

**Reference:[GEN 929.2 H488 IZARD FAM -It was compiled by Mrs. Julia Izard Hemenway and Published by George M. Waddill-Title:"The Izards"]**

**Here is will of Rebecca Whitaker's father, Mark Whitaker, Sr., and wife of Nicholas H. Izard, father and mother of Mark Whitaker Izard:**

**State of Tennessee, Lincoln Co., Oct.30,1841.**

**I, Mark Whitaker, Senior, calling to mind that all men have once to die and feeling the infirmity of old age, but feel thankful to God for that strength of mind, which enables me to make this my last will and testament as follows:**

**1st: I will my soul to God who gave it and that my body be decently buried.**

**2nd: I will that all my estate both real and personal be equally divided among all my children as the law directs, namely:, Rebecca Izard, Nancy Hammond, John Whitaker, Mary Lucas, Sarah Bazinger, Martha Pegram, Benjamin I. Whitaker, Judah Prewit, Mark Whitaker, Jr. and Perlina Purtem and their heris-except the following special provisions which circumstances seem to require to be made, as my beloved wife, Catherine Boone Whitaker, is far advanced in years and feeble-I will that she have the use of one negro woman of her own choosing and as much household furniture as she may need, also the use of five hundred dollars, all to be managed for her comfort by the assistance of my executers.**

**3rd: I will and appoint and do ordain Benjamin I. Whitaker special agent and attorney in fact for Martha Pegram and her heirs to receive and hold for their special benefit all of my estate ageeeable to this will, to which she may be entitled to deal out as in his judgmenr her necessities mary require.**

**4th: I furthermore will, ordain and appoint Mark Whitaker the special agent and attorney in facto for Judah Prewitt (as above) to receive, hold and deal out that part of my estate which may fall to Judah Pruit and her heirs.**

**5th: I consider my children near equal in my former gifts to them except Sarah Basinger who has recieved one hundred and fifty six dollars, which is**

**to be accounted for with the other heirs, bearing interest from the time received.**

**My son, Mark will also account for two hundred dollars which is due for my land. In order to carry the above into effect, I hereby ordain and appoint my two sons, Benjamin I. Whitaker and Mark Whitaker my executors.**

**In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal in presence of John J. Whitaker, William Moore, Joseph Whitaker.**

**Mark Whitaker, (Seal)**

**Proven at Oct. term 1842 of the Lincoln Co., Court. Recorded October 13, 1842. Entered in Will Book No. L., Pages 208 and 209, Lincoln Co., Tenn.**

**Here is will of Rebecca Whitaker Izard who died Dec. 3, 1860 in Schulenberg, Texas and was buried on their farm:**

**In the name of God. Amen.**

**Know all men by these presents: that I, Rebecca Izard, of the County of St. Francis and State of Arkansas, being in ill health but of sound mind, disposing memory, in view of the frailty and uncertainty of human life do make, ordain, publish, and declare this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills, codicils or parts of wills by me at any time heretofore made.**

**Item 1st: I commend by immortal spirit to God, who gave it.**

**Item 2nd: It is my will and desire that my executors herein after named bury my body in a decent and becoming manner but without ostentation or unnecessary expense.**

**Item 3rd: It is my will and desire that the executors of this, my last will and testament, herein after named, so soon as practicable after my decease, pay all my just debts and my funeral expenses.**

**Item 4th: I will and bequeath to my three beloved sons, Mark W. Izard, Nicholas H. Izard and John S. Izard, each to sum of twenty-five dollars, to be paid to them by my executors as soon after my death as practicable.**

**Item 6th: I give, devise and bequeath to my beloved son, Thomas A. Izard the one half of the farm on which I now reside, it being the Southwest quarter (1/4) of Section Number twenty one (21) in township Number Five (5) north of Range Number Three (3) East, containing in all one hundred and sixty acres of land, more or less, lying and being situated in the County of St. Francis and State of Arkansas. Also, I will, devise and bequeath to my beloved son, Thomas A. Izard, one negro boy, aged about seven or eight years, named Charles and a slave for life. To have and to hold the land aforesaid and the appurtenances and the said slave, Charles unto him the said Thomas A. Izard, his heirs and assigns in fee simple and to his and their own proper use, benefit and behalf forever.**

**Item 6th: I will and devise and bequeath to my beloved daughter-in-law Masa Izard, wife of my beloved son Gabriel J. Izard, the remaining half of my said farm above described to-wit: The one undivided half of the Southwest quarter (1/4) of Section Number Twenty-one (21) in Township Number Five (5) North of Range Number Three (3) East, lying and being situated as aforesaid. To have and to hold the same, together with the appurtenances unto her, the said Masa Izard, and her heirs, in fee simple forever. Also I give and bequeath to my said beloved daughter-in-law, Masa Izard, my negro girl named Matilda, aged about four years and a slave for life. Also all my stock of horses consisting of one sorrell filly and one bay colt, also my entire stock of cattle, some twelve or thirteen in number more or less, to have and to hold to her own proper use and benefit forever.**

