

Whitaker Throck having been duly sworn at
this time in Chancery before the Judge of
Edw. J. Gardman Judge of the Court and Council
Ketch ordered that the same be admitted
to Records Nov 18th 1844

Recorded this 13th Nov 1844
W. L. Graham
Clerk, C.C.

The last Will and Testament of Richard Melchior

Knowing that all men must
in the course of human events depart this life
and being desirous to dispose of his estate effects
with which it has pleased divine providence
to bless me, I do make and ordain the
following to be my last will and Testament
First It is my will and desire that all

My just debts be paid out of such of my
property and effects as may remain being
the specific legacies hereinafter bequeathed to
as soon after my decease as convenient
Second I give and bequeath unto my

beloved wife Penelope Melchior the
following named negroes (during her natural
life only) as a help (to wit) Cure, Amos, Joney,
Cyrus, Willis, Sally, Vinny, and Charley.
I also leave unto my wife during her
natural life only all my lands, stock of
all descriptions, whatever farming tools, home
hold and kitchen furniture which I may
own at the time of my death

Third I give and bequeath unto my son
Henry Conrad Melchior, three negroes

To Miss Martine Hardy and Hannah
and her future morior, and ~~and~~ her saddle
and bridle, provided I do not give him a horse
saddle and bridle before I die in that such
such gift in my lifetime to be in full satisfaction
of his legacy. So far only as the horse saddle
and bridle is concerned.

Fourth I give and bequeath unto my son
John Thomas Melbight the following
Negro (to wit) Ned, Robert, and Harriett
and her future morior. And her saddle and
saddle, provided I do not give him a horse
saddle and bridle in my lifetime, if so, then
such gift to be in satisfaction of a March of
his legacy only. Mentioned in this clause I also
give him One hundred dollars extra to be paid
out of any of my effects not herein specifically
bequeathed after the death of my wife.

Fifth I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Caroline Pursey the following Negroes to wit
Beck, Fredy and Martha and the future
morior of the same to the sole and separate use
of her my said daughter during her natural
life free from the control of her husband
and at her death said Negroes and their
morior to be equally divided between such
of her children as may be living at the
time of her death.

Sixth I give and bequeath unto my daughter
Sarah Ann Elizabeth Melbight the following
Negro to wit Mariah, Rachael, and James
and the future morior of said James. It is
also my Will and desire that my daughter
Sarah Ann Elizabeth, and my sons Henry Samuel
and John Thomas Melbight each have a bed bed
stead and furniture, such as I have already
given to Mrs Pursey provided I do not give

Wills are before my Death

Seventh. After the death of my Wife I give and bequeath to my son Henry Council One Negro in addition to those already given him by the name of Blacks. I also give unto my son John [redacted] after the death of my Wife in addition to those already given him a Negro by the name of Chaney and her increase. And after the death of my Wife I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah Ann Elizabeth another Negro by the name of Tony. And I also after the death of my Wife give and bequeath unto my Daughter Caroline Roper another Negro named Lewis to her sole and separate use free from the control of her husband and after her death to be equally divided between each of her children as they be living at the time of her death.

Eighth. It is my Will and desire that my land and Negroes and all the rest and residue of my property not herein before disposed of specifically, shall be after the death of my wife as well as what I have given to her during her life time equally divided amongst my aforesaid children after the payment of all my just debts provided always that the share thereof to which my Daughter Caroline Roper may be entitled I limit to her sole and separate use free from the control of her husband during her natural life and then to such of her children as may be living at the time of her death.

Ninth. I nominate and appoint my beloved wife and my friend John Russell, Executors and carry into effect this my last will and testament. In witness

When I have hereunto set my hand and
Seal this 19th day of August 1843 -
Signed sealed and published in presence

James Leay } Richard Welchright Seal
David M. Threlk }
John W. Floyd }.

Georgia Meriwether County
Court of Ordinary Alexander Thompson
Nov 1844

The within last will and
Testament of Richard Welchright having been
duly proved at this time in Open Court
before the Oath of James Leay, John W. Floyd
and David M. Threlk. Ordered that
the same be admitted to Record this 21th
day of Nov 1844 Alex. Threlk, clk.

David M. Threlk } Recorded this 23th Nov 1844
D. M. Threlk }
C. C. C. }
C. C. C.

State of Georgia
Meriwether County

In the Name of God Amen
I David Threlk of the County and State aforesaid
calling to Mind that it is appointed for all men
to die And being feeble in body but of sound Mind
and Memory do Make this My last will and
Testament

First I Recommend my soul to God who gave it
hoping to receive eternal life through the
Merits of Son Jesus Christ the Redeemer
I desire my body to be buried in a place
and decent manner