

In the Name of God Amen. I William Balfour of  
the middle River of Pictou in the County of Halifax and Pro-  
vince of Nova Scotia being in perfect health and of sound mind  
Memory and understanding but considering the uncertainty  
of this transitory life, do make publish and declare this my  
last will and testament in manner and form following  
that is to say

I give and bequeath to my son Duncan Balfour some-  
ty Acres of Land or thereabouts, situated on the South side  
of the Seviacke road to include, ~~the~~ the lands upon  
which his buildings are erected together with all that is at  
present cleared, to him and to his or assigns forever, for  
and upon the following Conditions that is to say that the  
said Duncan shall give and convey unto my son Nicoll  
Balfour the same number of Acres of Wilderness lands, ad-  
joining to the land hereafter bequeathed by me to my said  
son Nicoll Balfour

I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elizabeth Bal-  
four Six Lambs to be delivered to her or to her order within  
twelve months after my death which is in full of my in-  
tentions towards her

I give and bequeath unto my Wife Elizabeth Fer-  
guson one half of my personal effects, after the payment  
of my lawful debts for and unto her own proper use  
and benefit. Also the sole use and possession of the  
Dwelling House that may be on the Premises at the  
time of my death, To hold, occupy and enjoy the same  
together with all and singular the rents issues or

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profits, or emoluments of whatever kind arising or accruing from one third part of my real estate (not including that bequeathed to Duncan) for and during her natural life afterwards to revert to my son Nicoll Balfour.

I give and bequeath unto my son Nicoll Balfour and to his Heirs or assigns forever all and singular the real or personal property of which I may be possessed or own, or expect to have, at the time of my death subject to the above foregoing Bequests, and I hereby nominate James Skinner, and James Dawson both of Pitru, Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former Wills - In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twentieth day of November in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty two

Signed Sealed published and Declared by the above named William Balfour as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as Witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Testator and in the presence of each other

Signed  
William Balfour 

Signed) Elizabeth McLean  
Signed) Murdoch McLean  
Signed) James Skinner



The foregoing Last Will & Testament acknowledged  
by us this eighteenth day of June one thousand eight  
hundred and twenty three

<sup>her</sup>  
Elizabeth X Balfour  
mark

James Balfour

Witness

John Colley  
Kenneth McKinnon

Recd



Court of Probate of Wills, &c. His Majesty's Court, for the Probate of Wills, and for granting Letters of Administration, &c. within and throughout the District aforesaid, &c. &c. &c.



*Q. J. W. M.*

We do by these presents make known to all men that on the third day of June in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty three and in the fourth year of his Majesty's reign at Pictou in the District of Pictou before us the last Will and Testament of William Balfour late of the Middle River of Pictou in the District of Pictou aforesaid, <sup>deceased</sup> Geornan was proved approved and Registered the said deceased having while living and at the time of his death, goods, Chattels Right, and Credits, only within the said District of Pictou within our jurisdiction by reason whereof the proving, and Registering of the said last Will and Testament ~~and granting probate thereof together with administration of all and singular the goods Chattels and Credits which are of the said deceased at the time of his death, and also the Auditing and allowing and final discharge of all accounts connected therewith are well known wholly and solely to appertain to us.~~ And that administration of all and singular the goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said deceased or any way concerning his last Will and Testament was and is hereby granted to James Skinner & James Dawson, the Executors in the said last Will and Testament mentioned, a Copy Whereof is hereunto prefixed, they the said Executors having been first duly sworn to administer the same and to make a true and perfect Inventory thereof, and the same when made to render in the office of Our Registrar at Pictou within three months from the date hereof and to make and render a just and true account thereof on or before the third day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and twenty four, Granted at Pictou aforesaid under the Seal of our Court the day and year first above written

*W. Dickson*  
*Reg.*



Probate & Copy  
of the  
Last Will & Testament  
of  
William Balfour

Filed in Dixon & Blunckad  
Nov 2 1824  
In presence of  
J. M. Balfour and  
others and the  
Inventory of Personal  
Property  
Jas Dawson

County of Madison, Ill. 2d  
the District Court of the  
County of Madison, Ill.  
in and for the County of Madison,  
Ill. do hereby certify that the  
above is a true and correct  
copy of the original as  
filed in my office for the  
County of Madison, Ill.