

Probate #  
FILE BOX 48  
KNOX COUNTY, IL  
COURTHOUSE  
Galesburg, IL.



**William Gordon** residing in Gatehouse of Fleet in order to regulate the management and distribution of the means and Estate belonging to me, after my decease do hereby Give, Grant, Assign and Dispose to and in favor of Margaret McRay or Gordon my spouse, provided she remains unmarried after my decease, in life rent for her life rent use alienably and in case of the said Margaret McRay or Gordon marrying again or upon her death to and in favor of my children James Gordon presently residing at Manor House, Woodend, Thirsk in York shire and Sepie Gordon or Ewart spouse of David James Ewart residing in Gatehouse of Fleet and their heirs and assignees whomsoever, in fee, in the following proportions vizt to the said James Gordon, my son, one third of my means and Estate both heritable and moveable hereinafter mentioned and to the said Sepie Gordon or Ewart two thirds of the aforesaid means and Estate as after mentioned; but both under the provisions hereinafter written, heritably and irredeemably my whole means and Estate heritable and moveable, real and personal wherever situated or addebt to me at the time of my death with the whole vouchers and instructions of the said Moveable and personal Estate, and the writs and Warrants of my said heritable Estate. And particularly and without prejudice to the said generality the effects and sums of money which may be contained in any Inventory made up and subscribed by me as relative to these presents and which shall be as sufficient to exclude the necessity of confirmation as if every particular thereof were herein inserted. Moreover I oblige myself, my heirs, and Successors to invest and seise the said Margaret McRay or Gordon and the said James Gordon and Sepie Gordon or Ewart and their heirs and assignees, for their respective rights of life rent and fee in the whole lands, houses and other heritages above disposed requiring investment and for that purpose to grant all deeds and conveyances that may be necessary. But always with and under the burden of my lawful debts and obligations, payment of my funeral expenses and of such gifts or legacies as I may think proper to leave by any deed or writing to be executed by me at any time of my life. Providing and declaring that should either of my said children have predeceased me or my said spouse leaving lawful issue then such children shall succeed share and share alike to that share of my means and estate both heritable and moveable which would have belonged to their parent had

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had he or she survived. And I hereby nominate and appoint the said James Gordon and the said David James Ewart to be my executors And I reserve full power to revoke these presents. And I dispense with delivery And I reserve my life rent right. And I the aforesaid Margaret McMay or Gordon with the advice and consent of the said William Gordon my said spouse do hereby agree to accept of the above written life rent provision in my favor in full of all right which I have or can have or claim to in the Estate and means above mentioned in the event of my surviving my said spouse or in any other way. And I entirely agree in the above disposition And we the said William Gordon and Margaret McMay or Gordon consent to registration hereof for preservation In witness whereof these presents written upon this and the foregoing page of stamped paper by Geny Hamilton written in high candle light are subscribed by us the said William Gordon and Margaret McMay or Gordon at Gatchhouse of Fleet upon the twenty fifth day of December Eighteen hundred and fifty seven years before these witnesses Andrew Kirk Provost of the Burgh of Gatchhouse and Thomas Philipps farmer in Boreland

*J. M. McKelvey*

*Wm Gordon*

*Thos Campbell Witness*

*M. E. Gordon*

I the above designed William Gordon in consequence of the death of Margaret McMay or Gordon my wife and also of the death of Jessie Gordon or Ewart my Daughter of the dishonest conduct of David James Ewart my son in Law and also of the unkind treatment I have received from my son James Gordon but more particularly from his wife being resolved to settle my affairs so as to prevent all disputes after my death in regard to the successions to my moveable means and estate. Do hereby revoke all former settlements made and executed by me at any time heretofore and in lieu thereof Do hereby nominate constitute and appoint John Ewart and Margaret Elisabeth Gordon Ewart only surviving children of the above designed Jessie Gordon or Ewart now deceased to be my sole executors and universal legataries having and bequeathing to them and their heirs and assigns whatsoever in equal parts of the whole goods free debts sums sums of money household furniture and other moveables whatsoever that may pertain or be owing to me at the time of my decease with the whole vouchers and instructions thereof and all

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