

State of Vermont - November 2nd 1846
Clerk of Court - In the will of James
Corroford - were exhibited and shown in open
court in words and figures (true)
The Last will and Testament of James
Corroford was exhibited in open court for probate
by Charles W. Helson for John A. Corroford the executor
therein named and the same was proven by the
oaths of Maria Helson and James C. Hogan the Subscri-
bing witnesses thereto according to law and the
court being satisfied that said will from the proof
is the Last will and Testament of the said James
A. Corroford decd

It is therefore ordered by the court the said will
be admitted to Record according to law and
there upon the said John Corroford the executor named
in said will who was not required to give
security by the testator came into open court
and exhibited into bond in the sum of \$500
said dollar to comply with the provisions of said
will and was qualified according to law and
etc. and it is further ordered that Letter of
Testamentary issue to him, this 5th day 1846

In the name of God Amen I James A.
Corroford being weak and old - but of sound
mind and memory do make and publish this
my Last will and Testament - My will is that
my executor herein after named I shall bury me
in a plain decent manner and that he pay
my funeral expenses out of the first money that
shall come into his hands out of my effects
Secondly, that he pay all my Just debts if my
estate shall produce that amount, and as I believe
that I will have something considerable left
after paying said expenses and debts - my will is
that I give and bequeath to my beloved Brother
John A. Corroford my undivided Interest in my
estate with a both real and personal

I also give and bequeath the to my said Brother John
The Crawford my negro girl Sarah aged two or three
twelve years which negro is now in the possession
of my said Brother John The Crawford I also give
to my said Brother a negro boy about three or
four years old named John now in the posses-
sion of John Gore he being one of the slaves I
sell him to by the death of my father I also
give and bequeath to my said Brother John The
Crawford all my property of whatever kind
or description It is my will that my said
Brother have for his own use and benefit my
Interest in the Store in Elizabethton where
Coatilion The Fitzsimmons and myself are
partners and that my said Brother John The

Crawford occupy precisely the same position
in said mercantile establishment that I now
do (that is that he shall go into said Store if he
see proper forth with) except that my said
Brother at his option may continue said part-
nership or dissolve the same as he may see
proper when the said Fitzsimmons and my-
self meet into partnership I place in said
concern one thousand dollars in cash (which I
have received from the sale of two negroes)

Fitzsimmons not having advanced one dollar
of the Capital of said concern it is true we
had more money which originated from the sale
of flower that Fitzsimmons and myself purchased
of John Gore and sold down the river but we
yet owe Gore about four hundred dollars for the
said flower) except a note on London to
Hops for two hundred and fifty dollars

which amount was collected and placed
in said concern also sixty dollars more
advanced to me at Gore the same being
due to Jeremiah Boyd about dollar no

back for which we have nothing to show
it is my will that my Brother John C
Crawford be to the collection of this money
I have understood that some persons sup
pose that John Goe is a secret partner in
some firm of Britgimmons and Crawford
which is not true and furthermore if he
has any thing to do with it I never knew
it or if the concern owes him any thing
except twenty some dollars or there abouts
for borrowed money and the said John Goe
owes some concern some fifty or sixty dollars
for goods I hereby nominate and appoint
my beloved Brother John C Crawford my
executor of this my last will and testament
and it is my will that he shall be required
to give security for the performance of his said
executorship But that that the Court
will permit him to enter on said duties
of executor as aforesaid without security

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my name and affixed my seal
this 19th day of December Anno domini
1845 the words of John Goe in the twenty
second line on the first page and Brother
in the third line of the second page interlined
before signed

James Crawford Seal

James H. Crawford

we the undersigned
witnesses have witnessed
this will in the presence
of each other and also
in the presence of James
H. Crawford the testator

J. C. Rosen

David Wilson

C. W. Wilson

J. Powell