

PART OF THE TREE RESEARCH SERVICES

# Mathias Ardis, Lease and Release to Jacob Wisener

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A sale of land in Craven County, South  
Carolina, 1770

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NOTE: These lease and release documents actually comprise pages 295-298 in the deed book and are represented by the following 5 images from the Archives.

Mathias Ardis  
To  
Jacob Wisnor  
Release

South Carolina This Indenture  
made this Eighteenth Day of May  
In the year of our Lord One thousand Seven  
Hundred and Seventy And in the ninth  
year Of his Majesty's Reign Between  
Mathias Ardis of Granville County in the Province of South  
Carolina Planter of the one part And Jacob Wisnor of Craven  
County aforesaid Planter of the other Part Witnesseth that the  
said Mathias Ardis for and in Consideration of the Sum of Ten  
Shillings Current Money of the Province aforesaid to him in hand  
well and truly Paid by the said Jacob Wisnor at and before the  
Sealing & Delivery Of these Presents the Receipt whereof is hereby  
Acknowledged He the said Mathias Ardis hath bargained and  
Sold and by these Presents doth bargain and Sell unto the said  
Jacob Wisnor all that Plantation or tract of Land containing  
Three Hundred Acres being and lying on a Branch of Great Lyn-  
ches Creek in Craven County in the Province of South Carolina And is bounded on all  
Sides by Vacant Land Together with all and Singular the houses  
out Houses Edifices Buildings Barns Stables yards Gardens Orches  
woods under woods Timber & Timber Trees Meadows Pastures Ponds

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Mathias Ardis to  
Jacob Wisnor  
Release  
South Carolina This indenture made this eighteenth Day of  
May In the year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and  
Seventy And in the ninth year Of his Majesty's Reign Between  
Mathias Ardis of Granville County in the Province of South  
Carolina Planter of the one part and Jacob Wisnor of Craven  
County aforesaid Planter of the other Part Witnesseth that the  
said Mathias Ardis for and in Consideration of the Sum of Ten  
Shillings Current Money of the Province aforesaid to him in  
hand Well and truly Paid by the said Jacob Wisnor at and  
before the Sealing & Delivery Of these Presents the Receipt  
whereof is hereby Acknowledged He the said Mathias Ardis  
hath bargained and Sold and by these Presents doth bargain  
and Sell unto the said Jacob Wisnor all that Plantation or tract  
of Land Contaning [sic] Three Hundred Acres being and Lying  
on a Branch of Great Lynches Creek Known and called by the  
Name of Flatt Creek in Craven County in the Province of South  
Carolina And is bounded on all Sides by Vacant land Together  
with all and Singular the houses out Houses Edifices Buildings  
Barns Stables yards Gardens Orchards Woods under woods  
Timber & Timber Trees Meadows Pastures Ponds [IMAGE 2]  
Lakes Fishings & fishing Places Ways Water & Water courses  
Paths Passages Liberties Priviledges Profits Hereditaments  
Rights members and Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto  
Belonging or in any wise Appertaining and the Reversion or  
Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and  
Profits thereof And every Part and Parcel thereof to have & to  
hold the said Plantation or tract of land belonging Containing  
three Hundred Acres with every the Premises And  
Appurtenances thereunto belonging unto the said Jacob  
Wisnor his Heirs Exors Admors and Assigns from the Day Next  
before the Day of the Date of these Presents for and During  
and unto the full end & term of One whole year from thence  
Next Ensuing and fully to be compleat and Ended Yeilding &  
paying therefore unto the said Mathias Ardis the Rent of one  
Pepper Corn on the last Day of the said Term if the same be  
Lawfully Demanded to the Intent & purpose that by Virtue of  
these Presents and by force of the Statue for Transferring of  
Uses into Possession he [?]

Lakes Fishings & fishing Places Ways Water & Water courses the  
Passages Liberties Priviledges Profits Hereditaments Rights  
members and Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging  
or in any wise Appertaining and the Reversion or Reversions  
Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof  
And every Part and Parcel thereof To have & to hold the said  
Plantation or tract of Land belonging Containing three Hundred  
Acres with every the Premises And Appurtenances thereunto be-  
longing unto the said Jacob Wisnor his Heirs Exors Admors and  
Assigns from the Day Next before the Day of the Date of these  
Presents for and During and unto the full end & term of one whole  
year from thence Next Ensuing and fully to be compleat and  
Ended Yeilding & paying herefor unto the said Mathias Ardis  
the Rent of one Pepper Corn on the last Day of the said Term  
if the same be Lawfully Demanded to the Intent & purpose that by  
Virtue of these Presents and by force of the Statue for Transferring of  
Uses into Possession he [?]

