

Ottawa. June 21. 1896

My dear Father,

To obviate any difficulty in dealing with my property in case of my death, I had the enclosed will drawn up when about to start on the Yukon Expedition in 1887, by which I leave everything to you & appoint you my sole executor.

As to further disposition, which remains entering in your hands, I should like you to give \$2000 to Anna & \$1000 to William, Rankine & Eva at once, or as soon as may be convenient. The remaining, or greater part, of my money & property to be retained by yourself, or in society your death by Walter, the interest to be used by you or by Walter for your own or her proper maintenance during life. Kindly arrange by your will, or in any other way you may think best, that the remaining principal should eventually be divided among my brothers & sisters in the following manner. The whole to be divided into a number of equal parts, of which two parts shall be given to each surviving brother or sister & one part each in addition for every surviving child of each brother or sister, to be added to the aforesaid two parts.

This appears to me to be the fairest way of meeting the requirements in each case.

My books & property, other than investments, please

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dispose of in any way you may think best, but I should like William to have my gold watch & a chronometer which is in my desk in the Geol. Sang.

A number of old books & maps relating to the West Coast & British Columbia, I should like to have presented to the library of McGill College

Yours

George M. Dawson

Sir J. Wm. Dawson

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