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Petition of John  
Sturgham Esq.  
Sturgham and  
James Conno  
Esq. vs. the  
Sturghams

filed 20th Aug 1850

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To His Honor William Lapsusie Judge of the Superior  
Court of the County of Oxford.

The Petition of John Stingham Edwin Stingham and Samuel  
Ginn Executors of the last Will and Testament of the late Owen  
Stingham late of the Township of Northampton deceased.  
Humbly Sheweth

That the said Owen Stingham duly made and published his  
last Will and Testament in writing bearing date on or about the twenty  
second day of August 1806 and appointed you Petitioner Executor  
Executor of the said Will. and that on or about the nineteenth day of  
September last the said Owen Stingham departed this life at  
the said Township without having in any way altered or recalled his  
said Will. that at the time of the death of the said deceased he was  
possessed of real estate to diverse goods and chattels rights and  
Credits all within the said County amounting as you Petitioner  
believe to the sum of \$375.00 all which he has not yet been paid  
you Petitioner therefore humbly pray  
you Area well pleased to permit them to exhibit & prove the said  
Will and you Petitioner as in and to law will have pray.

Woodstock 20<sup>th</sup> Sept  
1806

John Stingham

Samuel Ginn

Edwin Stingham

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford.

Province of Canada,  
COUNTY OF OXFORD,  
TO WIT:

Yop Samuel Emms of the Townships of  
South Branch in the County of ~~West~~ *Wesley*

*one of* the Executors named in the last Will and Testament ~~of the late~~ *of the late*  
~~of the late~~ *of the late* ~~deceased, do~~ *deceased, do*  
swear that you believe the Will ~~now shewn to you to be the last~~ *now shewn to you to be the last*  
Will and Testament ~~of the said~~ *of the said* ~~deceased, so far as the Goods and Chattels, Rights and~~ *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 *Three Hundred*  
*and seventy five pounds at least*

So HELP YOU GOD.

Sworn before me at *Woodstock*  
of Oxford, this *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *October*

in the County of *Samuel Lord*  
A. D. *1856*

*W. Laprotiere*

Judge of the Surrogate Court,  
County of Oxford.

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford.

Province of Canada,  
COUNTY OF OXFORD,

You *John Stingham* of the Township of *North*  
*Monck* in the County of *Oxford* *Upper*

TO WIT:

*my* the Execut<sup>or</sup> named in the last Will and Testament of the late *own Stingham* late of the said Township *Monck* deceased, do swear that you believe the Will *own Stingham* now shewn to you to be the last Will and Testament of the said *own Stingham* 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 *three hundred and seventy five pounds in the whole*.

So HELP YOU GOD.

Sworn before me at *Woodstock*  
of Oxford, this *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *October*

in the County  
A. D. *1856*

*John Stingham*

*W. Laprovisie*

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, John Arthur Ledy of the Township of Antk  
Norman in the County of Oxford

Swery or one of the subscribing Witnesses to the last Will and Testament of the late  
Owen Stronham late of the said Township deceased, do swear that  
you were personally present, and did see the said Owen Stronham  
sign, seal, publish, and declare the Will now shewn to you as and for his last Will and Testa-  
ment, and you the said Owen Stronham do further swear that the names of  
Sarah Stronham and William A Campbell  
which appear as Witnesses to the said last Will and Testament of the said Owen  
Stronham is are the proper handwriting of them the said Sarah  
Stronham and William A Campbell who, together with  
you, signed their names in the presence of the said Testator, and at his special instance and re-  
quest; and you likewise further swear that you verily believe that the said Owen  
Stronham 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of October

in the County of }  
A. D. 1886 }

John A. [Signature]

W. Sappin  
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 Stringham* of the Townsh. of *North*  
*North* in the County of *Oxford*

*Woman* maketh oath and saith, that the late *Osou Stringham*  
late of the Townsh. of *North North* in the said County *aford*

*Woman* deceased, departed this life, at the said Townsh. on or about the  
*someleenth* day of *September* in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight  
hundred and *seventy six*

Sworn before me at *Woodstock*  
of Oxford, this *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *October*

in the County }  
A. D. 18*56*

*John Stringham*

*W. Laprovisie*

Judge of the Surrogate Court,  
County of Oxford.

I Owen Stringham of the Township of Norwich  
County of Oxford (South) and Province of Canada West-Indian,  
do make my last will and testament in manner following -  
that is to say: -

First - I will and direct that my just debts and funeral expences  
shall be paid and satisfied as soon as conveniently may be after  
my decease.

