

**Title:** Gillespie, Ezekiel

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**Inclusive Dates:** 1866

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**Location:** Sm Mss

**Scope and Content:** Born into slavery in 1818, Ezekiel Gillespie bought his freedom and arrived in Milwaukee in 1851. He successfully challenged an attempt to deny his right to vote in Milwaukee in 1866. An appeal to the Wisconsin Supreme Court guaranteed that he and other Black males were entitled to vote in Wisconsin. The collection contains the entirety of the legal case including the Wisconsin Supreme Court opinion.

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