

This is the last Will and Testament  
of me Donald Woodward of Barboursboro  
in the county of Putnam Desiring to dis-  
pose of my property now that by the  
grace of God I find myself some in  
mind and body Before everything else I  
recommend my poor soul to the infinite  
mercy of God

I desire that my funeral shall be  
made according to the custom of this  
county

I order that as soon as conveniently  
can be Provy five masses be celebrated  
for the repose of my soul with alms of  
one dollar for each mass I desire that  
all my just and legal debts shall be  
paid by my sisters Catherine and Lydia  
from the proceeds of the property hereby  
bequeathed

I order that my beloved brother  
William shall have his maintenance  
or support during the natural period  
of his life from my real estate or farms  
I also order that my beloved sisters Cath-  
erine and Lydia shall have their main-  
tenance and living during their respective  
unmarried period of life from my  
real estate

My wife Charlotte and my sisters  
shall live together occupying and using  
my house and lands mutually in common  
and peacefully together cultivate my farms  
for their own support so long as they can  
agree to do so But should William or  
either of them be at liberty to cultivate  
and work one half share of my farms

on the South side thereof for his own sup-  
port and that of his family should he  
become so possessed and my sisters shall  
be at liberty to cultivate the other half  
share on the north side for their own sup-  
port during their unmarried period of life  
Should William choose to build a new  
House for himself and family he shall  
be at liberty to do so provided he shall  
allow my sisters to use and occupy one  
half of said new House during their un-  
married life my sister and I shall  
assist him in the building of said new  
House.

To the first lawful male heir born  
into my brother William I bequeath the  
whole of my real estate that at the time  
of my death I may be seized of to have  
and to hold the same forever that if the  
first heir shall not survive William then  
in that case I bequeath my real estate to  
William's next eldest living male heir  
but should he not survive his father then  
to the oldest living child of William if a  
male but if not to his oldest then living  
daughter.

I further ordain that in the event of  
William not being blessed with children  
then in such case I ordain and bequeath  
the whole of my land estate to my sisters  
they to become absolute owners thereof after  
the death of William and his wife.

To my sisters I bequeath all my personal  
property goods chattels Furniture Pictures  
Sculpture Jewellery notes Gold and silver  
of which I may die seized and possessed or

or in any way entitled to and who are in a  
situation to have and to hold.

And lastly I ordain that all the fore-  
going orders and deeds shall be strictly and  
faithfully carried out and I hereby appoint  
John M. Sears and John D. Mc Donald both  
of ~~Brook~~ Brooks where I make constituted  
and ordain Executors of this my last Will  
and Testament ratifying and confirming  
this and no other to be my last Will and  
Testament This fourth day of January in  
the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight  
Hundred and seventy nine. (15)

Signed - Donald MacLean

Signed, sealed, published and declared  
by the Testator as and for his last Will  
and Testament in presence of us, who  
in his presence and in presence of several  
other have hereto subscribed our names  
as Witnesses at his request

Signed { Donald MacLean  
Signed { John M. Sears  
Signed { John D. Mc Donald

County of Pictou N.S.

In the Court of Probate of Wills, &c.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing  
instrument consisting of two & a half pages  
is an exact and literal copy of the last will  
and testament of Donald MacLean, late  
of Brooks Brook in the County of Pictou  
Nova Scotia deceased Testator which has  
been duly filed and admitted to  
Probate

in accordance with the practice of this Court

Given under my hand at Pitou  
this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1886

John H. Hall

Register

for the County of Pitou

(21)

Prover of Wills

Deputies of the District of Columbia  
within the District of Columbia  
of the District of Columbia  
of the District of Columbia

State of  
Donald H. Grant  
late of  
Wiley's

Copy of Will  
of the  
Registrar of Deeds

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