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# Probate Court

## In the name of God Amen

PROBATE COURT  
1810-12

I William Coughlan of the Town of St. John in the Island of Newfoundland farmer, being very sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind and Memory, thanks be given unto God, calling unto mind the mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament. that it sh<sup>d</sup> say principally and first of all. I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, and my body I recommend to the earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors not doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God. And as touching such worldly estates wherewith it has pleased God to bless me in this life I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

First I give and bequeath to Catherine Coughlan alias Brown my dearly beloved wife the One Third of all my property both Chattels and Effects - the remaining Two Thirds I Bequeath to be equally divided between my Son Patrick Coughlan my Daughters Mary Coughlan and Elizabeth Coughlan Stone and Stone like

I Bequeath to my Daughter Catherine Burke the sum of Five pounds Sterling and to my Daughter Miss Murphy the like sum of five pounds Sterling. I likewise constitute make and ordain my said Wife Catherine Coughlan the sole Executrix of this my last will and Testament and in case any of my said three Children Patrick Coughlan - Mary Coughlan and Elizabeth Coughlan should act Unlawfully, Unjustly or Unreasonably to my said Wife I do hereby empower my said Wife to deprive at will him, her or them at discretion and give it to the well deserving or most dutiful of the said three Children Patrick, Mary & Elizabeth Coughlan and also my said children are to be under the management and entire Control and direction of my said Wife during her Widowhood only - and in case any of my said three Children should do any thing contrary to the will of my said Wife in such a case I empower my said Wife to deprive him or her of their proportion of this bequest and to give it to the others. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand this eighteenth day of February in the year of Our Lord 1812

Witness  
 John Lower  
 John Burke  
 James Murphy

William <sup>his</sup> Coughlan  
 mark

In the Probate Court Newfoundland -  
 Saint John  
 to wit. John Burke of Saint John aforesaid Merchant, one of the Subscribing Witnesses to the within Will maketh Oath and Saith, that he was present and did see William Coughlan late of Saint John aforesaid Farmer make his mark thereto, and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament. And this Depoent further Saith that the said William Coughlan at the time of his making his mark appeared to this Depoent to be of his usual disposing mind memory and understanding, and further Saith that the said Will was distinctly read over to the said William Coughlan previous to his making his mark in the presence of the Reverend John Lower and James Murphy of each other, did subscribe their names thereto as Witnesses

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Sworn at Saint John aforesaid this seventeenth day of November One thousand Eight hundred and Twelve - Before -  
 Wm Cronlett  
 J. P. Burke

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