

**WILLS**

Will of George S. Cotter, dated Oct 27 1867

In her Majesty's Surrogate Court of the County of Haldimand

Be it known that, on the 12th day of May in the year of our Lord 1869, the last will and testament of George Sackville Cotter, late of the township of Dunn in the county of Haldimand, Esquire who died on or about the 9th day of April in the year of our Lord 1869 at the township of Dunn and who at the time of his death had a fixed place of abode at said Township of Dunn in the said County of Haldimand, was proved and registered in the said Surrogate Court, a true copy of which said last Will and Testament is here underwritten and that the administration of all and singular, the personal estate and effects, rights and credits of the said deceased and any way concerning his will was granted by the aforesaid court to James Rogerson Cotter of the Town of Barrie in the County of Simcoe, barrister-at-law, one of the executors named in the said will, he having been first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same by paying the just debts of the deceased and the legacies contained in his will so far as he is thereunto bound by law and to exhibit a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the said estate and effects, rights and credits and to render a just and true account of his executorship whenever required by law to do so.

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2 dollars and a half

Robert Griffith

Registrar of said court

I, George Sackville Cotter, of the Township of Dunn in the County of Haldimand, declare this to be my last Will and Testament.

I give and bequeath to my wife Jane Cotter all my furniture, plate, books, provisions, household goods and all my personal property other than money or securities for money, consisting of farm stock, horses, utensils which shall at the time of my death be owned by me.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Minny Orris the farm known as The Calvert farm, now occupied by her, to have and to hold to her the said Minny Orris for and during her life and after her death to be equally divided amongst her children, share and share alike. The said Calvert farm to go to my daughter clear of all encumbrances which I direct my executors hereinafter named to discharge if any thereon out of my estate.

It is my will that the rest of my children, Kate, Matilda, Sackville, William and James receive an equal share of what I hereafter bequeath to them and that any sum or sums of money which I may have advanced to any of them shall be deducted out of the share of my property coming to them when a division shall be made so that they may inherit as near as possible.

To my daughter Kate I give devise and bequeath the homestead in which I now reside being the lands which I purchased of Miss Kirkpatrick subject to my said wife Jane Cotter having the privilege of residing in the homestead during her lifetime if she chooses to reside there, to have and to hold unto my said daughter Kate her heirs and assigns for ever, but subject aforesaid to my said wife having a right of residence. It being my wish that my said daughter Kate, in the event of her dying without issue should leave the property among the members of the family as she sees fit to divide it. The said homestead so devised to be valued and counted as part of her share of my property in the general distribution. I also bequeath to my said daughter Kate the sum of 100 pounds which she formerly lent to her brother William.

I bequeath to my sister Isabella Cotter, the interest of a sum of \$ 800 during her life, which said sum is to be invested by my executors and the interest thereof to be paid to her yearly and on the death of my said sister Isabella, I bequeath the said sum of \$ 800 to my granddaughter Jane Orris.

I give and bequeath to my said wife Jane Cotter during her life, all rent accruing from the property in the County of Cork, Ireland known as Springfort and on her death I give devise and bequeath the said property known as Springfort to my five children, Sackville, William, James, Matilda and Kate, to be equally divided amongst them, share and share alike, the value of the homestead which is bequeathed to Kate to be deducted and in the event of any of them dying before me, his, her or their heir or heirs to have the share of the father or mother if living.

I bequeath to my daughter Minny Orris a sum of \$ 200 to be paid out of my estate by my executors within one year of my death.

The rest residue and remainder of my estate whether real or personnel I give devise and bequeath to

my three sons Sackville, William and James and to my daughters Kate and Matilda Johnson, wife of H. T. Johnson, share and share alike and in the event of any of them dying before me, the heir or heirs of such deceased to have the share of the deceased in same manner as father or mother would have inherited and she or they been still alive. My daughter Kate's share of above to be subject to the deduction before mentioned of the value of the homestead, it being my intention not to leave her more than the others save and except the 100 pounds which she lent to her brother William which is to be deducted out of his share, and in the event of the homestead being of more value than the portion coming to my three sons and daughter Matilda, then and in such case my daughter Kate is not to receive anything out of the property in County Cork, Ireland before referred to or any of the property devised in this last clause of my will; my object being to leave my property as near equal as possible.

And I hereby appoint my son James R. Cotter of the Town of Barrie in the County of Simcoe and William Cook Esquire, Lake Shore, County of Haldimand, Executors of this my last will.

In witness whereof I have hereunto put my hand and seal this 27th day of October in the year of our Lord 1867.

Signed George S. Cotter

Signed by the testator in the presence of us in his presence and at his request and in the presence of each other have herewith subscribed our names as witnesses.

W. Lount

L. Oliver