

John Ashford lying on his death bed and being very weak, sent for parson Holt to write his will, the said parson Holt sent word to him to get another because it was not proper for him to act that part, and moreover said that he was not desirous to do it whereupon the said John Ashford desired us three Nathaniel Hedgman Luke McDonald, and Nicholas Reid to take notice of what he was to say, being at that time in his right senses, supposing that our oaths would be as valid as if he had made a will according to law, whereupon he told us that he thought he had made another will which ~~he~~ ~~deceased~~ Mr Lason he supposed had left among his papers, which he thought would cut off Morris Jones will which he had, but if this should not be found, he hoped that our words would cut it wholly off, and that after all his debts were payd his wife should enjoy his whole estate. This is John Ashfords will.

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