

This is the last Will and Testament of me
James D. Merriam of Pictou in the County of Pictou,
Gas Engineer.

I order and direct my Executors here-
inafter named as speedily as practicable after my
decease to sell and dispose of all my property
Real and personal of every kind whatsoever in
such way as they may think best, and to convert
the same into money, which they shall apply as follows.

First, my said executors shall first pay all my just
debts funeral and testamentary expenses and the
Cost of duly and legally settling my estate.

Second my said Executors shall next pay the
following bequests vizt - One Hundred Dollars to my
Mother Helen Merriam and Fifty dollars each to
my Aunts Ann Allan and Margaret Allan and
my Cousin Eliza M. Soutyze.

Third. The whole of the balance of the money in
the hands of my executors shall be divided equally
between my wife Mary Elizabeth Merriam, and
my daughter Elizabeth Helen M. Culloch Merriam.
In case of the death of either of them, whether before
or after my decease, the whole of said balance shall revert
to the other. During the minority of my said daughter,
my said executors shall cause the amount to which she
may be entitled under this my will, to be safely invested
in mortgages of Real Estate or other good security, and
shall pay the interest accruing therefrom to my said
wife to be expended in the support and education
of my said daughter, and on her attaining her majority
the full principal shall be paid to her.

Fourth. In case my said wife and my said daughter
should both die before my decease the said balance
in the hands of my Executors is to be divided as follows
One half to David M. Culloch Esquire, my wife's father

the other half to be divided into five equal parts or shares and paid to the following persons, my Mother Helen Merriam, my Aunt Ann Allan, and Margaret Allan, and my Cousin Eliza M^c Intyre, one full share each, the remaining share to be equally divided between my Sisters Elizabeth Barry, and Mary Shearer.

Fifth Should my said father in law David M^c Culloch should also die before me, I order and direct that the one half of said balance in the foregoing clause bequeathed to him shall be divided between the same persons to whom the other half is bequeathed by said clause and in the same proportions.

Sixth Should any one of the persons in the fourth clause mentioned (other than said David M^c Culloch) die before me, the sum if any to which she may have been entitled under this my will shall be paid to her heirs at law in such proportions as the law directs.

Seventh I hereby revoke and annul all former wills by me at any time heretofore made.

Eighth I hereby nominate and appoint Howard Pinrose and James Yostow both of Pictou to be the executors of this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this second day of May in the year of our Lord, One thousand eight hundred and eighty three.

Signed Sealed and declared
by the said James D. Merriam
as and for his last will and
testament in the presence of
us who in his presence, and with

Signed
J. D. Merriam

(J.D.)

presence of each other at his request
have hereto subscribed our
names as witnesses —

Wif^d - Chas Duane Donald
- Robert Stuart -

County of Pictou N.S.

In the Court for the Probate of Wills

I do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument
consisting of two pages contains an exact copy of
the last Will and testament of James D. Murrison,
late of Pictou, in the County of Pictou, Gas Engineer,
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 6th day of February A.D. 1889.

Wm H. Lane
Registrar.

To the Registrar of Deeds —
for the County of Pictou —

Estate of
James V. Merriam
late of Pictou -
Gas Engineer -
deceased, Testate

Copy of Will for the
Register of Deeds

Promissory of Affidavit Executed

Deposition of James Pictou's 29th July 1889 I hereby declare that the
within instrument is a duly executed and as a PM of the
above day in the Registry of Deeds Book No 2 pages 55, 56 &
57 on the certificate of J. R. Lacombe of Pictou

John Ferguson

Reg.