

WILL OF HUGH ALEXANDER OF FORT ERIE AND STAMFORD GREEN : NIAGARA FALLS

" In the name of God Amen:

I Hugh Alexander of the Township of Bertie in the District of Niagara and the Province of Upper Canada, merchant: being weak of body and memory: considering the certainty of this mortal life do make and publish this my last will and testament, in manner and form following, that is to say:::

First of all I resign my soul to the God who gave it.

Secondly my will and desire is that all my past debts be paid.

Thirdly, I give and devise to my beloved wife Susan Alexander after the payment of my debts, paid in legacys hereinafter mentioned and made; all my estate both real and personal; to her her heirs and assigns forever.

I also give and devise to my nephew John Cooper, two town lots in the Village of Waterloo in Bertie; to him his heirs and assigns forever.

I thurther give and devise to my nephew Alexander Cooper, his heirs and assigns forever; one farm lot in the village of Waterloo. I give and devise to my friend Benjamin Willson of Bertie, his heirs and assigns forever, one town lot in the village of Waterloo, aforesaid.

I thurther will and devise to my beloved wife Susan, the one half of my share of the Grist Mill, together with the appurtinances thereon belonging; now erecting at Fort Erie Rapids: together with the whole of my share of the lands belonging to the said Mill I will and desire, may be retained by my brother and partner Ephriam Alexander; provided he finds his means adequate to the erecting said share of said Mill.

Should it be deemed necessary by my executors, in order to discharge my debts, that any of my lands should be sold for that purpose, I have will and desire that my executors, and they are hereby witnessed and informed by order; to sell and discharge of my share of the following lots of land, to use:

Lot number four in the first; four in the second: four in the third; and five in the fourth, concessions in the Township of Bertie fronting Niagara River, containing about one hundred and seventy six acres more or less.

I also will and order that all my other lands not herebefore mentioned, be sold by my executors, and the proceeds applied towards the payment of my debts. I hereby make known, and wish to be understood that in the year of 1812 a verbal agreement of Compartmentership, and entered into and by and between my brother Ephriam Alexander, in the vending and selling of goods and handaling of Merchantial affairs, which he my said brother Ephriam Alexander and to his heirs and assigns, to have an equal share of said Grist Mill, that said Compartmentership in Trade and Commerce on the first day of August and was to have ended on the first day of August 1817; and that name and form was Hugh and Ephriam Alexander. Also that my said brother Ephriam is and has been and equal partner with me in the storing and forwarding of goods and commonly caled the forwarding:

Having since the commencement of that establishment in 1815, and that my said brother Ephriam owning the one half of the dwelling house, out houses, forwarding store and wharf at Fort Erie: It is my will and desire that the merchantile and forwarding business be carried on by said brother Ephriam in conjunction wi my beloved wife so long as they may think proper so to do: And las of all, I hereby appoint James Macklem and Jamrs Cummings of Chip Esquire, and John Warren of Bertie Esquire, executors to this my last will and testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto let my hand and seal at Fort Erie, the thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lrd one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Signed sealed published and declared, by this above named Hugh Alexander, to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who have hereunto inscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

JAMES COOPER
CHARLES HILL
Benjamin HARDISON

HUGH ALEXANDER