

The Last Will of Samuel Hollingsworth of Ontario Province, Canada,
1833

In the name of God, Amen. The fourteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

I Samuel Hollingsworth being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God; therefore calling unto Mind the Mortality of my body knowing that it is appointed once unto all men to die, to make and ordain this my last will and testament; that is to say, principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul unto the hands of Almighty God that gave it and my body I recommend to the earth.

And as touching such wordly (sic) estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give demise and dispose of the same in the following manner and

first I give and bequeath unto Mary my dearly beloved wife one third of my property moveable and immoveable Conjointly with her two children as long as she remains unmarried. And in case she gets married she is to receive two hundred and fifty pounds currency only and the remainder to be equally divided amongst the children. I also appoint as my legal executors to this my last will Alpheus Jones, Esqr. and Alexander McMillan Esqr. both of Prescott, uper (sic) Canada.

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SAMUEL HOLLINGSWORTH

Signed on the other side

(Side two)

Signed, sealed, published - pronounced, and declared by the said Samuel Hollingsworth as his last will and testament in the presence of us the subscribers,

Henry Mount M12 C S L

John Hayes

Will of 112

John Anderson Surgeon

Samuel Hollingsworth

Curtis E. Crosman

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Geo: Malloch Regr.

The above John Hayes appears to have been the scrivener of the document. Samuel's signature does not look as if he were long for this world. He died probably before the will was filed. He died in 1833 aged 32, "A Native of County Wexford, Ireland," according to his tombstone in Sandy Hill Cemetery, Prescott, Ontario. (HR:3:80) He appears to have emigrated to Canada about 1817 and worked at Fort Wellington.