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In the name of God Amen

I William Coughlan of the Town of St. Johns in the Island of Newfoundland Farmer, being very sick and weak in Body but of perfect mind and Memory, thank'd 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 is to 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 Buriall 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 Francis my dearly beloved wife the One Third of all my property Good 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 Anne Stone

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I Bequeath to my Daughter Catherine Burke about £500 the sum of Five hundred Sterling and to my Daughter Mrs Murphy about £500 the like sum of five hundred 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 Unconscionably, to my said Wife I do hereby empower my said Wife to deprive at will here, 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 Widow-hood 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 here 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 Sower
 John Burke
 James Murphy

William Coughlan

In the Probate Court Newfoundland -
 Saint John's
 to wit: John Burke, Saint John's, 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's aforesaid Farmer make his mark thereto, and declare the same to be his last Will and Testament. And this Deponent further saith that the said William Coughlan at the time of his making his mark appeared to this Deponent 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 Sower and James Murphy both of Saint John's aforesaid the other subscribing Witnesses, who in the presence of this Deponent and in the presence of each other did subscribe their names thereto as Witnesses.

Deponent 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 Sower and James Murphy both of Saint John's aforesaid the other subscribing Witnesses, who in the presence of this Deponent and in the presence of each other did subscribe their names thereto as Witnesses.

Sworn at Saint John's aforesaid this seventeenth day of November One thousand eight hundred and Twelve - Before -
 Geo. Tomlinson
 Clerk

John Burke