Will of James Gillespie, Madison Co., MS, Will Book A

In the name of God, Amen

I, James Gillespie of the County of Madison and State of Mississippi being in delicate health, but

having a sound and disposing memory and mind and being disposed to settle my worldly affairs

whilst I have strength and capacity so to do, do make and publish this my last will and testament,

hereby revoking and making void all other wills by me at any time heretofore made. And first I

do hereby commit my soul into the hand of my Creator who gave it, and my body to the earth to

be interred at such place as my executrix hereinafter named may direct. And as to such worldly

estate where with it hath pleased God to entrust me, I do hereby dispose of the same as follows

(to wit). First, I do will and bequeath unto my beloved daughter **Mary Jane Paxton** and her

children my Negro girl named Eliza, and also my other Negro girl named Rebecca. Secondly, I

do also will and bequeath unto my son **James Smyth Gillespie** my Negro boy named Elbert to

have and to hold forever. Then I do will and bequeath unto my beloved wife **Martha Gillespie**

during her life the whole of the balance of my estate both real, personal and mixed of every kind

and description whatever, out of which I desire her to furnish my said son James Smyth Gillespie

with a decent support during her life, should he remain single during that time, and I do further

desire that my said son James Smyth Gillespie in addition to the receiving of his said Negro boy

Elbert, be allowed a genteel support out of my estate during the continuance of his delicate

health. And I do further will and bequeath (at the death of my beloved wife Martha Gillespie)

the whole of the balance of my estate both real, personal and mixed that has not been finally

disposed of heretofore, to be equally divided among the whole of my beloved children, to wit

**Eliza Edmondton Wyly**, **Allen Campbell Gillespie**, **William Edmondton Gillespie**, **Thomas**

**Hardin Gillespie**, **Martha \_\_ Quinsey**, **John Cooper Gillespie**, **Andrew Jackson Gillespie**, **James**

**Smyth Gillespie**, **Mary Jane Paxton**, them their heirs and assigns. The Negro heretofore liberated

and set free my Negro boy named Ezekiel in consideration of the important services that he has

rendered to me and to my family, should it appear at any time that he is \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ \_\_ was illegal

or irregular in anything whatever, I do hereby will and bequeath unto him his freedom and

charge my children above named collectively and individually at the expense of my estate to him

liberated and set free by all means. I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved wife Martha

Gillespie executrix of this my last will and testament, and request of her accept of the same; and

I do further desire that she shall not be required to give either bond or security for the faithful

performance of said testament. In witness whereof I the said James Gillespie (the testator) have

to this my last will and testament contained on this leaf of paper, hereunto set my hand and seal

on this thirteenth day of August in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty

two. /s/ James Gillespie

Signed sealed and published in the presence of Thomas H. Gillespie, James S. Gillespie

Probated November, 1842

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