

# Million Dollar Monday: Wilson-Finlay Historic Home and Farm Hits Market at \$1.2M



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**A** restored Greek Revival home dating back to the 1840s on a 223-acre plantation in Gainestown has hit the market for \$1.182 million.

The Wilson-Finlay home and acreage is being sold with furniture and equipment and is on the market for the first time in 50 years. The 4,320-acre home, circa 1846, includes five bedrooms and three bathrooms. It was renovated in 1990, when a back porch was added and new plumbing, electrical, sheetrock and insulation were installed. The home, built for physician and politician Joshua Wilson, has 14-foot ceilings, heart pine floors and original doors and windows.

The classical exterior has columns and limestone foundations that include marine fossils that were quarried locally on the Alabama River. The lumber used to build the house, a five-year construction project, was rafted up the Alabama River from Mobile. The property includes a

swimming pool and manicured grounds with moss-draped live oaks lining an oval drive.

Also situated on the Clarke County plantation is a 1,368-square-foot guest house, the Gainestown School House, which was added to the property in 1930 and updated in 2000.

The historic farm, which was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976, includes a stocked pond, managed timber, fenced pasture, a historic hay bar and equipment barn, 140 acres of managed pines and 40 acres of old growth hardwood.

Internal roads run throughout the property, which boasts hunting, fishing and recreational opportunities.

The address is listed as North of Gainestown on Suggsville Road, and the property is listed by Tim James Jr. with **Jon Kohler & Associates**.