxford, this 22 day of October A. D. 1855

John C. Stark

J. Lapham
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 William McLeod of the Township of
Blenheim in the County of Oxford do swear that
you know of no Will made by the late Norman McLeod late of the Township of
Blenheim in the County of Oxford, deceased, that you will
well and truly administer all and singular, the Goods, Rights, Credits and Chattels of the said deceased; that you will pay all such Debts as the said deceased owed at his death, so far as such Goods, Rights, Credits and Chattels will thereunto extend, and by Law you are bound, that you will make a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Rights, Credits, and Chattels of the said deceased as have, or shall come into your hands, custody, power or knowledge, and exhibit, or cause to be exhibited, the same unto the Registry of the said Court within the time limited by the said Court: and that you will also give a just and full account thereof unto the said Court, when you shall be thereunto lawfully required: You also swear that the property of the said Norman McLeod deceased, is under the sum of One hundred pounds of lawful money of Canada, and that the said Norman McLeod died at the Township aforesaid on or about the day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, and you further swear that you have heard nothing of the said Norman McLeod's estate.

So Help You God.

Sworn before me at Woodstock
of Oxford, this 22 day of October

in the County
A. D. 1855

William McLeod

J. Lapham
Judge of the Surrogate Court,
County of Oxford.

Know all Men by these PRESENTS, that we William McLeod of the Township of Blantyre in the County of Oxford, Towneau Administering the said Township of Blantyre and of the said Township Towneau Sealed Thomas McLean of Blantyre aforesaid
Wm. and John Currie of the said Township Towneau

are held and firmly bound to Sir Edmund Walker Head Baronet Governor General
of the Province of Canada

and to his Successor and Successors in Office, in the sum of *Five hundred and thirty*
Pounds of lawful money of the said Province, to be paid to *Her majesty Queen Victoria*

and their Successors; for which payment, to be well and truly made, we bind ourselves severally, our Heirs, and each of our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals, and dated at *Woolsthorpe* in the
County of Louth this *Twenty second* day of *October*
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *ninety six*

THE CONDITION of this obligation is such, that if the within bounden *William McLeod*

Administrator of all and singular the goods, chattels, and credits of *William McLeod* deceased, do make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods, chattels, and credits, of the said deceased, which have or shall come into the hands, possession, or knowledge of, *him* the said *William McLeod*, or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for *him* and the same so made, do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registry of the *Sureties of the County* on or before the *last* Monday in *March* next ensuing, and the same goods, chattels, and credits, and all other the goods, chattels, and credits of the said deceased, at the time of *his* death, which at any time after shall come into the hands or possession of the said *William McLeod*, or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for *him* do well and truly administer according to law, and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of *his* said administration, at or before the *first Monday in January 1851*, and all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels, and credits, which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrator account, the same being first examined and allowed by the Judge of the Court for the time being, shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons, respectively, as the said Judge by his decree or sentence, conformably to the provisions in a certain Act of Parliament intituled, "An Act for the better settling Intestate Estates," and passed in the twenty-second and twenty-third year of the reign of Charles II, and also in a certain Act passed in the first year of King James II, contained, shall limit and appoint; and if it shall hereafter appear that any last Will or Testament was made by the deceased, and the Executor or Executors therein named do exhibit the same into the said Court, making request to have it allowed and approved accordingly, if the said *William McLeod* within bounden, being thereunto required, do render and deliver the said Letters of Administration (approbation of such Testament being first had and made) in the said Court, then this obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to remain in full force and virtue.

Signed and Sealed in
presence of

William McLeod

James Smith

Jno. A. Mclaren
John C. Hart

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford,

Thomas Allchin of the Township of Bleasby in the
County of Oxford citizen and John Comadauf
of the said Township of Bleasby

SURETIES for the due administration of the estate of ~~Norman~~
~~Heed~~ late of the Township of
Bleasby in the County of Oxford deceased
deceased, severally made oath and say: And first the said ~~Thomas~~
~~Allchin~~ for himself saith that he is worth
the sum of two hundred and sixty pounds of lawful
money of Canada, all his debts being first paid: And next the said
~~John Comadauf~~ for himself saith that he
is worth the sum of two hundred and sixty Pounds, of
lawful money of Canada, all his debts being first paid.

Sworn before me at Windmill in the
County of Oxford, this 22nd
day of October in the
year of our Lord 1856 by the said
Thomas Allchin and
John Comadauf severally.

P. G. Allchin
John C. Day

W. Lappin
Jury foreman
County of Oxford

Prob of Administrator
from
Wm H. Scott Chorlton
John C. Day
to
Dr. Edmund Mathews
Kincardine

filed 22. Oct 1856
H. H. Day