That said General West stated to deponent that he was continually teazed by the two women Polly and Charlotte (that lived in the house with him) to make over his property to them, and that they treated him cruelly & beat him, and deponent himself has seen them treat him (said West) very ill. — —

And deponent further states that he does not believe, that said General West for the last two years of his life, was of a sound & disposing mind & memory or had capacity to to make a will, or a contract, or transact any business; because he was so frequently in a state of derangement, because he so frequently forgot his most intimate acquaintances, and some times after conversing with a person, he would within an hour say he had not seen that person for years and make inquiries concerning him; and because he often forgot where he was & did not know places that he used to be well acquainted with, & would set off without his hat and some of his clothes (with only his pantaloons and shirt on) & say he was going to Centreville; that he could not stay in his house he was so abused by the two women Charlotte & Polly, and when he arrived at Centreville he would not know where he was. — And at other times deponent has seen him (said West) so patient under injuries inflicted by the aforesaid Women & tolerate such abuse from them, that he feels justified in saying said West could not have been in his right senses

Furthermore deponent would state that sometime in July or August in the year Eighteen Hundred & twenty seven, said General Stephen West, came to deponents house being led by the above named Woman Polly & said the aforesaid women insisted upon his going to Judge Key's that day to make over his property to them & he had consented to go, if Mr. Bird the deponent would go with him - deponent consented - & they had not proceeded more than two hundred yards before said Genl. West turned aside from the path and was evidently about to plunge into a bower or thicket of green briar bushes, leaning forward as if he intended

Certificate of Wm Charles H. West
and others