

From the Will of Daniel Blandford:

Note that this will is very unusual because Daniel leaves the bulk of his property outright to his wife and single daughter. His sons do not take.

The Petition:

To The Honorable The Supreme Court of Newfoundland or to one of The Honorable the Assistant Judges thereof.

The Petition of Sarah Blandford of Herring Neck in the Northern District of Newfoundland Widow

Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners late Husband Daniel Blandford died on or about the twentieth day of April last - leaving him surviving his widow (Your Petitioner) [Daniel's second wife] and Six children namely - Joseph - Esau - Eli - Guzziah (now Richards) Elizabeth (now Cannons) and Louisa.

That your said Petitioners late Husband died leaving a Will which is hereunto annexed - and also property and effects of the probable value of Four Hundred [word Thousand is crossed out and replaced by Hundred] Dollars.

That no administration or Probate has as yet been taken out to the Estate of Said Daniel Blandford - deceased.

Your Petitioner therefore prays that administration C.T.A. may be granted to her upon giving the usual security.

And as in duty bound She will ever pray.

Twillingate, October 25, 1879

her
Sarah X Blandford

Robert Lewis
mark

The same having just read and explained.

The Will:

from Newfoundland will books volume 4 pages 61-62 probate year 1880

Know all men by these presents that I, Daniel Blandford of Ship Cove, Herring Neck, Notre Dame Bay, being sound in mind but weak in Body and knowing that it is appointed unto all men once to die - do hereby male my last will and testament -

First, I give and bequath to my beloved wife Sarah Blandford and my daughter Louisa Blandford [his one child with Sarah] all my property to be equally divided between them, that is to say all my fishing craft, dwelling house and furniture, Stage, stores, flakes, cattle, meadowland, gardens and waste land surrounding my dwelling house.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my grandson Levi, son of the late Thomas Blandford the house situated next my dwelling house and also a garden, the most westwardly of all my gardens. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three.

Daniel Blandford
His X mark

Signed and delivered by the said Daniel Blandford as his last will and testament in the presence of us the [subscribed?]

Alfred L.H. Winsor
Robert Lewis

Certified correct,
D. M. Browning
Registrar