

John West Jr Will

Georgia

In the name of God Amen, I John West Jr of the County of Greenestown in said County, calling to mind the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death, being weak in body, but of sound mind & memory, do ordain and constitute this my last will and testament in manner and form following:

- 1st I give my body to the dust to be entiaed at the discreessions of my Executors herein after named, my soul I recommend to god who gave it.
- 2nd My will and desire is, that all my Just debts be paid as soon as my Executors can do so, out of the first money they can collect due me from my mercantile debts:
- 3rd My will and desire is, that my Executors wind up my mercantile buisness as soon as they can do so, without injury to my estate; and I hear by authorise my said executors to make such a sale of my goods as they in their Judgement may consider most to the Interest of my estate, by selling off my stock of goods either at public or private sale. My will and desire is that my property in the town of Greenestown, and my curry and woods tracts of land, be sold on a credit of one, two & three years. my plantations Tools, crop, stock &c to be sold on a credit of one year; my carriage & horses and such a portion of my Household furniture as my wife may wish, I desire should be retained by my executors for the use of my wife & children; my negroes I wish disposed of as follows, I give and bequath to my beloved wife Mary west, one negro man stealing, Amelia, and her daughter Mary Ann. James, children of the said Amelia. All the balance of my negroes and their Increase I give to my children, to be divided share and share alike between them, at the marriage or coming of age of either of them; It is further my will and desire that my Executors proceed as soon as practicable to close the Buisness of west and Daniel, and what sum amount may be realized from said concern to be applied in aid of the settlement buisness untill all my out standing debts are settled. When my wish and desire is, that one hundred and twenty five dollars be paid by my Executors to the Executors committee for the benefit of the Labouring school under the patronage of the Baptist convention, and that a like sum be paid to the Baptist convention for Burman mis sion

11th When my Executors collect the money now due me and also the money due my wife for the sale of property herein directed to be sold and pay all the demands against

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and the two legacies last mentioned, my will and desire is that one third of the amount of money so granted be paid over to my wife and the balance to be equally divided between my children. It is further my wish and I hereby request my Executors to give the negro men given to my children as convenient to their wives as practicable.

I nominate and appoint my wife Mary next my Executors and Jeremiah Sanford of Hancock county and Thomas of Greene County Executors to this my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6th July. 1832

In presence of us
Samuel Greene

John West Sr

Lewis Byron
her

Peggy X Bails
marth

Codicil to the above will, after the payment of my debts and the payment of the two legacies last mentioned, and previous to the divisions of the money between my wife & children, my will is, that my Executors pay to my Executor Jeremiah Sanford two Hundred and fifty dollars for the use and benefit of my friend Daniel Sanford of Greene county.

I do witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date above

In presence of us
Samuel Greene

John West Sr

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Georgia Court of ordinary September Term. 1832
Greene County, Personally appeared in open court, Samuel Greene, Lewis Byron, two of the subscribing witnesses to the within last will Testament & Codicil of John West Sr and in addition, that they saw him subscribe the same and that they each believed him to be of perfect sound mind & disposing memory at the time of his signing the same, and that they together with Peggy Bails in the presence of each other and in the presence of the testator subscribed their names as witnesses thereto and swore to in open court.

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2nd day of September 1832 Lewis Byron

Thomas M. Grimes Clerk

Recorded 2nd day of September 1832

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