Said Jacob Wisnor may be in Actual Possession of all and Singular  
the Premises above mentioned with every the Appurtenances there-  
unto Belonging and thereby be the better Enabled to have take and  
Receive the Reversion and Inheritance thereof which is Intended  
to be to him and his Heirs and Assigns granted & Released By the  
said Mathias Ardis by another Indenture Intended to be made  
and Dated the Day Next after the Day of the Date Hereof In  
Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal the Day and  
year first above written

Signed Sealed & Delivered } Mathias Ardis  
his  
In the Presence of }  
John Bradley  
John Gray  
Recorded & Exam.<sup>d</sup> this 12<sup>th</sup> Febru.<sup>y</sup> 1773<sup>or</sup> W.<sup>m</sup> Rugeley  
Henry Rugeley Register

Mathias Ardis  
To  
Jacob Wisnor Release

South Carolina  
This Indenture made this  
fourteenth Day of May In the year of our  
Lord One thousand Seven Hundred  
and Seventy two And in the Ninth year of his Majesty's Reign  
Between Mathias Ardis of Granville County in the Province  
of South Carolina Planter and Christian his Wife of the one Part  
And Jacob Wisnor of Craven County in the Province aforesaid  
Planter of the Other Part Witnesseth that the said  
Mathias Ardis for and in Consideration of the Sum of Ten  
Shillings Current Money of the Province aforesaid to him in hand  
well and truly Paid by the said Jacob Wisnor at and before the  
Sealing & Delivery Of these Presents the Receipt whereof is hereby  
Acknowledged He the said Mathias Ardis hath bargained and  
Sold and by these Presents doth bargain and Sell unto the said  
Jacob Wisnor all that Plantation or tract of Land containing  
Three Hundred Acres being and lying on a Branch of Great Lyn-  
ches Creek in Craven County in the Province of South Carolina And is bounded on all  
Sides by Vacant Land Together with all and Singular the houses  
out Houses Edifices Buildings Barns Stables yards Gardens Orches  
woods under woods Timber & Timber Trees Meadows Pastures Ponds

Image 2 (p. 295)

Said Jacob Wisnor may be in Actual Possession of all and singular  
the Premises above mentioned with every the Appurtenances there-  
unto Belonging and thereby be the better Enabled to have take and  
Receive the Reversion and Inheritance thereof which is Intended  
to be to him and his Heirs and Assigns granted & Released By the  
said Mathias Ardis by another Indenture Intended to be made and  
Dated the Day Next after the Day of the Date Hereof In Witness  
whereof I have hereunto Set may hand & Seal the Day and  
year first above written  
Signed Sealed & Delivered } Mathias MA Ardis  
his  
In the Presence of } mark  
John Bradley  
John Gray  
Recorded & Exam.<sup>d</sup> this 12<sup>th</sup> Febru.<sup>y</sup> 1773<sup>or</sup> W.<sup>m</sup> Rugeley  
Henry Rugeley Register  
(SEE NEXT PAGE for second deed on this sheet)

Appointed did give and grant unto Mathias Ardis a Plantation or Tract of Land containing Three Hundred Acres Situate & Lying on a Branch Great Lynches Creek Commonly Known and Called

