

To His Honor William Lapreston Esquire Judge of the Surrogate  
Court of the County of Oxford

The Petition of Catherine Rice the wife of Messrs Rice of the Township of West Zena  
in the County of Oxford Nephew and daughter of the late William Jones late of the said Township  
of ~~West Zena~~ deceased.

Humbly Sheweth

That the late William Jones late of the Township of West Zena deceased  
departed this life at the said Township on or about the first day of July last  
without having made any will so far as she has been enabled to ascertain.

That your Petitioner is a daughter of the said deceased and there are two other  
children of the said deceased a boy and a girl the said boy and girl being both  
under the age of twenty one year. That the said deceased at the time of his death  
was unmarried. That at the time of his decease he was possessed of diverse  
goods and chattels rights and credits all within the said County of Oxford  
amounting in the whole to about forty pounds. That as yet no letters of  
administration have been granted to your Petitioner or any other person your  
Petitioner therefore humbly prays your Honor will be pleased to grant to her  
letters of administration of the said intestates Estate to your Petitioner as a next  
kin and will heretofore.

her  
Catherine & Rice  
Prayer

Woodstock 18<sup>th</sup> October 1753.

I Richard Rice husband of the above named Catherine Rice consent to the said  
Catherine Rice having letters of administration of the Estate of the late William Jones  
named in the foregoing Petition. Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> October 1753

Richard Rice

In the Superior Court of the County of Oregon

Leatherman Rice wife of Richard Rice of the Township of West Ziona in the County of Oregon Mexican granteth oath and saith that the contents of the within petition are true to the best of her understanding and belief

I went before me at Woodstock in the County of Oregon this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1853 and I certify that the foregoing affidavit was read over by me to the deponent Leatherman Rice who appeared to understand the meaning thereof and made her mark thereof in my presence

Leatherman Rice  
Mark

W. Lapsus  
Judge Superior Court  
County of Oregon

Recd letter of administration  
to Eugene P.O.

Filed 10/10/53  
W.L.

Richard Rice  
William Jones

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Know all Men by these PRESENTS, that we, *Catherine Rice wife of Richard Rice of the Township of West Zena in the County of Copple, Richard Rice of the same place husband of the said Catherine Rice, yeoman and approver, being of the same place Woman*

are held and firmly bound to *His Excellency Lieutenant General William Rowan Commander in Chief of the Militia of the Province of Nova Scotia*

and to his Successor and Successors in Office, in the sum of *One hundred pounds* Pounds of lawful money of the said Province, to be paid to *the said William Rowan as such administrator as aforesaid and his*

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 *Northwich* in the *County of Copple* District, this *Eighth* day of *October* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *fifty three*

THE CONDITION of this obligation is such, that if the <sup>above</sup> within bounden *Catherine Rice*

Administrat<sup>or</sup> of all and singular the goods, chattels and credits of *William Jones* 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 *her* the said *Catherine Rice* or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for *her* and the same so made, do exhibit or cause to be exhibited into the Registry of the *Superior Court of the County of Copple* on or before the *first* Monday in *June* 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 *Catherine Rice* or into the hands and possession of any other person or persons for *her* do well and truly administer according to law, and further do make or cause to be made a true and just account of *her* said administration, at or before the *first* *Monday* day of *January* 1855, and all the rest and residue of the said goods, chattels and credits, which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrat<sup>or</sup> 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 *Catherine Rice* <sup>above</sup> 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  
*John McPherson*

*Catherine Rice*  
mark

*Richard Rice*

*James Lewis*

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filed 18<sup>th</sup> October 1853  
J.P.C.

In the Superior Court of the County of *Windsor*

*Richard Rice* of the Township of *West Zorra* in the County of *Windsor* *James*  
and *Mrs. Ann* of *James Grey* of the Township of *West Zorra*

SURETIES for the due administration of the estate of *William*  
*James* late of the Township of *West Zorra* of  
*West Zorra* in the County of *Windsor* District, *London*  
deceased, severally make oath and say: And first the said *Richard*  
*Rice* for himself saith that he is worth  
the sum of *Eighty* pounds of lawful  
money of Canada, all his debts being first paid: And next the said  
*James Grey* for himself saith that he  
is worth the sum of *Eighty* Pounds, of  
lawful money of Canada, all his debts being first paid.

before me, at  
in the District, this  
day of 18

*Richard Rice*

*James Grey*

The above named deponents *Richard Rice*  
and *James Grey* being severally sworn before  
me at *Windsor* in the County of *Windsor*  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1853.

The above named deponents *Richard Rice*  
and *James Grey* were severally sworn before  
me at *Windsor* in the County of *Windsor* this 18<sup>th</sup>  
day of October A.D. 1853.

*W. Lapsdore*  
Judge Superior Court  
County of *Windsor*

**IN THE SURROGATE COURT.**

DISTRICT OF BROCK, } YOU, *Catharine Rice* of the Town-  
 PROVINCE OF CANADA, } ship of *West Lorne* in the <sup>County</sup> District of *Orford*  
*Woodstock to wit:* } and Province of Canada, Administrator of all and singular, the

Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits of *William Jones*  
 late of the Township of *West Lorne* in the <sup>County</sup> District of *Orford*  
 and Province aforesaid, *deceased*—do swear that the said *William*

*Jones* died intestate, on the *first*  
 day of *July* one thousand eight hundred and *fifty three*

that you will well and truly administer the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the  
 said deceased, and pay all his debts so far as the Goods and chattels shall extend, and  
 the law shall bind you; and that you will exhibit a full, true, and perfect inventory of all  
 and every, the said goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased, and render  
 a true and just account of your administration into the Registrar's Office of the said Sur-  
 rogate Court, when you shall be thereto lawfully required, *and you further swear that you*  
*are a daughter of the said William Jones.*

**So Help you God.**

Sworn before me at Woodstock, in the said District of Brock,

this *10th* day of *July* 18*43*

*Catharine Rice*  
*Wife*

*I have before me at Woodstock in the County of Orford this*  
*10th day of July 1843 and I certify that the foregoing affidavit was*  
*read to me by me to the deponent who made the same in my presence and*  
*appeared to understand the meaning thereof*

*W. Lippincott* Surrogate. *Registrar of Deeds.*  
*County of Orford*