he was a school teacher, that George L. Stockdale the caveator had been a scholar of his, that he had taught him writing, and had often seen him write (when at his school, and that the body of said supposed will was in his opinion similar to the B. handwriting of said George L. Stockdale B. and then rested their case.

The caveators to support the issues on their part joined then offered evidence by Jacob Miller and Zachariah Ebaugh competent witnesses that they were appointed appraisers by the Orphans Court for Carroll County of the goods and chattels of said Aaron Stockdale and that while performing their duties as appraisers on or about the 18th of October 1867. they demanded an inspection of the papers of said deceased and Elizabeth Stockdale thereupon in their presence produced from a bureau of which she had the key sundry papers, and laid them before the appraisers and in the examination thereof, the said paper writing purporting to be the will of said Aaron Stockdale was found by said Jacob Miller amongst other other papers of deceased and was opened, and at the request of the members of the family then present was read. They then offered evidence by competent witnesses of the decease of the testator as aforesaid, and of the decease of each and every of the subscribing witnesses to said will in the life time of said testator, and after the date of said will. They then offered evidence by competent witnesses familiar with the handwriting of said testator of the genuiness of the signature of said testator to said will. They further offered evidence by competent witnesses familiar with the handwriting of said Jacob A. Troyer and Reuben A. Troyer and Jacob Hildebrand respectively, that the signatures Jacob A. Troyer & Reuben A. Troyer and Jacob Hildebrand as attesting witnesses to said will were in the proper handwriting of said Jacob A. Troyer and Reuben A. Troyer and Jacob Hildebrand respectively and were their respective genuine signatures. The caveators then offered to prove by

Jacob Miller a competent witness that on the day before the funeral of said Aaron Stockdale, while he lay a corpse in his house that witness enquired of George L. Stockdale the caveator whether there was a will of his fathers in existence, and the reply which said George made to that enquiry, but the Court refused to allow the question of the said witness and answer of said caveator thereto to be given in evidence and therefore the caveator excepted to said ruling and refusal by the Court of the offered evidence and prayed the Court to sign and seal this his second bill of exceptions which is accordingly done this 16th day of September 1869.

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Wm. N. Hayden (seal)
E. Hammond (seal)

3rd Exception

In addition to the evidence contained in the foregoing bill of exceptions which is prayed to be taken as if set out at length herein, the caveator further to maintain the issues on his part joined offered to prove by a competent witness that on the day before the funeral of Aaron Stockdale while several of his children and said caveator were present it was generally stated by the family that their belief was that their father the said Aaron Stockdale had left no will, but the Court refused to permit the said offered evidence to be given to the jury, & therefore the caveator excepted and prayed the Court to sign and seal this his third bill of exceptions, which is accordingly done this 16th day of September 1869

(seal)
Wm. N. Hayden (seal)
E. Hammond (seal)

4th Bill of Exceptions.

After the testimony contained in the several foregoing exceptions had been offered all of which matters and things