

John Paton  
late of Blenheim, Yeoman  
deceased.

Affidavit of John Fairburn  
to the signing of the Will  
and Robert Paton to the non  
appointment of Executors.

Filed 1 Oct. 1847.

J. G. N.  
Regis.

**IN THE SURROGATE COURT.**

PROVINCE OF CANADA,  
**DISTRICT OF BROOK.**  
WOODSTOCK, TO WIT:

YOU *John Fairburn*  
of the *Township* of *Blenheim*

in the District of *Brook* and Province of Canada, *Yamouan* one  
of the subscribing witnesses to the last Will and Testament of the late *John Paton*  
*late* of the *Township* of *Blenheim*  
in the District of *Brook* and province aforesaid *Yamouan*  
Deceased, do swear that you were personally present and did see the said *John Paton*

sign, seal, publish and declare the *Will*  
now shown to you as his last Will and Testament; and you the said *John Fairburn*  
do further swear that the names *John Fairburn and*

*James Thomson*

which appear as Witnesses to the last Will and Testa-  
ment of the said *John Paton* are the proper handwriting of them the said  
*James Thomson and other deponent and that the said James Thomson*

<sup>has</sup> 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  
*John Paton* at the signing of the said last Will and Testament was of  
sound mind, memory and understanding.

**So Help You GOD.**

Sworn before me at Woodstock, this *first*  
day of *October* 1847 *3*

*W. Lippinstone, Surrogate District of Brook*

**IN THE SURROGATE COURT.**

PROVINCE OF CANADA,  
*Brook* DISTRICT,  
Woodstock, to wit:

YOU *Robert Paton late*  
of the *Township* of *Blenheim*

in the *District* of *Brook* and Province of Canada, *Yamouan* do swear that <sup>you</sup> are the person named in the  
last Will and Testament of the late *John Paton late*  
of the *Township* of *Blenheim* in the *Brook* District, and  
Province aforesaid *Yamouan*

deceased as Executor thereof, that you believe the paper now shown to you to be the said last Will and Testament of  
the said Deceased; that you will pay all the debts and legacies of the said deceased so  
far as the Goods and Chattels shall extend, and the law shall bind you, and that you will  
exhibit a true, full, and perfect Inventory of all and every the goods and chattels, Rights  
and Credits of the said deceased, together with a just and true account into the Registry  
of the said Surrogate Court, when you shall be thereto lawfully required—

**So Help You GOD.**

Sworn before me at Woodstock, this *first*  
day of *October* 1847 *3*

*W. Lippinstone, Surrogate District of Brook*



IN THE SURROGATE COURT.

District of Brock, Canada West.

WOODSTOCK,

TO WIT:

*Robert Paton*

Of the Township of *Blenheim* District of *Brock* and Province  
*of Ontario*  
aforesaid, maketh oath and saith that *John Paton late of the said Township of Ontario*  
*deceased.*

departed this life on or about the *fifth* *twentieth* day of *February*  
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty five* and that to  
the best of *his* knowledge and belief, as far as *he* hath been able to discover  
the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said deceased, within the said District  
of *Brock.* did not exceed the sum of *three hundred*

*Pounds Currency and that he is one of the sons of the said John Paton and that he has one brother called John and four other names respectively Margaret, Janet, Agnes and Mary all the children of the said John Paton deceased*

Sworn before me at Woodstock, this *first* day of

*October 1847*

*Robert Paton*

*W. Lapworth*

Surrogate, District of Brock.



I John Paton residing on South half of  
lots No 20 and No 21, in the fourteenth Concession  
in the Township of Helenheim, do make and  
ordain this my last will and testament, in manner  
and form following, namely,

I give and  
bequeath to my eldest Son John, lot No 20 and  
to my other Son Robert lot No 21; it being  
understood that if the one lot be considered better  
than the other, the one who gets the best lot shall  
be bound to make good the difference of value  
to the other who gets the worst; and it is understood  
by this my will that if my Sons cannot agree  
between themselves as to the relative difference of  
value of said lots, they shall settle such by arbitration  
each choosing a man for his interest.

I give and bequeath  
to my two Sons John and Robert, the whole live stocks  
and moveables connected with the farm and house,  
excepting the following, that I give my daughter Margaret  
Paton or Little above, as also I give to my daughter Janet  
Paton or Sellers above.

I hereby bind and oblige my two  
Sons conjunctly and severally to pay over after my decease,  
to each of my two daughters, Agnes Paton and Mary Paton  
the sum of Three hundred dollars: One hundred dollars  
of said sum shall be paid to each of them at the end  
of one year after my decease, and at the end of four years  
from my decease they shall pay to each of them the sum  
of Two Hundred dollars. In witness whereof I do hereunto  
set my hand and seal this Twenty fifth day of February the  
Thousand eight hundred and forty five years, in presence of  
these Witnesses, ~~John~~ John Fairbairn Blandford and James Thomson

John Fairbairn witness John Paton  
James Thomson Witness