

months also in case that my Negro man Manassah should be
proven a runaway and not brought home my wife and family
which have my consent to sell said Manassah for his price and
use apply the money purchasing a school for his master the
benefit of my four Daughters. I will after my lawful wife
and the opinion of selling my estate is kind to my will
and paper is that my wife Manassah West shall have the
use of all the remainder of my estate both within doors
and without of being Nature and Kind during her widowhood
and at the expiration of her widowhood then to go to my
four Daughters namely Elizabeth and Rebecca and Lydia &
Annella their heirs that are living at that time.

I will give and bequeath unto son Stephen West all my land
laying on the East side of the main Road being the plantation
where I lived and the plantation I bought of Wills neighbor
a merchant and also one half of my marshland also
my title also my Susannah being apply to also my hand
will also my Negro Manassah West to him and his heirs
for ever. I will give and bequeath unto my son
Cornelius West all the Manassah side of my land and plant
ation laying on the West side of the main Road also one
half of my marshland to him and his heirs for ever.

I will leave my tract of Land laying in Norfolk County
in the State of Virginia called Sowerwoods to be sold by my
Executor. The Publick Auction on a Credit of six Months &
the proceeds to be Equally divided between my four Daughters
namely Elizabeth and Rebecca and Lydia and Annella West to
them and their heirs for ever. Then I give and bequeath all
the remainder of my estate which is not already given
to my two sons to be Equally divided between my four Daughters
or the survivors, at the expiration of my wife widowhood according
to other wills and gifts bequeathing and bequeathing this to my
last will and testament. I do hereby certify the foregoing ap=
point and ordain my friends John Bell my John and John
Executors of this my last will and testament in witness
where I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of
October 1807
Signed in the
presence of us
James & Elizabeth Swain
John & Annella

Edw. West

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being very weakly but in perfect mind and memory do hereby
testify and certify this my last last will and testament
first of all I gave and bequeathed to all my wife Ann
Jewett and my Reuben to the North side of the Manassah
a chicken like man or first I gave to my son Malachi
all my two Boys John and Joseph the tract of Land that of
Thomas Barman joining the Chesapeake also and bequeathed
the East of said plantation full of pears & Boys I will
also moreover my Grand to share some with
two Grand Sons John the son of Ruth also the son of Thomas
secondly I gave and bequeathed to my son Thomas all the
plantation joining John Meek & Harvey Chesapeake
again two mores camps and mornin and one hand
below the plantation of payment of negro will also one
Negro Boy named well one hind of leaves swamp
laying against Ben Saylor - first I gave to will bell
one holler and to Grabe Bellone Boys to Thomas Barman and
John and Malachi Whiters one holler
and all the Remaining part of my property to my wife
Mason Mercer moreover and my Daughter Rebecca Wat
my wife Mason Mercer moreover decease all to my Daughter Rebecca
and to my Daughter Rebecca decease this property to be paid
and Equally Divided Between Ruth Boys John Thomas
either can live if the said Boys die without heirs law
- July 1807 of the Body to Return Back in the Month
family nearest in blood as things my hand and seal
this February the 6. 1809
Thomas Mercer
all I appoint William Salon Benjamin Tatum
and John Whiturst
Witness Jeremiah Mercer and John
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