

Lucy West  
Bartholomew

Inventory and appraisement of the Estate of Lucy West deceased this 1<sup>st</sup> day of

March 1823

one Iron pot \$1.50 one ditto \$2.50 one Iron pot 3<sup>rd</sup> size one spinning wheel \$1.50 two Eggs 3<sup>rd</sup> one  
Coffee pot Mule 75<sup>¢</sup> two Baskets 25<sup>¢</sup> one ditto 6<sup>th</sup> one bed and furniture \$20 one Tea kettle  
\$1.00 one pair Stalgard \$1.00

Samuel Bennett Secy

Edmon Paris Esq. Nicholas Hill West

First March 1823. This day appeared before me William Wrigg a Justice of the Peace of the  
County of Southampton John Nicholas Hill West and Edmon Paris and qualified to the custom  
order

Wm. Wrigg

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 1823 This Inventory  
and appraisement of the Estate of Lucy West was this day returned and ordered to be recorded

John James Rochelle C

William Hill  
Hill

In the name of God amen I William Hill of the County of Southampton and State of Virginia  
being sick and weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory for which I thank God  
and call to mind the uncertainty of human life and being desirous to dispose of all such movable  
Estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with I send to my beloved wife Eliza Hill the  
whole of my Estate both real and personal during her natural life or widowhood and at her death  
or if she should marry my will is that the whole of my lands should be equally divided between them  
my three sons Ernest Hill Mary Hill and William Hill to them and their heirs forever  
Or can my wife should get divorced or at the death my will is that all my slaves she at  
present my three as above said sons with each slave arrived at the age of twenty one years old  
at which time my will is that each and all of my slaves namely one negro man by the  
name of Peter Maria and he incure one negro by the name of Isaac one negro man  
by the name of Frank one negro by the name of Casswell and one negro by the name of Ned  
should be set at liberty & have their freedom If at their request and if the laws of the State  
will not admit of their being freed and stay in the State my will is if they can be  
sent to any other State within United States and to free people show my will is for them to be set free  
and if they had rather go than to be slaves belonging to my three sons and if it is their choice to  
remain slaves here If so my will is to dispose of them in the manner following to wit I give my son  
Ernest Hill one negro man by the name of Peter one negro boy by the name of Isaac and his woman  
to him and his heirs forever I give to my son Mary Hill one negro boy by the name of Frank  
and one other boy by the name of Frank to him and his heirs forever I give to my son  
William Hill one negro boy by the name of Casswell one other by the name of Ned to him  
and his heirs forever I hereby make and appoint my beloved wife Eliza Hill my  
Executrix to this my last will and testament directing all her powers by me made and do  
by these presents acknowledge this my last will and testament this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1823  
Signed sealed and attested in presence of

William Hill Test

Witness

John Bennett

Jacob Bennett

Rich<sup>d</sup> E. Kent

At a Court held for the County of Southampton on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 1823 This will was presented in Court  
by Eliza Hill the Executrix therein named proved by the oaths of John Bennett and Jacob Bennett  
of the justice thereof and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of said Executrix who made oath  
according to Law Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form as her proxy  
and security obtaining the said Eliza Hill together with Ernest Hill and John Hill  
has said certificate entered into and acknowledged their hand on the twenty of November instant  
at the Law Court

John James Rochelle C