Negroes Polly, Charlotte, Mary Adams, Isabella, Samuel Adams, Alfred Wood, Nolly, Dennis & Edward, by Henry Ashton Esquire their Attorney, and exhibit for probat and record a paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Stephen West late of Prince George's County, deceased, which paper is in the words and figures following, to wit: In the name of God Amen. I Stephen West of Prince George's County in the State of Maryland being in good health of mind and body but mindfull of the uncertainty of the continuance thereof & desirous to settle my worldly affairs do make & appoint this for my last Will and testament in manner & form following, that is to say, first I give devise & bequeath all that tract or parcel of land which I bought of Samuel Duckett's heirs containing sixty two & a half acres of land to my two servants Polly & Charlotte whom I heretofore liberated but who yet reside with me to them & their lawful heirs forever & if either of them die without lawful issue then the survivor to take the whole of said land & if such survivor shall die without lawful issue then the said land to go to my son Charles H. L. West & his heirs forever but if both of my two servants each have lawful issue then the said land to be equally divided between their said children or their heirs & if one only of my said servants shall leave lawful issue then the said land to go to such issue & their heirs. Item, I hereby manumit & forever discharge from slavery my servant woman Mary sometimes called Mary Adams who has a brother called Samuel sometimes called Samuel Adams. Item, I also manumit & forever discharge from slavery my servant woman Isabella & her three children. Item, I also manumit & forever discharge from slavery my two servants Samuel sometimes called Samuel Adams & Alfred sometimes called Alfred Wood. I also manumit & set free my negroe woman Nelly the mother of Samuel & Alfred above mentioned. Item, It is my will & intention that my just debts be paid out of the residue of my estate not herein before devised. Item, I will & desire that any just debt now due from my son Charles to Isaac Ball be also paid out of the residue of my estate but no debt hereafter contracted by him to be paid. Item, I give devise & bequeath all the residue of my estate real personal and mixt to my two servants Polly & Charlotte above mentioned upon the same conditions restrictions & limitations & to vest or descend in the same manner as is provided in my devise of the land I bought of Ducketts heirs. Item, I also manumit & discharge from slavery my two servants Dennis & Edward sons of Susan Wood sometimes called Susan Bean. Lastly I constitute & appoint my son Charles H. L. West whole & sole executor of this my will to be instructed advised & assisted by Benjamin Oden whom I request so to do. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name & affixed my seal this third day of August 1827.

Signed, sealed & published by the Testator as for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us the subscribers who in his presence at his request, & in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Stephen West (Seal)

Edmund Key
John W. Bradshaw
William Strickland

Whereupon the following order is passed by the Orphans Court here this twenty eighth day of July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, to wit: A paper having been exhibited to this Court for probat purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Stephen West late of said County, deceased, by Henry Ashton Esquire Attorney for the parties beneficially interested under said Will, to wit: Charles H. L. West, negroes Polly, Charlotte, Mary Adams, Isabella, Samuel Adams, Alfred Wood, Nolly, Dennis and Edward, and a caveat to the proving of said paper having been filed by John Johnson Esquire Attorney for Arthur Pue [illegible] one of the sons and legal representatives of the said Stephen West, [illegible] upon motion of the said Henry Ashton ordered by the Court [illegible] the proceedings in this cause be transmitted by the Register of the [illegible] under the seal of his office to Prince George's County Court, in order [illegible] to the following issue (may be tried [illegible] in said Court, [illegible] of the Act of Assembly, to wit: "Whether the paper exhibited to this Court purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said Stephen West, is the valid Testament and last Will of the said Stephen West" and that the finding of said Jury be certified and returned by the Clerk of Prince George's County Court under the seal of his office to this Court in the manner directed by law.

In pursuance of which order a transcript of the proceedings in the premises with all things thereunto relating is hereby transmitted accordingly.

Test. Truman Tyler Regr. of Wills P. G. Cty

Maryland, Prince George's County set.

I hereby certify that the transcript and proceedings within contained are truly and faithfully taken and copied from the record of proceedings of the Orphans Court of said County.

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and affix the public seal of my office this first day of October in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and twenty eight.

Truman Tyler Regr. of Wills for Prince George's County