Good helth & of Sound & perfect Memory to ye best of their Apprehention & in her presence & at her request they Subscribed ye Same as Evidences Sworne before

Pet. Dent Dty. Comty of Pr. Georges County

9½ Sides

Exam.

In The Name of god Amen The twenty fifth day of August In year of our Lord God One Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty & One I Joseph West of Prince Georges County In the Province of Maryl. planter Being Weak in Body But of Sound & perfect Memory (thanks be to God for the Same) and Calling to Mind the Uncertainty of this Mortal Life knowing it Is appointed for all men once to die Do make & Ordain this my Last Will & Testament in Manner & form Following That is to Say principally & First I Recommend my Soul to Almighty god that gave it & my Body to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian Like Manner with that Decency The Discretion of my Executor or Executors Shall lead them To hoping at The general Resurrection hoping to receive the Same again through the Mercy & mighty power of Almighty God.

Now as Touching my Worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God To Bless me my Will is that The Same Shall be disposed of In Manner & Form Following (Viz.)

Imprimus

I Give and Bequeath to my Eldest Son William West three hundred Acres of Land Being part of a Tract of Land Called the Two Brothers on Which he is now Seated and To Lie according as It hath already Been Laid out for him It Being upon Waltes Banch Near Capt. John To him & his heirs for evers.

Item. I also Give and Bequeath unto him One Hundred Acres of my Tract of Land Called the Joseph to be Laid out on the North West Side of The Muddy Branch To him and his heirs for Evers.

I Give

I Give & Bequeath unto my Son John West Two Hundred Acres of Land Being part of The aforesaid Tract of Land Called The two Brothers and Laying on the North Side of the Said Waltes Branch over against the Said William Wests Land To him and his heirs for Ever

I also Give & Bequeath unto him two hundred Acres of my Tract of Land Called the Joseph to be laid out on the South Side of the Muddy Branch To him and his heirs for Ever

Item. I Give & Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Kelly One Hundred Acres of Land where She now lives Being part of The Tract of Land aforesaid Called the two Brothers to her & her Heirs for Ever

Item. I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Benjamin West after my Wifes decease My Tract of Land Called Blakeburn Lying upon The Western Branch of Patuxant River being the Plantation Whereon I now dwell To him and his heirs for ever.

I also give unto my Said Son Benjamin West Three Cows & Calves and three Sows Bigg with Pigg or Else with Piggs By their Sides & also Two Barrows and Nails Sufficient to build a Twenty foot dwelling house and a Fifty Foot Tobacco House, and his Choice of all the Iron Pots upon my Plantation To take one I Give him also all my Cooper & Carpenters Tools With Two feather Beds and Furniture to One of Them to have ye Nails and Beds Directly after my decease and the Rest after my Wifes Decease To him and his Heirs for Ever

Item. I Give and Bequeath power and Authority to my Loving Wife Rebeccah West to live & Reside upon any of The aforesd. Tracts of Land Given to any of Sons and I also Give her all my personall Estate During Life Except what is otherways disposed of By this Will.

Item. I Will that after my Wifes Decease my personal Estate Be Valued By two persons Indifferently Chosen By my Sons William John & Benjamin West & and my Daughter Mary Kelly or their Heirs And that ye Same be Equally divided amongst The four (Viz.) my Said Three Sons and daughter or their Heirs Except what is otherways Given By this Will

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