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### Georgia Historical Society Hosts Lecture on New Thomas Jefferson Book

SAVANNAH, Ga., *November 7, 2012* – The Georgia Historical Society will host a lecture by author Henry Wiencek on his new book, *Master of the Mountain: Thomas Jefferson and His Slaves*, on Thurs., Nov. 15, 2012 at 6 p.m. at Congregation Mickve Israel. The event is free and open to the public, with a book sale and signing to follow.

*Master of the Mountain* is a controversial re-examination of Jefferson and slavery based on new archaeological work at Monticello and on overlooked or disregarded evidence in Jefferson's papers. Wiencek's previous book, *An Imperfect God: George Washington, His Slaves, and the Creation of America*, received wide-spread critical acclaim and his new book is already being fiercely embraced and reviled by critics. The Georgia Historical Society, in keeping with its educational mission, is pleased to provide a forum for a rich discussion of this controversial subject.

Wiencek holds a fellowship at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, and has been awarded residential fellowships at the International Center for Jefferson Studies and the C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience at Washington College, where he was the inaugural Patrick Henry Writing Fellow.

**WHAT:** *Master of the Mountain: Thomas Jefferson and His Slaves* by Henry Wiencek

**WHEN:** Thurs., Nov. 15, 2012, 6 p.m.

**WHERE:** Congregation Mickve Israel  
20 E. Gordon St., Savannah

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