**Item 7th: I will, devise and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Catherine Martin, one negro child named Rhoda, slave for life, about three years old. To have and to hold the same with all the increase and profit thereof unto her, the said Catherine Martin, her heirs and assigns forever.**

**Item 8th: I give, will, devise and bequeath unto my beloved daughter Nancy Izard, one negro woman named Perlina, aged about twenty four years and a slave for life, to have and to hold the same unto her, the said Nancy Izard for and during her natural life and at the death of the said Nancy Izard, I will and**

**bequeath the said negro woman Perlina, and all her natural increase to my beloved daughter-in-law Masa Izard, wife of my beloved son, Gabriel J. Izard, to have and to hold the same unto her, the said Masa Izard and the heirs of her body to her and their own proper use, behoov and benefit forever.**

**Item 9th: It is my will and desire that my executors herein after named pay to my beloved son, Gabriel J. Izard, the sum of five dollars out of my estate, which sum I do will and bequeath to him.**

**Item 10th: It is my will and desire that my executors herein after named for the purpose of raising a sum to discharge my just debtws, funeral expenses and to pay the said several sums of money herein before willed and bequeathed to my sons, Mark W. Izard, Gabriel J. Izard, Nicholas H. Izard, and John J. Izard do apply all the residue of my estate and worldly effects to that purpose and in case the said residue is insufficient, my said executors shall charge the same ratably on all the several legacies herein before named, each legatee contributing thereto in proportion to the value of his or her legacy, which value shall be by every said executor ascertained by the appraisement of three disinterested householders of St. Francis County, Arkansas and in case of said legatees fail or refuse to contribute or pay over his, her or their ratable portion, it shall be lawful for my said executors to sell in such manner as they shall decide best all or such portion of the parties of such defaulting legatee or legatees as will be sufficient to raise the sum due from him her or them for the purpose aforesaid, provided, however, in no case shall my will and desire herein be so constructed as to in any wise abate or reduce the portions and sums of money by me herein before willed and bequeathed to my said several sons, Mark W. Izard, Nicholas H. Izard, Gabriel J. Izard, and John G. Izard.**

**Item 12th: In case there should be any surplus of the residue of my estate not herein before specifiially bequeathed after the payment of all my just debts, funeral expenses and the said several sums of money bequeathed as aforesaid to my said sons, Mark W. Izard, Gabriel J. Izard, Nicholas H. Izard, and John G. Izard, it is my will and desire that this same be equally divided between my heirs at law.**

**Item 13th: And lastly, I do hereby constitute and appoint my beloved son Gabriel J. Izard and Thomas A. Izard Joint executors of this, my last will and testament.**

**In testimony whereby I, the said Rebecca Izard unto this, my last will and testament set my hand and affix my seal this the 13th day of September, A. D., 1851. Rebecca Izard (Seal)**

**Subscribed and sealed by the said Rebecca Izard in our presence who then and there declared the same to be her last will and testament and we at her request, and in her presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witnesses hereto at the tim of the execution of the same by the said Rebecca Izard and her name thereto was put and signed by G. W. Beasley-one of us by her request. Calbert Caldwell, George E. Beasley-Witness.**

**(I note the wife of Uncle Gabriel Izard is given as Masa Izard, she was always called Aunt Macy, maiden name Tyer, the name of Masa must be error of writer of the will)**

**Find A Grave for Rebecca Whitaker Izard:**

**Birth: Jun. 19, 1780 Kentucky Death: Dec. 3, 1860 Texas, USA  
Nicholas Hoffman Izard, Husband Of Rebecca Whitaker, Parents of eight children:Mark Whitaker/Catherine/John G./Nicholas Jr./Mary Ann/Nancy Ann/Gabrielle Jones/and Thomas Argyle.**

**Per book by Julia (Izard) Hemenway, Mrs.Izard was buried on the family farm in Texas.**

**August 02, 1776 in Cape May, New Jersey, and died August 09, 1836 in St. Francis Co., Arkansas. He married REBECCA WHITAKER January 12, 1800 in Lexington, Kentucky, daughter of MARK WHITAKER and CATHERINE BOONE. She was born June 19, 1780 in Kentucky, and died December 03, 1860 in Schulenburg, Texas.**

**Family links:**

**Parents:**

Mark Whitaker (1750 - 1842)

Catherine *Boone* Whitaker (1760 - 1845)

**Spouse:** Nicholas Hoffman Izard (1766 - 1836)\*

**Children:**

Mark Whitaker Izard (1800 - 1866)\*

Thomas Argyle Izard (1819 - 1865)\*

**Burial:** Farm

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