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Document Title: Will of William Nelson West, b 1776 & d 1846 MS

Source: Tallahatchie County, Mississippi, Will Book A, p. 75-78, December 1846 Court Term.

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Heading: William N. West's Will

I, William Nelson West of the County of Tallahatchie and State of Mississippi, being now advanced far in life and frail of body, do now while of my mind is sound, make and publish this my last will and testament (viz)

Item first,

After my decease, I desire and so will that out of the property and effects which belong to me at my death, that all my just debts shall first be paid off and fully satisfied

Item second,

Should my wife survive me, I desire and so will, that she should retain in her possession all my Estate both Real and personal, during her life, to be managed and controlled by her, for her use and benefit.

Item third,

It is my desire and thus I will, that after my debts are fully discharged and after the death of my wife should she survive me that all property both real and personal should be equally divided amongst my children share and share alike, subject however to the following provision, to wit,

Item fourth,

That portion designed and willed to my daughter Dorinda Doddle, [sic, Daughdrill] I hereby give and bequeath to Elisha West in trust to be managed and controlled by him for the

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use and benefit of my said dayhter [sic] Dorinda and her children and at her death to be equally divided between the heirs of her body share and share alike

Item fifth,

Having the fullest confidence in the skill and integrity of my sons Elisha West and Jesse West, I constitute and appoint them my executors fully empowering them with the settlement of my debts, the distribution of my property and fully to do and perform all things expressed, understood, and intended by this instrument--which, this 31st day of August 1846 publish as my will, in the presence of Witnesses, thereby revoking all former Wills

/s/ Wm N. West

Signed in the presence of

Geo. W. Rice

Geo. H. Page

James Hamlett

witnesses

State of Mississippi)

Tallahatchie County)

In the Probate Court of said County at the December term 1846 thereof.

In the matter of a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of)

William N. West deceased).

Be it remembered that at a term of the Probate Court of Tallahatchie County in the State aforesaid, begun and held at the Courthouse in and for said County on the fourteenth

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day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and forty six, personally appeared in open Court, George H. Page and James Hamlett subscribing witnesses to a certain instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and testament of William N. West deceased late of said County bearing date the thirty first day of August A.D. 1846 who having been duly sworn, deposed and said that said William N. West signed sealed and published and declared said instrument as his last Will and Testament, in the presence of the deponents on the day of the date thereof that said testator was then of sound disposing mind and memory and more than twenty one years of age and that these deponents subscribed said instrument as witnesses thereto, at the instance and request and in the presence of the said testator and also in the presence of each other on the day & year aforesaid.

Geo. H. Page) Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the 14th day of December A.D. 1846
James Hamlett)
J.G. Kendrick Clk

The foregoing will (and the proofs examined and taken before me) is approved and ordered to be filed for record in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Probate, this fourteenth day of December One thousand eight-hundred and forty six.

Joseph P. Foree
Judge of Probate

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The State of Mississippi)
Tallahatchie County)

I, Jones G. Kendrick Clerk of the Probate Court in and for said County do hereby certify that the foregoing will was admitted to Probate and filed for record on the 14th day of December AD 1846 and has been duly recorded in will Book "A" of the records of my office at pages 75, 76, 77 & 78.

SS December AD 1846
J.G. Kendrick Clk

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William N. West, Testator, p. 381 (Summary) December term 1846, Probate Court, Tallahatchie County, Mississippi

Elisha West named executor of estate, posted \$400 bond with Hamilton Dogan and Jesse McAfee his sureties. George H. Page, George S. Snow (possible Snow___) and George W. Rice appointed appraisers.

Judge orders publication in Mississippi Democrat, a newspaper published in the town of Carrolltown (sp?) , Mississippi for six successive weeks and that advertisements be posted in public places in Tallahatchie County.

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Order sell Cotton (Summary)

E. West executor of William N. West asked to sell or consign sale of the crop of cotton on hand. Ordered by court to proceed.

Unnumbered page, not dated. (Summary)

Wm N. West--Estate

Dr. J.W. Rhew proved a claim of \$17.50 against the estate of Wm N. West. Allowed. Ordered filed and recorded.

Unnumbered page, not dated (Summary)

Wm N. West--deceased

David Sayres (?spelling last name), copartner of Sayres and Sutton, proved a claim of \$31.25 against the Estate of Wm N. West, deceased. Allowed. Order filed & recorded.

Will of William Nelson West, 1775 Va.? - 1846 MS

Monday, August 9th AD 1847, Probate Court, Tallahatchie County, Mississippi. No number shown on page. Verbatim:

In the Matter of the settlement of the Estate of }

William N. West deceased }

The first annual account of Elisha West Executor of the last will and testament of William N. West deceased having been filed and presented for audition and allowance, and the Court having since audited and Examined the same and caused it to be properly stated and being now satisfied that the same is in all things correct, and that all the charges therein contained for which allowance is craved, are fully supported by proper and valid vouchers. It is thereupon ordered that said account exhibiting a balance of one hundred and sixty seven $21 \frac{3}{4}$ /100 dollars [21 and $\frac{3}{4}$ cents] due by said Estate to said Executor, be and the same is hereby allowed and confirmed and ordered to be recorded together with the vouchers therewith filed.

It is now ordered that Court adjourns until tomorrow 10 o'clock AM

/s/ Joseph P. Foree Judge of Probate

Be sure to also see Alsey Rogers West's "Relinquishment of Her Rights in Her Husband's Estate in Favor of Her Children," also available on this website. She names their children.