

In the name of God Amen,

I John Mackay of Pleasant Valley near the Middle river, in the County of Pictou, being frail and infirm of body, but of a sound disposing mind and memory, Thanks be to God, and calling to mind the uncertainty of life, and that it is appointed for all men once to die, and after death the judgement, Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in the manner following, namely, First and Principally, I recommend my soul to God who gave it, and my body I commit to the Earth to be buried with a decent Christian burial, believing the same shall be raised at the General judgement, and touching such worldly effects as God has been pleased to bless me with, I bequeath and dispose of the same in the following manner, namely,

1st I will and bequeath that all my legal ~~and~~ just debts, shall be paid by my Executors hereinafter named out of my estate and effects.

2^{ndly} I give and bequeath to Christy my dearly beloved wife One hundred and twenty dollars of lawful money of Canada, and my dwelling house with all its contents and as much land surrounding it on all sides as will include the Wood Yard and the Pump, and to contain a piece of land surrounding said house a Rod or sixteen and one half feet from the house on the North and East sides of the house but on the Southern and Western sides of said house to follow the outside boundary of the Wood Yard, so called, such boundary to extend Westwardly.

sufficiently to include the Pump, to be such less than one Rod from the western side of the house, and also an annual allowance for her maintenance during her life time namely Two Cows and six sheep, the same to be fed during the winter and Pastured during the summer seasons, also Three hundred pounds of good flour, Two hundred pounds of good Oatmeal, and Twenty bushels of Potatoes, also such quantity of firewood as will be sufficient for either fire place or stove, cut, Chopped or Sawed in lengths suitable for either fire place or stove, provided prepared, and piled in a place convenient for her use, near her dwelling house also the half of the Pew down and pews in Gairloch Church, to be used and enjoyed by her, without molestation or incumbrance during her life time.

3^{rdly} I give and bequeath to my brother Hugh MacKay that piece of land situate and lying on the west side of the Green Hill road, to contain one acre, more or less, also the red horse which I now own.

4th I give and bequeath to Esabella a daughter of my said brother Hugh MacKay one Cow and six sheep.

5th I give and bequeath to my brother Alexander and his heirs, the balance of my real estate consisting of the lot of land on which I now reside, (the dwelling house and land attached excepted, being above bequeathed to my wife) and my personal property, to include the balance of my stock and farming

Implement after all debts are settled and former
bequests paid over. This Request to my brother
Alexander MacKay is made strictly on the
Condition, and let it be always so under-
stood, that he will provide deliver, and
pay over, or cause to provide, deliver and
pay over, by or through his heirs or others, as
the case maybe the allowance above describing
to maintain Christy MacKay my beloved wife
without any trouble, or deduction whatever,
during her life time, when all my bequests to
my wife terminate and cease.

6th I appoint, and ordain Kenneth Ross of
Millbrook, Quebec, and my brother Hugh MacKay
of Pleasant Valley, Joint executors of this my Last
Will and Testament, and I hereby utterly re-
voke and disannul all former wills and
Testaments by me made and appointed.

Signed, Sealed, and published and declared,
this as my Last Will and Testament, this fifteenth
day of December in the year of Our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and Eighty, in the presence of
Hugh Fraser of West River, Quebec, and
Alexander MacKay of Big Brook West Branch
Cass River, who have subscribed their names
as witnesses in presence of each other, and in
the presence of the Testator.

The Testator has signed, sealed
and declared this as his Last
Will and Testament in our
presence as witnesses.

Signed
John M. Kay (J.S.)

Signed Hugh Fraser
" Alexander M. Kay

County of Pictou N.S.

In the Court of Probate of Wills &c. &c.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing ~~that the~~
~~foregoing~~ instrument consisting of three pages is
an exact and literal copy of the last will and
testament of John MacKay of Pleasant Valley in the
County of Pictou, Farmer, deceased, testate, which
has been duly filed and admitted to Probate in
accordance with the practice of the Court.

Given under my hand at Pictou,
this 12th day of January A.D. 1881.

John H. Fair

Registrar

To

John Ferguson Esq.

Registrar of Deeds - Pictou

John Ferguson Esq.

John H. Fair Esq.

Procurator of Nova Scotia
Department of Public Affairs
Instruments usually registered at 100th of St. Andrews
The Registry of Wills &c. &c. at the office of
John H. Fair Esq.

John MacKay
late of Pleasant
Valley - Farmer,
deceased, testate.

Copy of Will - for
Registrar of Deeds.

100th Nov 14