

C. B. Dunn
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County Court ^{Sept.} September Term 1853

When the three paper writings purporting to be the Last Will
of Testament of John Dawson he was again permitted to
cancel for broken & yet appearing that said he had been given
to ^{next} of kin who are now residents as requiring they
decide ^{before} of said last at August Term 1853 ^{July} before
by the Courts of Ad. Genl Nathan Bushard D.D. Dawson
John H. Moore Robert Williams the Deeds making witnesses
thereof ^{were} ordered to be recorded. Returns my hands at
office Jan 15/54

Jm E. J. L.

Apr. E. Taylor cens

Dear boys, I find there is you and wife have been so kind to me
through adversity as here as prosperity. This time from my
themselves cheerless to you for it is now to raise my wife
or to say a word in my defense is ~~now~~ condemned by all
for unfaithfulness of friendship there was never any one
man heartily condemned to my best friends I have
my best respects. Except the Board is off you there is about
fifteen hundred dollars in good notes have been collected
for gunfurnishings. Spyster five hundred dollars. Give Ben
Spyster my love and watch the remainder keep yourself
you will pay it by for wearing let Dr. Burroughs look
my tools make it weight with him so as does not over
me anything perhaps I owe him something keep all the
rest of your self. O you must pardon me for this rash
act I cannot suffer the waves any longer - god knows
there is no body to be harder to do right than I do feel
for the distress of his till death above a you judged
me wrong But I forgive you only recommended me
fair well to all for I am glad that no body God knows it
thinks Spyster as a lost portion of my friendship for you
except the small sum of five hundred dollars from
your unworthy friend. I should have made
you a much better present But I burnt it in a
mistake a long with some letters and papers. This
day I am persecuted unquiescently and ungratefully it
has not got the strength of mind resist it any longer.
I am going to the mountains there to wonder the Father in
my days. I give Ben my gun and watch Good Bye
and bid you all god Bye I am met at none of you
God knows it.

then the paper winding purporting to be the last time

Testament of Thomas Leary dec. was presented to Court for probate and was duly proven by the Oaths of Asst. Gordon James & Thomas J. Leary & Asst. M. Whitworth and was ordered to be recorded. Witness my hand at office April 20/85

W. E. Taylor cler.

Catharine
& Ross
Hill.

State of Tennessee In the name of God Amen,
Frederick County & Catharine J. Ross formerly Catharine James
Hill being unable in body & of sound mind
and memory Calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the Certainty
of Death having hope towards God through our Lord Jesus Christ do make and publish my Last Will & Testament in
manner and form following that is to say: I am first I give
and bequeath my immortal Soul to God who gave it as to
what I may be able to do in this providence has been pleased
to give me by my Will & meaning is that all of my property
both real and personal shall go and be distributed to my only child
Catharine Sydney Ross after all of my just debts and
funeral Expenses are paid to wit: One tract of land lying
on Spring Creek containing nearly one & three fourths acres
also one tract on Alexander's Lake for six hundred and
sixty six dollars & 15 cts due December 20th 1854 the same to be
at her for and for annum with all my horse property
except my bed & furniture to be sold to pay my debts
and the remainder of the Sale to be put in Trust by
my Executor and the said to be paid for the children
Catharine Sydney Ross the heirs to be held by my Executor
until my daughter come of age for her child my share
is that my child shall be sold when my Executor shall
think it will be to the interest of my daughter Catharine
Sydney Ross and the money put to interest. Lastly I hereby
Constitute and appoint David B. Hawks my Executor of
this my Last Will & Testament. Due witnesses hereof I have
set my hand & seal this June 9th 1854

Signed, sealed & declared by Catharine J. Ross
which Testament as her Last Will
and Testament in the presence of us
Justices John Chittenden & Thos. Schubert

Said Court July Term 1854; then the last Will and
Testament of Catharine J. Ross dec. was presented to Court
for probate and was duly proven by the Oaths of John
Chittenden & Thomas A. Schubert the Jurors & the witnesses
thereof ordered to be recorded. Witness my hand
at office July 15/85

W. E. Taylor cler.