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to the earth at my decease to be buried in a decent & christian-like manner at the discretion of my executors not doubting but at the general resurrection I shall revive the same again through the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate as it had pleased God to bless me with in this life I give devise & dispose of the same in manner following Viz.

1. I give bequeath & devise to my beloved son Robert Gillispie being the eldest son now living by my present wife all that valuable tract of land whereon I now reside & all other land possessed or claimed by me in the fork of the Taden, be the same more or less to be hereby vested in, & remain the sole & exclusive property of my said son Robert Gillispie his heirs & assigns for ever. I also give & bequeath to my said son Robert Gillispie the following negro slaves Viz. My negro man Isaac, the boy Abram women Dinah with all her future increase to be & remain the sole & exclusive property of my said son his heirs & assigns for ever.

2. I give, bequeath & devise to my beloved son William being the second son of my present wife all those tract or parcels of land lying opposite to my old place which I purchased from Benjamin Howard and all other lands possessed or claimed by me on the north side on North east side of the main Taden

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to be hereby vested in, & remain the sole & exclusive property of my said son William his heirs & assigns forever.

I also give & bequeath to my said son William the following negro slaves Viz. negro woman Flora & Luce & negro girl Mary with all their future increase to be & remain the sole & exclusive property of my son William his heirs & assigns forever.

3. I give & bequeath to my beloved daughter Pitha one negro female slave named Pat with her future increase to be & remain their sole property & heirs & assigns forever.

4. I give & bequeath to my beloved son Joseph in addition to what I have already done for him the sum of twenty shillings & to my beloved daughter Ann Wyatt in addition to what I have already done for her the sum of twenty shillings & to my beloved daughter Dudah Hughes in addition to what I have already done for her the sum of twenty shillings to be paid to them respectively on their heirs & assigns by my executors in full for any & all inspection which they or either of them may have of my estate.

5. I give bequeath & devise to my beloved daughter Margaret being the eldest female child of my present wife the following negro slaves Viz. One negro woman named Sam, one negro girl, Pat, one girl Fanny with all their future increasing & one negro boy named Daniel to be & remain the sole & exclusive property of the said daughter Margaret his heirs & assigns for ever.

6/ I give bequeath & desire to my beloved daughter Diana being the second female child by my present wife the following Negro Slaves Viz my negro girl Rachel, Lelah & Milha with all their future increase to be & remain the sole & exclusive property of my said daughter Diana her heirs & assigns forever.

7/ I also give & bequeath to my beloved wife the use & service of the following Negro Slaves Viz my negro man Jim & Patrice & my negro women Milha & Phillis to be & continue in her possession to & during the term of her natural life, and at her decease it is my will & desire that the said four negroes with their increase (if any) shall be equally divided between my beloved children Robert, William, Margaret & Diana or such of them as may then be alive share & share alike & to be & remain the sole & exclusive property thence forward of them and their heirs & assigns forever.

8/ It is further my will & desire that the whole of my estate real & personal should be kept together under the direction of my executors until my beloved son Robert Gilchrist shall attain the full age of twenty one years, when a division of the residue after settling said & the whole of the foregoing legacies shall take place with residue including such part of the profits of my estate.

as may remain after educating my children & maintaining my family in a proper manner. I give & bequeath to my four youngest children meaning those mentioned above born of my present wife to be equally divided amongst them or the survivors of them share & share alike & to their heirs & assigns forever.

9/ Lastly I do hereby constitute & appoint my beloved wife Margaret & my trusty friend John Stule Esqr. & Thomas Maxwell & my beloved son Robert Gilchrist after he shall have attained the age of twenty one years to be my only & sole executors of this my last will & testament. Hereby revoking & disclaiming void all & every former testament, wills, Execut: by my appointed or in any wise made or executed before this time, ratifying & confirming this & no other to be my last will & testament contained on this and the three preceding pages.

In testimony whereof I Joseph Shaden of the County & State aforesaid have hereunto set my hand & seal at my own house in the county of Nassau this 16 day of October AD 1802.

Signed, created, & declared by the sd. J. Shaden to be his last will & testament in the presence of

Joseph Shaden

Billy D Shaden
Benjamin Maxwell
Elizabeth Shaden.