

To the Honorable John A. Kelley Judge of the
Circuit Court of Peppel County,

The Answer of James J. Dickerson answers with
the will annexed of John Dickerson deceased
and also as a ~~copy~~ ^{copy} under said will to a bill
exhibited against him and others in this Honorable
Court by John L. Dickerson After seeing and
just and proper exceptions to said bill for
its many errors and misstatements for answer
thereto or so much thereof as he is advised it
is material for him to answer says,

that his father John Dickerson departed this
life on the day of May 1871 that previous to
that time to wit on the day of December
1870 he made and executed his will a copy
of which is filed in this cause and at the

Term of the County Court 1871 of said
County the said will was produced in Court
and proved by the oath of the subscribing
witnesses thereto and admitted to record
in said Court and your respondent was
appointed by the Court and qualified as
administrator with the said will annexed
there being no one nominated in said will
as executor thereof,

Your respondent protests that said will is
a valid paper that it was executed by the
Testator according to the laws of the State
in all particulars and was properly admitted to
record and that the sale of the Testator papers showing
He denies most positively that the said Testator
was not in his right mind when he made and
executed said will, and asserts that he was as
much in his right mind as he ever was in all
his life, and he denies most positively that
your respondent or his wife or his mother or
any one exercised any undue influence upon
him to procure or induce him to make said
will in the way he did, Upon the contrary
he asserts that the Testator made said will of
his own volition uninfluenced by any
one, especially does he deny any fraud
or any act that could be taken into fraud