Flatt Creek in Craven County and bounded on all Sides by Vacant Land And hath such shape form and marks as sheweth by a Plat thereof to Said Grant Annexed as in and by said Plat and Grant & duly Recorded in The Secretarys Office of the said Province Reference being thereunto Had may more fully Appear Now this Indenture Witnesseth That he the said Mathias Ardis and Christian his Wife for and in Consideration of the full & just Sum of five hundred Pounds Lawfull Current Money of the Province aforesaid to them in hand Well and truly paid By the said Jacob Wisnor at and before the Sealing and Delivery of these Presents the Receipt whereof we do hereby Acknowledged And to be Well Contented fully Satisfied and paid have Granted Bargained Sold Aliened Remised Released and Confirmed and by these Presents do Grant Bargain sell alien Remise Release Convey and Confirm unto the said Jacob Wisnor In his Actual Possession now being by Virtue of A Bargain and Sale to him thereof made for one whole year And by Force of the Statute for Transferring of Uses into Possession And to his Heirs for ever all the said Remission or Tract of Land three Hundred Acres of Land Situate Lying and being & bounded as above inserted mentioned And described Together with all and Singular the Houses Out houses Edifices Buildings Barns Stables yards gardens Orchards Woods Under woods Timber and timber Trees Meadows Pastures Ponds Lakes Fishings and Fishing Places Waters & Water courses Paths Passages Liberties Priviledges Profits Hereditaments Rights members And Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise Appurtenant And the Reversion or Reversions Remainder & Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every Part and Parcel thereof and all the Estate Right Title Interest use trust Possession Property Profit Benefit claim & Demand whatsoever of him the said Mathias Ardis And Christian his Wife of in and to or out of the same Premises & every Part thereof And Deliver up all Deeds Evidences Escripits & Writings whatsoever touching or concerning the same Premises & every Part and parcel thereof unto Jacob Wisnor his heirs Exors Admors

Or Assigns and that he or they shall & may from time to time & at all Times for ever hereafter Peaceably and Quietly have hold Occupy Possess and Enjoy all the above mentioned three Hundred Acres of Land with all and Singular their Appurtenances & every Part & Parcel thereof and Receive and take the Rents thereof without any Lawfull Lett Suit Trouble Denial Eviction Ejection claim Demand Or Interruption either in Law or Equity of or by the said Mathias Ardis or Christian or either or any of their Heirs Exors Admors or Assigns Or any Person or Persons whatsoever

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of Tract of Land three Hundred Acres Of Land Situate Lying and being & Bounded as above inserted mentioned And Described Together with all and Singular the Houses Out houses Edifices Buildings Barns Stables yards Gardens Orchards Woods Under woods Timber and timber Trees Meadows Pastures Ponds Lakes Fishings and Fishing Places Ways Waters & Water courses Paths Passages Liberties Priviledges [sic] Profits Hereditaments Rights members And Appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise Appurtenant and the Reversion or Reversions Remainder & Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and every Part and Parcel thereof and all the Estate Right Title Interest use trust Possession Property Profit Benefit claim & Demand whatsoever of him the said Mathias Ardis And Christian his Wife of in and to or out of the same Premises & every Part thereof And Deliver up all Deeds Evidences Escripits & Writings whatsoever touching or concerning the Same Premises & every Part and parcel thereof unto Jacob Wisnor his heirs Exors Admors [page 297] Or Assigns and that he or they shall & may from time to time & at all Times for ever hereafter Peaceably and Quietly have hold Occupy Possess and Enjoy all the above mentioned three Hundred Acres of Land with all and Singular their Appurtenances & every Part & Parcel thereof and Receive and take the Rents thereof without any Lawfull Lett Suit Trouble Denial Eviction Ejection claim Demand Or Interruption either in Law or Equity of or by the said Mathias Ardis or Christian or either or any of their Heirs Exors Admors Or Assigns Or any Person or Persons whatsoever [IMAGE 4] Lawfully claiming by from or under Them or through their Act means Estate Right Title Interest Consent or Procurement whatsoever and that free and clear and freely and clearly Acquitted and Discharged And that he the said Jacob Wisnor his heirs Exors Admors and Assigns any and every of Them from time to time and at all times hereafter be kept [sic] Clear Harmless of and from all manner and former Bargains Sales Leas's Grants Annuities [sic] Rents Dower and Title of Dower Statues [sic] Judgements Recognizances Extents Amercements And from all Other Estates Titles Troubles charges & incumbrances acts Matters Or things whatsoever had made done in Writing [sic] Willingly Committed Or Suffered to be done by the said Mathias Ardis or Christian his wife Or by and Person or Persons Lawfully Claiming by

