to lie down; and it seemed to deponent as if he had some sort of idea of the act the above named women were urging him to commit & feeling some compunction was unwilling to proceed any farther; that deponent assisted to get him back to the house & laid him on a bed; that from & after this time said General West was in a weak state of body & mind & seemed to grow worse & worse until his death

Taken & sworn to before me this third day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & twenty eight

Richard H. Clarshaw Justice of the Peace for P.G. County

State of Maryland Prince George's county S.c.

Be it remembered that John Bird of Prince George's county aforesaid on this third day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred & twenty eight personally appeared before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for Prince George's county aforesaid and made oath on the holy evangely of almighty God that the facts matters & things contained in the above deposition are true as stated.

Richard H. Clarshaw

State of Maryland Prince George's county S.c.

Be it remembered that on the third day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & twenty eight I the undersigned one of the Justices of the Peace in & for the county aforesaid, in pursuance of the notice given to that effect & the affidavit of the service whereof which accompanies this return, proceeded to take at the house of John Bird in said county the deposition of the said John Bird of said county to be read in evidence in the cause of Arthur Pue West vs Charles H. L. West & others, which deposition is annexed hereunto & which deposition is herewith returned, as witness my hand and seal this fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & twenty nine

Richard H. Clarshaw

Arthur Pue West
vs
Charles H. L. West
and others

Deposition of John Bird

John Bird of Prince George's county & state of Maryland, of lawful age being sworn on the holy evangely of Almighty God, deposeth and saith;

That he has been acquainted with the late General Stephen West of said county, for thirty years previous to his death, and lived adjoining him, (within a quarter of a mile) during the last two years of his life:- That he was intimately acquainted with said General West and while he lived thus near him, saw him very frequently, sometimes as often as three or four times a day and generally as often as once a day; That during the last two years of his life said General West was often partially and sometimes entirely deranged.