Second - I give devise and bequeath the home farm on which I now  
reside, consisting of one hundred acres in the Gore of Norwich  
and seventy five acres more or less, from the South end of lot  
number one in the sixth Concession of Norwich aforesaid -  
Together with all the houses outhouses, ways coverts and  
privileges thereunto belonging - unto my beloved wife Ann Stringham  
to have and to hold the same to her and for her use for and  
during the term of her natural life. -

Third. After the decease of my said wife - I give devise and bequeath  
the said home farm consisting of one hundred and seventy five acres  
with all the privileges thereunto belonging as above described, unto my  
two Sons John Stringham and Smith Stringham their heirs and  
assigns - To have and to hold the same unto them and to their  
heirs and assigns for ever. -

Fourth. I give and bequeath all my Stock of Horses, Horn Cattle  
Sheep and Hogs - And all my Farming implements and utensils  
carpenters tools Books &c. - unto my said two Sons John  
Stringham and Smith Stringham their heirs and assigns

Fifth - I give and bequeath unto my Son ~~one~~ Smith Stringham  
one Bed and Bedding - All the rest of my Beds and Bedding  
and all my household goods and furniture - I give and bequeath  
to my said wife to have and to hold the same for and  
during the term of her natural life - And after her decease  
I give and bequeath all that may be remaining of the said  
household goods and furniture unto my daughter Hannah -

Mary, Sarah, and Adeline equally and fairly to be divided between them.

Sixth - And in dividing the Stock between Smith and John if John already owning some stock - it is my will that before the said division be made Smith shall be made equal with John.

And it is also my will that when my two Sons come to occupy my dwelling house - that Smith shall have the under part of the house and one room above - And all the room in the wood house above and below to be occupied by Smith.

Seventh - I give devise and bequeath unto my Sons Edwin Stingham John Stingham and Smith Stingham the North East quarter of lot Number three in the sixth Concession of South Norwich containing fifty acres more or less - To have and to hold the same to my said three Sons their heirs and assigns for ever.

Eighth - I give devise and bequeath to my Son Edwin Stingham the South equal half of lot number two in the sixth Concession of North Norwich aforesaid - containing one hundred acres more or less - To have and to hold the same unto my said Son Edwin his heirs and assigns for ever. <sup>a law suit concerning</sup> And the means to carry in the same to be provided out of my Estate.

And it is my desire that a suit concerning the occupation of the same by one Amosman shall be carried on by my said Son Edwin, in case the same shall not be ended at the time of my decease.

Ninth - I will and direct that the North half of the South half of lot number three in the sixth Concession of Norwich aforesaid, containing fifty acres more or less, shall be disposed of and sold by my Executors hereinafter named to the best advantage - and the proceeds thereof arising to be disposed of as follows: to my daughter Hannah two hundred dollars - to my daughter Adeline three hundred dollars - and to my daughter Sarah two hundred dollars - And the remainder of the money arising from such Sale I will and direct shall be equally divided among my Sons and daughters Edwin John Smith Hannah - Mary - Sarah and Adeline - such Sale to be made as soon as convenient after my decease.



Tenth - I give and bequeath to my grandson Nelson Strigham when he shall come of age a Horse Harness and Buggy.

Eleventh - All the rest residue and remainder of my Estate both real and personal & not heretofore disposed of - I give devise and bequeath unto my said Sons and daughters Edwin John Smith Hannah Mary Sarah and Abeline equally to be divided between them share and share alike. -

Twelfth - It is my will that should any of my Sons or daughters present and prefer any account against my said Estate the said accounts shall be deducted out of the bequests respectively made to them as aforesaid. -

I further will and declare that the land and furniture as above willed to my wife - shall be to her in lieu of dower. -

Lastly - I nominate and appoint my Son John Strigham - my Son Edwin and my Son in Law Samuel Ennis to be executors to this my will - hereby revoking all former wills by me made. - And I hereby authorize empower and require my said Executors - to make and execute good titles of conveyance of such lands as I have heretofore sold and not given deeds of them - And also for the fifty acres above directed to be sold - to the purchaser or purchasers of the same - And also for all other lands of which I may be possessed at the time of my decease - to such persons as may be lawfully entitled to the same. - In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second day of August one thousand eight hundred and fifty six. -

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the said Owen Strigham the testator, as and for his last Will and Testament, in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence & sight of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses -

John A. Foley

Sarah Strigham

William A. Campbell

Owen Strigham