

This indenture made this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February a. D. 1855 - between Charles Styr Howell of the County of Copiah and the State of Missis- sippi; of the one part; and Mary Jane Ellis of the County and State aforesaid of the other part witnesses that the said Charles Styr Howell for and in consideration of the natural love and affection which he has unto the said Mary Jane Ellis; has given, granted and conveyed, and by these presents does give, grant and convey unto the said Mary Jane Ellis her heirs and assigns a negro girl slave named Martha about six years old and daughter of John Charles and Sarah Gunged by deed of gift from said Charles Styr Howell to Sarah Elizabeth Ellis. It herms and to hold this said slave Martha hereby given and granted unto the said Mary Jane Ellis her heirs &c = executors administrators and assigns forever. And the said Charles Styr Howell also known hereby have and intend to himself and his wife Elizabeth for and during their joint lives and the life of the survivor of them or until the marriage or age of majority of the said Mary Jane Ellis. The consideration here and assignment of the said negro girl Martha hereby given and granted abovesaid is.

In testimony whereof the said Charles Styr Howell hath subscribed his hand and seal the day and year above written.

attest  
I, Thomas G. Green  
John W. McKim

Charles Styr Howell Seal

The State of Mississippi  
Circuit Court S.S. Wm. Gordon  
appears before me Wm. Gordon  
acting Justice of the Peace in and  
for the County of Warren the within  
named Richard King Howell who claims  
- to be that he signed. sealed and  
delivered the foregoing deed. on the day  
and year therein mentioned. for that  
purpose therein expressed. as his act  
and deed

Given under my hand and  
seal this 23rd day of February A.D. 1851  
Wm. Gordon J. P.

The State of Mississippi  
Circuit Court S.S. J. H. Murray  
Attest of Richard King Howell Clerk of the County  
Warren that the within deed was filed for Record and that  
he is in my office; and that now, the same, and  
Abstract of same out of Court and the file thereof is duly  
Recorded in books No 249, of the Record of Deeds of  
my said office

Given under my hand and seal  
of said Court at New Orleans  
this 3rd March 1853

J. H. Murray

1854

Ed. Brown

Walter Reed  
March 1853

C. S. Smith  
Mary & Alice