

# ALICE RILEY

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## ~FIRST WOMAN TO BE EXECUTED IN GEORGIA~

- ❑ Irish & Catholic indentured servant
- ❑ Hanged on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 1793 for the murder of her master, William Wise in Wright Square, Savannah known as the “hanging square”
- ❑ Alice suffered abuse from William Wise, so Alice and her (romantically involved) friend, Richard White, decided to drown him in his bath water because of the abuse.
- ❑ Richard White was executed first, and Alice had to wait 8 months to be executed because she was pregnant (more than likely Williams’s).



- ❖ To this day, many people have seen the spirit of Alice Riley in Wright Square dressed in rags, searching for her baby, oblivious that right after she died, her newborn baby died 2 weeks later.
- ❖ Many people have called the Savannah police of a woman wandering around Wright Square looking her “lost” baby, and all of these witnesses have the same description of the woman, dressed in rags.

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