

I, William Maxwell, Minister of the Gospel, residing at Durham, Pictou County, Nova Scotia do make this my last will and Testament. On this the sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety six.

I hereby appoint my son William Maxwell, farmer, residing at Durham, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, and my daughter Mary wife of Peter Grant, farmer, residing at Lower Stewiacke, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, to be my sole executors and to have all power competent to executors.

And I hereby instruct my executors to bury my body at the Pine Tree and out of my estate to place a plain headstone over my grave.

And further after paying all death-bed and funeral expenses my said executors will pay the sum of fifty dollars to each of the following five persons or to such of them as shall be alive at the time of my death:- namely my wife Eliza Anderson, my daughter Mary Maxwell or Grant, my daughter-in-law Harriet Roy or Maxwell, my sister-in-law Mrs. James Maxwell and my niece wife of John William Roy, Woodburn.

And further I instruct my executors to pay into the estate of my late brother James Maxwell the sum of five hundred dollars, to put the same in the bank and to pay the interest yearly to his widow Mrs. James Maxwell, and at her death to divide the said five hundred dollars among the legatees of my late brother according to the provisions of his will.

And further my said executors will pay to my wife Eliza Anderson for her own and sole use and disposal the sum of nine hundred dollars.

I bequeath to my son William John Maxwell, my gold watch, wearing apparel, my study table; and also that portion of my farm on which I now reside being on the east side of the mill-dam and known as the meadow.

All the rest of my said farm lying inside the mill-dam with the
-buildings

and stock and crop I leave to my wife for her use during
her of her life, with the provision that it shall not be
sold at my wife's death, or before that event, should she
live on the farm it shall become the property of my said
son John.

I further leave to my wife all the furniture and household
goods that may be in the house at the time of my death for her own
use at her own disposal, with the exception of my study
furnished to my son William John, and six old mahogany chairs
given to my daughter Mary. I also leave to my said daughter
a lot of woodland on the Shubernacadie river below Fort Ellis,
opened by the late James Maxwell.

Everything belonging to me, if anything, may remain after paying
debts and meeting the above bequests and defraying all
expenses connected with the settlement of my affairs shall be divided
into equal parts and the one part I leave to my son William John,
the other part to my daughter Mary.

As to the lands I leave to my two children to divide between themselves.
It is understood that in the event of either one or both of my
children dying before me, whatever I have thus left to the one or
the other shall, in that case, be divided share and share alike between
my living children respectively.

In witness whereof these presents written by me on this and
the following page are subscribed by me at Durham aforesaid, on this
day of August one thousand eight hundred and ninety six
in the presence of William McDonald and James W. Smith both residing
aforesaid.

(Sgd.) J. M. Maxwell
I, the testator at his last
testament in presence of
the above named witnesses
in their presence
and in the presence of one another
our names as witnesses.
(Sgd.) William McDonald
(Sgd.) James W. Smith

Province of Nova Scotia
County of Pictou

In the County of Pictou

I John McLeod Registrar of said County
do hereby certify that the within paper contains
a true copy of the said will and testament of
William Maxwell late of Dunblair in the
County of Pictou Minister of the Gospel deceased
which said will was duly admitted to Probate
at Pictou in said County on the 17 day
of August 1907
Witness my hand at Pictou of New
the 17 day of August 1907
John McLeod
Registrar

Wife
Wm Maxwell
Wm

changed to
in Reg of Deeds

Province of Nova Scotia, Registrar of Deeds

Office, County of Pictou. MAR 20 1908

I certify that the within instrument was duly registered at 3.30 pm of the above day in Book 4 page 257 on the certificate

John D. Wheeler Regr

Wm G. O'Neil

Registrar