

This is the last Will and testament of me John W. McKay of New Glasgow in the County of Pictou, Seaman.

I direct my executors hereinafter named - as soon after my death as convenient to pay from the proceeds of my Estate all my just debts and funeral expenses and the expenses connected with the settlement of my estate.

1. I give devise and bequeath to my beloved wife Thora all the money deposited by me in any bank or to which I may be in any way entitled at the time of my death, and also all my personal property of every kind and description wherever situate, excepting a certain claim held by me against one Robert Macquell in this my last will otherwise disposed of. I also give devise and bequeath to my said beloved wife Thora, the dwelling house I now reside in situate at West New Glasgow on lands of my said wife. I also give devise and bequeath to my said beloved wife the proceeds of a certain lot of land sold by me heretofore to one Carrie Sinton as per an agreement executed in the premises to have and to hold the said above mentioned bequests and each of them to her my said beloved wife her heirs executors and administrators absolutely for ever, a condition of the above bequests being that my said wife shall formally relinquish all her claims for dower in any and all my said deceased's real and personal estate.

2. I hereby direct my executors to use due diligence in the collection of my said claim against Robert Macquell with power however to compromise for the same accepting a part for the whole should they deem it advisable so to do and when so collected to invest the same in some good security and pay the interest arising therefrom annually to my said beloved wife during the term of her natural life and after

her death I hereby devise and bequeath the principal thereof to Margaret J. Fraser and William Fraser Children of my beloved Sister Annie Fraser wife of Stewart Fraser to have and to hold the same to them their heirs, executors, and administrators absolutely forever, share and share alike, in the event of the death of either of the said Margaret J. Fraser or William Fraser, before my said wife the whole of said bequest shall go to the survivor and in the event of the death of both before my said wife then the said bequest shall go to my said Sister Annie Fraser her heirs, executors Administrators absolutely forever.

3. I give devise and bequeath to my brother Norman M. May that block of land situate at Lewis & New Glasgow and bounded as follows, that is to say Bounded westerly by lands of the said Norman M. May, northerly by a proposed street the northern line of which is a continuation or prolongation of the northern line of a lot of land sold and conveyed by the devisor to one John R. Smith, Easterly by a proposed street thirty feet wide and southerly by a prolongation of the northern line of lands of Fraser Brothers easterly until it intersects the said last mentioned proposed street, to have and to hold the same to him the said Norman M. May his heirs and assigns forever.

4. I bequeath all the annuities of my real estate to Christy Barber, Margaret M. May, Mary Catharine M. May and Annie Fraser, my sisters and their heirs forever, share and share alike reserving thereout twenty per cent of the proceeds of all such parts of said land as may be sold during the life time of my beloved Mother Elias M. May for the benefit of the said Elias M. May, and I hereby empower my executors should the same seem to them at any time advisable so to do.

to sell and convey to any purchaser or purchasers for such Considerations as they may deem sufficient the said lands bequeathed in and by the foregoing part of this paragraph or any part thereof and in the case of such sale of the whole or any part during the lifetime of my said beloved Mother Sileas M. May I direct my said executors to pay first out of any proceeds of such sales twenty per cent thereof as aforesaid to the said Sileas M. May and thereafter to divide the balance equally among my said sisters their executors and administrators share and share alike, and in the event of such sale of real estate or any sale thereof being made after the death of my said beloved Mother Sileas M. May then the whole to be equally divided among my said sisters their heirs executors ^{or} administrators share and share alike.

5. I further direct that my brother Norman M. May in lieu of the bequest to him above made, do pay ten dollars each year to my said beloved Mother Sileas M. May from the date of my death for and during the term of her natural life.

6. I appoint Norman M. May of said New Glasgow my said brother and James D. McGregor of same place Merchant-executors of this my last will hereby revoking any will or wills by me at any time heretofore made, and ~~and my said executors shall only be responsible~~ for such moneys as they may respectively actually receive and shall not be answerable for each others nor for involuntary losses.

I'm witness whereof I the said John W. M. May the testator have to this my last will and testament contained in this and the preceding three sheets of paper, set my hand and seal this twentieth day of January A.D. 1897.

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Signed by the testator as for his last will and testament in the presence of us present at the same time who at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses.

Signed
John W. M. May

Signed A. M. Fraser
Daniel Chisholm

County of Pictou

In the Court for the Probate of Wills &c

I do hereby certify that the foregoing instrument consisting of three pages (part of a page) is an exact and literal copy of the last will and testament of John W. M. May late of New Glasgow in the County of Pictou, Nova Scotia, 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 30th day of July A.D. 1892

John H. Sanson
Registrar

To the Registrar of Deeds for the County of Pictou

Copy of last will & testament of John W. M. May late of New Glasgow

Province of Nova Scotia Registrar of Deeds
Office, County of Pictou, 15th Aug 1892
I certify that the within instrument was duly registered at 310 B.M. of the above day in Book 2, page 205-6-7 on the certificate

John W. M. May
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