

Will of Jane Cotter, dated July 14, 1880

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

Be it known that, on the 2nd day of July AD 1885, the last will and testament of Jane Cotter, late of the village of Dunnville in the county of Haldimand, widow, who died on or about the 11th day of June AD 1885 at Dunnville and who at the time of her death had a fixed place of abode at the village of Dunnville in the said county of Haldimand, was proved and registered in the said Surrogate Court, a true copy of which last Will and Testament is hereunder written and that the administration of all and singular the personal estate and effects, rights and credits of the said deceased and anyway concerning her will was granted by the aforesaid court to Matilda Louisa Johnson of the village of Dunnville in the county in the county of Haldimand, wife of H. T. Johnson, the executrix named in the said will, she having been first sworn well and faithfully to administer the same by paying the just debts of the deceased and the legacies contained in her will so far as she is therewith 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 her executorship whenever required by law to do so.

James Mitchell  
Registrar

In the name of God Amen. I, Jane Cotter, of the village of Dunnville in the county of Haldimand, and in the Province of Ontario, widow of the late George Sackville Cotter, late of the township of Dunn in the county and province aforesaid, Esquire deceased, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, blessed be Almighty God for the same, do hereby make this my last will and testament and I hereby revoke and make null and void all former last wills and testaments by me heretofore made.

Whereas my late husband George Sackville Cotter, deceased, by his last will and testament amongst other things devised my share or interest in the property in Ireland as he the said George Sackville Cotter was authorised and empowered to do under and the virtue of the terms and conditions of the Marriage Settlement between the said George Sackville Cotter and myself and which said property is known as Springfort O'Kellars as mentioned in the said will to my four children, Matilda Louisa Johnson, wife of Henry T. Johnson of the village of Dunnville, Merchant; George Sackville Cotter of the town of Cayuga in the said county of Haldimand, Deputy Registrar of the county of Haldimand; William Crofts Cotter of the said township of Dunn, Gentleman, and James R. Cotter of the town of Barrie, Barrister-at-law and I hereby confirm the said will and if there is any doubt as to the ability of the late George Sackville Cotter to will and devise the said property, I hereby will and devise and bequeath the same equally among the four said children to have and to hold unto their heirs and assigns for ever.

And whereas I have obtained under the will of my sister Mrs Ann Baldwin, now deceased, a one third interest in her share of the said property in Ireland and I hereby will and devise the said interest unto my six children, that is to say the said Matilda Louisa Johnson, George Sackville Cotter, William Crofts Cotter James R. Cotter, Kate Docker of the township of Dunn, wife of Thomas Brown Docker of the same place, Gentleman, and Minnie Orris of the same place, wife of John Y. Orris of the same place, Gentleman, to be equally divided between my said children, share and share alike to have and to hold the same unto them and each of their heirs and assigns for ever.

The sum of \$ 200, now in the hands of my said daughter Kate Docker I dispose of as follows

I bequeath to the said Kate Docker the sum of \$ 50.

I bequeath to the said Minnie Orris the sum of \$ 50.

I bequeath to my granddaughter Louisa Orris the sum of \$ 50.

I bequeath to my granddaughter Hallie Johnson the sum of \$ 50.

the said legacies to be paid by my executrix hereafter named as soon after my decease as possible.

Whatever money I have in the Court of Chancery or whatever claim I may have to the Scott Freeman Estate, I bequeath equally to my two sons the said George Sackville Cotter and William Cotter.

I hereby bequeath unto to my daughter the said Matilda Louisa Johnson the sum of £ 200 sterling money of Great Britain or the proceeds thereof which has been bequeathed to me by my late sister the said Mrs Ann Baldwin, late of Mallow in Ireland, widow, to have and to hold the same unto to the said Matilda Louisa Johnson for ever.

And I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint as executrix of my last will and testament the said Matilda Louise Johnson.

In witness whereof I have underto set my hand and seal this 14th day of July in the year of our Lord 1880.

signed Jane Cotter

Signed, sealed , published and declared by the testatrix Jane Cotter as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us who in her presence at her request and in the presence of each other have hereunder set our hands as witnesses

Hannah Cotter

Norman Root

M.C. Upper