

# RECORD OF WILLS.

in open Court and duly proven by Darius B. Styrus one of the subscribing witnesses to the same and for the last Will and Testament of the said James St. Clair.

At the same time John Smith the Executor named therein in open Court, renounced the Executorship of said Will. Whereupon it is ordered by the Court that James Melvin be appointed administrator cum testamento annexo, &c.

H. H. Robinson Clerk.

I, James Gillespie of the County of Bladen and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing mind and memory yet knowing the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make public and declare this my last Will and Testament, in manner and form following to wit:

I will and bequeath unto my Wife Susan the following negroes, Sandy Tyler and Children and girl Rachel to have and to hold absolutely and unconditionally.

The balance of my negroes, the balance of my Negroes together with my land, be sold on such time and credits as my Executors herein after named shall deem best, to the interest of my wife and children.

Witness my hand and seal at Bladen County, N.C. this 1st day of March 1861.

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I desire to be sold on a credit of six months on the usual terms that is after the present crop shall be gathered and put in order for sale. My wife being allowed such portion of the crop, stock and provision as may be required for family consumption during her stay on the premises.

It is my Will and desire further that my Wife provided she cannot locate herself more agreeably elsewhere, live with a home at Floral College in Robeson County, for the purpose of educating more conveniently the younger children with the exception of my son James, whom I wish to engage in business or elsewhere so soon as the situation of the affairs of my estate will admit of.

I further give my Wife Susan the privilege of selecting all or any part of my household and kitchen furniture, and appropriating the same to her own use. The residue unappropriated, if any to be sold on terms, as directed in a prior part of this Will.

It is my Will and desire that after my just debts are paid my Executors should invest the proceeds of my Estate, in some safe way suited to the best interest of my Wife and my Children.

And that my Executors should supply my Wife from time to time with such sums as they may deem needful, for her comfortable subsistence.

Should the cash value of Corn be seventy cents or upwards, it is my wish that the present crop or when ready for market, be sold and its proceeds applied in mortgages, or otherwise for my Wife and family at Floral as heretofore directed.

It is my intention with my Executors whether or not be put into for market or sold, it depending upon their judgment whether there be profit or the figures to make them fat or not, namely to

I nominate and appoint my dear wife Susan my Executors and my Brothers Joseph and Richard Gillespie Executors to my last Will and Testament, acting with me upon this last day of March 1861.

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and sealed thereof.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and seal. This 27<sup>th</sup> day of May Anno Domini 1847.

Executed in presence of: James Gillespie Seal  
C. G. Wright  
Orrin Graham  
J. A. D. McDonnell

North Carolina August Term A.D. 1847-  
Bladen County

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the  
last Will and Testament of James Gillespie, was  
exhibited in open Court and duly proved by the  
oaths of Thos. A. D. McDonnell and Orrin Graham  
the subscribing witnesses to the same, as the last  
Will and Testament of the said Gillespie, at the  
same time Joseph Gillespie and Susan Gillespie  
the Executor and Executrix therein named, in open  
Court renounced the Executorship of said Will.  
then Richard Gillespie, the other Executor therein  
named, was duly qualified as sole Executor to  
the said last Will and Testament.

H. H. Robinson  
Clerk

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In the Name of God Amen

I Dugald Ray of Bladen County and State of North  
Carolina being weak in body but of sound mind and  
memory. Blessed be God do this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May one  
thousand eight hundred and forty. make and publish the  
my last Will and Testament - revoking all former wills  
by me made, in manner following - viz -

It is my Will and desire that all my just  
debts shall be paid.

I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Margaret  
Ray, and her heirs forever, all of the remainder of  
my property, after my just debts are paid, viz -  
my three negroes Sam. Litchon and Frank, all my  
Cattle Hops, Plantation tools Horsehold and Kitchen  
furniture.

I appoint my beloved wife Margaret Ray Exec-  
utrix to this my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
and affixed my seal, the day and date first above  
written.

Given sealed and delivered Dugald Ray Seal  
In presence of us,  
Orrin McDonnell  
Wm. M. Carr

February Term 1848-

This Will was proved by the oaths of Archibald  
McCall and H. H. Robinson and ordered to be  
registered in the Book of Wills, and Margaret  
Ray qualified as Executrix thereon.

H. H. Robinson  
Clerk