

Thomas Wicker

Georgia

Washington County

In the name of God and of Jesus Christ the Son of God and Saviour of the world Amos Thomas Wicker of the place above named being in inferior health, but of sound and disposing mind and memory do make the following gifts in trust, bequests and devises.

Item first. I give in trust to John Wicker and Richard Warthen for the use of my daughter Amanda M. Wicker during her life my Negro Woman Hester and her child Savannah the profits, labour, hire and natural increase of said Slave and given in like manner to the above named trustees for the use of my daughter Amanda M. Wicker during her life.

Item second. I give in Trust to John Wicker and Richard Warthen for the use of my Daughter Mary F. Wicker during her life my Negro Woman Rachel and her boy child Peter, and also the profits, labour, hire, and natural increase of said Negro Woman Rachel and so given in trust during her life for the use of my said daughter Mary F.

Item third. I give in trust to John Wicker and Richard Warthen for the use of my Daughter Jane T. Wicker during her life my Negro Woman Violet and her male child Willis and the profits, labour, hire and natural increase of said Negro are so given in trust for the use of my Daughter Jane T. Wicker during her life.

Item fourth. I give in Trust to John Wicker and Richard Warthen for the use of my Daughter Ann E. Wicker during her life my Negro Woman Rosetta and her female child Savina also the profits, labour, hire, and natural increase of the Negro Woman Rosetta and child Savina are given in trust to John Wicker and Richard Warthen for the use of my Daughter Ann E. Wicker during her life

Item Fifth. I give in trust to John Wicker and Richard Warthen for the use of my Daughter Sarah Eugenia Wicker during her life my Negro Woman Polly and her Girl Child Lizzie, also the profits, labour, hire and natural increase of said Negro Woman Polly and child Lizzie are given in like manner to the Trustees above named for the use of my Daughter Sarah Eugenia during her life.

Item Sixth. my desire is and I will and bequeath the negro Woman Hester and her female child Savannah together with their income to the children of my daughter Amanda M. Wicker.

Item Seventh. My desire is and I will and bequeath my Negro Woman Rachel and her male child Peter after the death of my Daughter Mary F. Wicker now Mary F. Warthen to her children or heirs of her body descended to gather with the income of the said Negro Woman Rachel.

Item Eighth. I bequeath the negro woman violet and her male child Willis to gather with the income of the said negro woman violet after the death of my said daughter Jane T. Wicker to her the said Jane T. children or heirs of her body descended.

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Item ninth. I bequeath my negro woman Rosetta and her girl child Savina after the death of my Daughter Ann E. Wicker to the children of the said Ann E. Wicker or heirs of her body descended also the natural increase of the negro woman Rosetta and female child Savina and in like manner bequeathed to the children of my Daughter Ann E. Wicker or heirs of her body descended

Item tenth. I give and bequeath my negro woman Polly and her female child Lizzy and their increase to the children of my daughter Sarah Eugenia Wicker or heirs of her body descended bestment to take place after the death of my Daughter Sarah Eugenia Wicker.

Item Eleventh. My will and desire is that if any of my five daughters above named should die leaving no living children or heirs of their body descended, that the property named as given in trust for their use during life shall be divided among all my children equally both male and female.

Item Twelfth. My will and desire is that an equal and exact distribution of my Estate both real and personal be made between my children both male and female viz. Amanda M. Wicker Nathaniel A. Wicker, Mary T. Wicker, now Mary T. Mathew, John A. Wicker, Jane L. Wicker, Ann E. Wicker, Thomas O. Wicker Robert Holly Wicker, Sarah E. Wicker, and my wife Margaret Wicker she taking a child's part. For this purpose the property given in trust to John Wicker, and Richard Mathew for the life time use of my several daughters shall be duly appraised and counter in with their distributive shares upon a division of my Estate so as with this amount to make the legacies or shares of my several heirs precisely the same.

Item thirteenth. I bequeath the sum of Two Hundred Dollars to be in the hands of my Executors discretionary for the support of preaching in my neighbourhoods of the Universalist order the money to be put to Interest and the Interest only used in that way, however at a proper time in the discretion of my Executors the whole sum may be used to aid in building a church for that order of Christians in this neighbourhood.

Item Fourteenth. I desire and hereby direct and authorize my Executors to have the Family Grave yards near my residence neatly and substantially enclosed by having an underpinning or piling of Bricks or Stone with a wooden superstructure and to use the necessary money out of my Estate for that purpose together with any that may be obtained from any other source.

Item Fifteenth. I hereby appoint my Brother John Wicker and my Brother-in-law Richard Mathew Executors of this my last Will and Testament and hereby revoke all former Wills by me made, and fully confirm this by signing and sealing of this in the presence of this 34th day of March 1844.

Witness my hand
James G. Armstrong
Nicholas Bone

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James C. Armstrong
Archibald Bone.

Elizabeth Davis' Will.

1850 (A) In the Name of 'God Amen'
Washington County I Elizabeth Davis of said State and County being in inferior health but of sound and disposing mind and memory desirous proper and right that I should make a disposition of the property with which it hath pleased God to bless me.
I therefore make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking and abrogating all others heretofore made by me

Item 1 I give and bequeath to my friend Richard Martin, his heirs and executors in trust for my Niece Elizabeth Welch and her children my Negro Slave Stephen my Negro man Compy my negro man Tompall my Negro Man York my Negro Woman Martha and my negro woman Rachel together with their increase forever. The above tract of land containing two hundred and seventy one acres, the plantation where I now reside containing two hundred and eighty six acres, the slave tract containing one hundred and eighty two acres, the Howard tract eight of my choice Cows & Calves, twenty of my choice hogs & hams Eight of my choice Sow & pigs, my servile mare Kate, my mule Simon my White Simon two of my choice Beds, bedsteads, and furniture, my Rocking Chair, six of my Choice cane bottomed sitting Chairs, five hundred Bushels Corn and three thousand pounds of Tobacco.

Item 2 I give and bequeath to Richard Martin in trust for the use of the good Children of my Niece Elizabeth Welch Davis or others Welch which is now in existence or which she may thereafter have the mother of my Negro Woman long Nancy and her two children Phillips and Mannie together with their increase forever, and