

Will of John Bemister from Newfoundland will books volume 6 pages 3-5 probate year 1893

Last Will and Testament of John Bemister of Harbor Grace Sheriff Nor Dist deceased.

I **John Bemister** Sheriff of the Northern District of the Colony of Newfoundland, being about to leave my house on duties connected with my office and believing it possible in the Providence of Almighty God that I may never return do make this my last will and testament and desire it may be so received. After payment of all my lawful debts I wish the money and property of which I may die possessed to be divided amongst my children as hereafter named.

The money and assets are as follows

my Life Policy Mortgage of the property held by **Dr. Allan** Three hundred and Eighty pounds.

Two Debentures of Five Hundred Dollars each in possession of the Commercial Bank.

One Debenture in the name of **Julia Chancey Bemister** of Six hundred and forty dollars.

Two hundred and sixty pounds loaned to the Trustees of the Methodist Church at Harbor Grace at Five pr Cent pr annum.

One hundred pounds due by **William Hawker** Carbonear at five pr cent pr annum in part payment of the House and premises purchased by him there. Any balance which may be due me on running account at the Commercial Bank or from certain lawyers as appears in my official records, and by the list at fort.

Also Two hundred pounds advanced **Hannie Louisa Woods**. And one hundred and fifty pounds advanced **Maria Shepperd Ladner** out of their portion of the estate.

This is named so as to enable the executors to carry out the ideas already expressed to my children. The mortgage, Life Policy and Debentures are in my writing desk, the official account books are in the closet in my office in the Court House. My desire is that there shall be invested in the name of my daughter **Julia Chancey** a sufficient amount the interest of which with the rent of the (my) premises at New Perlican shall amount to at least Fifty

pounds per annum and shall be available for her support during the time she may remain unmarried. The Debentures in her name and the money advanced to the Trustees of the Harbor Grace Circuit already named shall be a part thereof.

I do not wish my Brother **Reuben** to be dispossessed of the premises at New Perlican, but desire that the Executors and he shall value them and he pay five per cent on the valuation as annual rent, keeping them in repair, but should he at any time purchase them or leave them so that they may be sold without any inconvenience to him, the purchase money shall be invested and the interest made available for the above specified purpose, the balance then remaining shall be equally divided between my daughters **Maria Shepperd Ladner Hannah Louisa Woods** and **Isabel Ann Patience Prine** each one third, deducting from the said **Maria Shepperd Ladner** one hundred and fifty pounds & **Hannah Louisa Woods** two hundred pounds as before referred to -

In the event of the marriage of the said **Julia Chancey** the whole of the Estate is to be realized and equally divided amongst the four children one fourth to each deducting the amounts advanced as just named. On the death of the said **Julia Chancey** (if unmarried) the amount appropriated for her use shall be divided between her sisters say one third each. And in the event of the death of either (or all of them) that trust shall be divided as the husbands if surviving shall see best, this is not to prevent the said **Julia Chancey** from giving any little amount to either of her nephews or nieces should she desire to do so not exceeding in the whole one hundred pounds.

Notwithstanding any thing to the contrary I bequeath Bensons Commentary or the value thereof to my Grandson **John Bemister Ladner**.

My Gold watch and chain to my grandson **John Bemister Prine**.

My old watch and gold seal to my daughter **Julia Chancey**

And Violin to any son which my daughter **Hannah Louisa Woods** may have.

All other property as if deferred is to be equally divided amongst my children either in kind or value reserving to **Julia Chancey** enough should she wish it to keep house. The (illegible) given her.

I bequeath the piece of land at the foot of Abbots Meadow in Carbonear willed to me by my late Father, to the children of my brother **Reuben** to whom the rest of the property belongs.

I appoint my sons in law **Henry J B Woods** and **Rev. George Prine** Executors to this will.

Signed at Harbor Grace this 30th day of August 1883. (Sgd) **J. Bemister**. -

September 1st 1885. Since the foregoing was written changes have taken place And the amounts advanced to my children are **Maria S. Ladner** two

hundred and fifty pounds, **Hanna Woods** two hundred pounds, **Isabel Prine** three hundred and twenty five pounds as per rect of the Carbonear water Company in my desk. These amounts are to be deducted from their portion of my estate So that each may have an equal share.

Dr. Allan has paid off portion of the mortgage -

And a portion of the amt. advanced to the Methodist Church has been paid, the amount due by each appear in my small account Books -

The amts are Insurance Policy, Debentures Four hundred & ten Pounds.

Amount in Savings Bank as pr. Book Union Bank as per rects due of the

Trustees of the Methodist Church as per book, due of **Dr. Allan** due of

lawyer as per a/c. any other amounts as per my book, in dividing amongst the

children add to the above the whole amount which I have advanced to **Maria**

Hanna and **Isabel**. Amtg. to seven hundred and seventy five pounds, deduct

the amt for **Julia** divide the remainder equally between the others, deducting

the amounts which each has received. I should have said that **William**

Hawker has paid off the money before named. (Sgd) **J. Bemister**. Harbor

Grace, September 1st 1885. I consider the foregoing, bearing date 30th August

1883 and Sept 1st 1885 as my last will and Testament and affix my name

(sgd) **J. Bemister** in presence of (sgd) **H. W. Trapnell** (sgd) **T. W. Rogers**.

I certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the last will and Testament of **John Bemister** deceased

Registrar

(Listed in the margin next to this will the following)

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Probate

granted to

Rev. Geo Prine

& G. J. Edwards

the exors.

Dated

Feb 22: 1893

Estate

sworn under

\$12,500.00

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