

Michael Jordan's Will

I found this at the registry office in Brockville. (transcribed by Mary Carroll, Brockville, ON Nov 2005)

A Memorial to be registered pursuant to the Statute in that case (?) made and provided of the Last Will and Testament of Michael Jordan made in the following words – that is to say – In the name of God, Amen, I, Michael Jordan, of the Township of South Crosby, County of Leeds, Province of Canada being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make publish and declare my last will and Testament in manner and form following –

First, I give and devise unto my eldest son James, one dollar.

Second, I give and devise unto my eldest daughter, Briget, one dollar.

Third, I give and de I give and devise unto my daughter, Margaret, one dollar.

Fourth, I give and devise unto my son John, the Farm which I now occupy with the buildings thereon erected and the ??? , there unto belonging, is situate in the Township of South Crosby, County of Leeds, Province of Canada, containing fifty acres, and to his heirs assign forever.

Fifth, I give and devise unto my daughter, Catherine, one cow.

Sixth, I give and devise unto my daughter, Mary, one dollar.

Seventh, I give and devise unto my daughter, Ester, one, two year old Heifer and two sheep.

Eighth, I do hereby nominate and appoint, Charles Hamilton, of the Township of South Crosby, County of Leeds, Province of Canada and John Ragen of the Township of Bedford, county Frontenac, Farmers, Executors of this my last will and Testament and hereby expressly revoke all other wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereinto set my hand and Seal this nineteenth day of May, A.D. 1863

(Signed) Michael Jordan

Signed, Sealed, published and declared to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses

(Signed (Michael Dunne of South Crosby, County of Leeds, Province of Canada.

Michael Freeman of South Crosby, County of Leeds, Province of Canada – and which said last Will and Testament is witnessed by Michael Dunne.....etc

John Jordan received the will on November 17, 1864