

Maryland, Prince George's County set.

At an Orphans Court of Prince George's County begun and held at Upper Marlborough Town in said County on Monday the twenty eighth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight

Present

John Brookes & Esquires Justices.  
John Durale

Edward W. Belt Esq. Sheriff — Truman Tyler, Register.

In the Record of proceedings of the same Court among others is the following, to wit —

Arthur P. West } Prince George's County set.

Charles H. L. West,  
negroes Polly, Charlotte,  
and others

Be it remembered that heretofore to wit, on the second day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, a certain Arthur P. West by John Johnson Esquire his Attorney came into Court here and filed a

Carat in the following words, to wit: To the Honorable the Judges of the Orphans Court of Prince George's County — The Cause of Petition of Arthur P. West of said County respectfully sheweth, that a paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Stephen West, father of your petitioner and late of said County, deceased, has been exhibited for probat in this Honorable Court, which paper your Petitioner sheweth is not the valid Testament and last Will of said deceased. Your petitioner alleges that the same was not executed in the presence of three competent and credible witnesses, nor subscribed by such in the presence of the Testator in the manner required by the Statute in such cases provided. He further charges that said Testator was not of sound and disposing mind memory & understanding when said paper was executed, and therefore that he was not competent to make a legal contract or valid Testamentary disposition of his estate but if he had been at that time competent to make a valid Will, yet said paper is not valid as such, because its execution was obtained by unfair artifice and persuasion, undue influence, and illegal means; your Petitioner therefore objects to the admission of said paper to probat, and prays your Honors to grant unto him as the eldest son and legal representative of the said Stephen, letters of Administration on his personal estate, in the same manner as though he had died Intestate, which your Petitioner avers he in effect did.

John Johnson  
for Petitioner

And now on this twenty eighth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, come to the Orphans Court here the parties beneficially interested, to wit: Charles H. L. West,  
negroes