Mathias Ardis  
To  
Jacob Wisnor Release

South Carolina  
This Indenture made this Nineteenth Day of May In the year of Our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy two And in the Ninth year of his Majestys Reign Between Mathias Ardis of Granville County in the Province of South Carolina Planter and Christian his Wife of the one Part and Jacob Wisnor of Craven County in the Province aforesaid Planter of The Other Part Whereas in and by a Certain grant bearing Date Eight Day of May One thousand Seven hundred & fifty Eight And in the thirty first year of his Majestys Reign George the Second under the hand of his Excellency William Henry Littleton Cap.<sup>t</sup> Gen.<sup>l</sup> and Governour in Cheif [sic] in and over the Province Of South Carolina And the Great Seal of the <sup>l</sup> s.d Province for that reason [IMAGE 3] Appointed did give and Grant unto Mathias Ardis a Plantation or Tract of Land containing Three Hundred Acres Situate & Lying on a Branch Great Lynches Creek Commonly Known and Called Flatt Creek in Craven County and bounded on all Sides by Vacant Land And hath such shape form and marks as Appears by a Platt therof to Said Grant Annexed as in and by said Platt and grant & duly Recorded in the Secretarys Office of the said Province Reference being thereunto Had may more fully Appear Now this Indenture Witnesseth That he the said Mathias Ardis and Christian his wife for and in Consideration of the full & just Sum of five hundred Pounds Lawfull Current Money of the Province aforesaid to them in hand Well and truly paid By the said Jacob Wisnor at and before the Sealing and Delivery of these Presents the Receipt whereof we do hereby Acknowledged And to be Well Contented fully Satisfied and paid have Granted Bargained Sold Aliened Remised Released and Confirmed and by the Presents do Grant Bargain sell alien Remise Release Convey and Confirm unto the said Jacob Wisnor In his Actual Possession now being by Virtue of A Bargain and Sale to him thereof made for one whole year And by Force of the Statute for Transferring of Uses into Possession And to his Heirs for ever all the said Plantation

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Lawfully claiming by from or under them or through their he-  
 means Estate Right Title Interest Consent or Concurrence and  
 recover and that free and clear and freely and clearly acquitted  
 and discharged and that he the said Jacob Wisnor his heirs  
 Exors Admors and Assigns any and every of them from time  
 to time and at all times hereafter be kept clear harmless and  
 from all manner and former Bargains Sales Leases Grants In-  
 ventiones Aents Dower and Title of Dower Statutes Judgments or  
 Cognovances Exents Invements and from all Other dettels  
 Titles Bonds charges & incumbrances acts Matters or things  
 recover and made done in Writing or thought committed or sup-  
 posed to be done by the said Mathias Ardis or Christian his wife  
 Or by any Person or Persons lawfully claiming by from or under  
 them The said Acts and other acts which shall hereafter be  
 & become due to his Majesty his heirs and Successors only excepted  
 and Lastly That he the said Mathias Ardis and Christian his  
 wife their heirs Exors Admors and all & every other Person or Per-  
 sons having or lawfully claiming any Estate Right Title or In-  
 terest of in or to the Aforesaid mentioned and granted three Hundred  
 Acres of Land or Premises and Appurtenances thereunto belonging  
 or in any wise Appertaining By from or under them or either of  
 them shall & will from Time to Time and at all times hereafter  
 at the Reasonable Request cost and proper charges of the said  
 Jacob Wisnor his heirs Exors Admors and Assigns make do  
 Acknowledge Suffer Levy & Execute or [Page 298] Or [sic]  
 Or cause or Procure to be made done Acknowledged Levied  
 Suffered and Executed all and every such further and other  
 Acts matters things Conveyances and Assurances in the Law  
 whatsoever for the further better And more Effectual  
 Conveying and Assuring all and every & Singular the Premises  
 herein before mentioned or intended to be hereby Released  
 And Granted Concerning the Aforesaid [sic] Three Hundred  
 Acres of land herein Released and conveyed with their and  
 every of their Rights member and Appurtenances to the only  
 Proper use and behoof of the said Jacob Wisnor his heirs  
 Exors Admors and Assigns with all the members &  
 Appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise  
 Appertaining for Ever As by the said Mathias Ardis and  
 Christian his Wife their heirs Exors Admors or their Council  
 Learned in the Law shall be Reasonably Devised or advised  
 and Required and Against all & every other Person or Persons  
 Whatsoever shall & will Warrant & for ever Defend by these  
 Presents In Witness whereof we have Interchangeably  
 hereunto Set our hands & Seal the Day and year first above  
 written.

Signed Sealed & Delivered Mathias M A Ardis (LS)  
 In the Presence of  
 John Bradly Christ<sup>a</sup> Ardis (LS)  
 In the Presence of  
 John Gray

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from or Under them The Quit Rents and other Taxes which  
 shall hereafter be & become Due to his Majesty his heirs and  
 Successors only Excepted) And Lastly That he the said  
 Mathias Ardis And Christian his Wife their heirs Exors Admors  
 and all & every other Person or Persons having or Lawfully  
 claiming [sic] any Estate Right Title or Interest of in or to the  
 Aforesaid mentioned and Granted three Hundred Acres of  
 Land or Premises and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or  
 in any wise Appertaining By from or under them or either of  
 them shall & will from time to Time and at all times hereafter  
 at the Reasonable Request cost And proper charges of the  
 said Jacob Wisnor his heirs Exors Admors And Assigns make  
 do Acknowledge Suffer Levy & Execute or [Page 298] Or [sic]  
 Or cause or Procure to be made done Acknowledged Levied  
 Suffered and Executed all and every such further and other  
 Acts matters things Conveyances and Assurances in the Law  
 whatsoever for the further better And more Effectual  
 Conveying and Assuring all and every & Singular the Premises  
 herein before mentioned or intended to be hereby Released  
 And Granted Concerning the Aforesaid [sic] Three Hundred  
 Acres of land herein Released and conveyed with their and  
 every of their Rights member and Appurtenances to the only  
 Proper use and behoof of the said Jacob Wisnor his heirs  
 Exors Admors and Assigns with all the members &  
 Appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise  
 Appertaining for Ever As by the said Mathias Ardis and  
 Christian his Wife their heirs Exors Admors or their Council  
 Learned in the Law shall be Reasonably Devised or advised  
 and Required and Against all & every other Person or Persons  
 Whatsoever shall & will Warrant & for ever Defend by these  
 Presents In Witness whereof we have Interchangeably  
 hereunto Set our hands & Seal the Day and year first above  
 written.

Signed Sealed & Delivered Mathias M A Ardis (LS)  
 In the Presence of  
 John Bradly Christ<sup>a</sup> Ardis (LS)  
 In the Presence of  
 John Gray

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Memorandum  
 As it Remembred  
 That before me John  
 N Oglethorp one of  
 his Majesty's Justices  
 Assigned to keep the  
 Peace in Craven County  
 Appered John Gray  
 who being duly sworn  
 in the Holy Evangelist  
 of Almighty God made oath that he was Personally Present and Saw  
 Mathias Ardis assign his Mark for his Name and Christian his  
 wife Assign Her Name and Deliver this Instrument of writing of writ-  
 ting for the within Mentioned Uses also the Receipt for the Consideration  
 Money and himself with John Bradly as Subscribing Evidences did Wit-  
 ness the Same -----

Received the Day & year first above written the full & just  
 Sum of Three hundred Pounds South Carolina Currency from  
 Jacob Wisnor within Named which makes us full Satisfaction  
 for the consideration money within Mentioned Rece<sup>d</sup> P<sup>r</sup> Us  
 Witness  
 John Bradly Mathias MA Ardis  
 In the Presence of Christ<sup>a</sup> Ardis  
 John Gray

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Received the Day & year first above Written the full & just  
 Sum of Three hundred Pounds South Carolina Currency from  
 Jacob Wisnor within Named which makes us full Satisfaction  
 for the consideration money within Mentioned Rece<sup>d</sup> P<sup>r</sup> Us  
 Witness  
 John Bradly Mathias MA Ardis  
 In the Presence of Christ<sup>a</sup> Ardis  
 John Gray

Memorandum  
 Be it Remembered That before me John N Oglethorp one of  
 his Majesty's [sic] Justices Assigned to keep the Peace in  
 Craven County Appered [sic] John Gray Who being duly sworn  
 On the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God made oath that he  
 was Personally Present And Saw Mathias Ardis assign his mark  
 for his Name And Christian his Wife Assign Her Name and Deliver this Instrument of writing of writing [sic] for the within  
 Mentioned Uses also the Receipt for the Consideration Money and himself with John Bradly as Subscribing Evidences did  
 Witness the Same -----

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 Witness the Same -----