

Wesley Family Papers, 1821 – 1886 and undated

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Collection consists of Gwinnett County deeds, including four land lottery deeds, 1821 - 1822; 18 other deeds, 1822 - 1881; and miscellaneous land records and other papers, 1852 - 1886, which relate primarily to Rusha Wesley's ancestors who were farmers, slave holders, and land speculators. The records document the changing ownership and value of four lots located in the 4th Land District of Gwinnett County (formerly Walton County) which belonged at various times to members of the Echles [Echols], Hawthorne [Hawthorn], Weaver, Doby, Clay, and Wesley families. In addition to Gwinnett County deeds, the collection also includes a contract between J[ohn] W[illiam] D[avenport] Echles of Jackson County and Berry B. Doby of Gwinnett County, 16 March 1875, establishing a partnership between Echles and Doby in the inventions of an automatic fire extinguisher and a steam engine belonging to Echles.

Synopsis of Rusha Wesley Genealogy: Robert B. Echles [Echols] (1794 - 1861), farmer, slave holder, and land trader, married Eliza Griffin Paxson in 1821 and settled in Gwinnett County. Their nine children included: John William Davenport Echles who married Mary Clay, lived in Jackson County and was an inventor; Joel Douglas Echles, who married Jane Lucas and moved to Ocoee, Florida; and Susan Laura Echles who married (1st) Terrell Constantine Hawthorne (1829 - 1856) in 1850 and (2nd) Berry B. Doby in c. 1861. Hawthorne was the son of James Hawthorne (d. 1847) and Louisa Ruthledge Hawthorne, who settled in Gwinnett County in 1832. The children of Susan Laura Echles and Terrell Constantine Hawthorne. included: James Patterson Hawthorne who married (1st) his cousin, Willie Ruthledge, and (2nd) Emma Maguire, daughter of Thomas Maguire, a farmer and slave holder in Gwinnett County, and sister of John E. Maguire, a Gwinnett County lawyer; and Laura Elizabeth Hawthorne, who married Pulaski Judge Wesley. Rusha Wesley (1880 - 1952), an Atlanta educator, was the sixth daughter of Laura Elizabeth Hawthorne (1851 - 1925) and Pulaski Judge Wesley (1845 - 1916). See also: James C. Flanigan's two volume *History of Gwinnett County Georgia, 1818 - 1960* (Hapeville, Georgia 1943 - 1959); and Wesley Family histories, 2 bound volumes, Georgia Archives.

Gwinnett County Deeds, 1821 to 1881

<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	State of Georgia to Solomon Thompson, 1 October 1821, Lot #335
2.	State of Georgia to Young F. Gresham, 13 December 1821, Lot #318
3.	State of Georgia to Rebekah Simmons, 20 December 1821, Lot #320
4.	State of Georgia to John Thompson, 22 February 1822, Lot #336
5.	John Thompson to Henry B. Watkins, 16 August 1822, Lot #336
6.	William Brown (husband of Rebekah Simmons Brown) to William Page, 17 March 1824, Lot #320 for \$400.00
7.	William Page to David P. Roberts, 17 March 1824, part of Lot #320 (150 acres) for \$300.00
8.	David P. Roberts to George A. Gordon, 22 January 1834, part of Lot #320 (150 acres) for \$350.00 (
9.	Henry B. Watkins to William L. Browning, 15 January 1836, part of Lot #336 (139 acres) for \$417.00
10.	John Chandler to Michael McAvoy, 23[?] July 1836, Lot #335 for \$476.00

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11.	Harris Hanna to Garland W. Prince, 25 December 1837, part of Lot #336 (111 acres) for \$440.00
12.	William L. Browning to Garland W. Prince, 26 December 1837, Lot #320 [?] for \$525.00
13.	Thomas B. Gordon (adm. for George A. Gordon) to Robert Echles [Echols], 3 January 1843, part of Lot #320 for \$111.00
14.	Garland W. Prince to Ruben Weaver, 8 July 1845, Lot #335 and 336 for \$1000.00
15.	Joseph and Charles Livey to Robert Echles, 19 January 1846, Lot #320 (3 acres) for \$3.50
16.	Alban W. Weaver and Graves H. Weaver (adms. for [Reuben] Weaver to Robert B. Echles, 7 May 1850, Lot #335 \$306.00
17.	Sterling A. Gresham (adm. for Young F. Gresham) to Robert Echles, 7 January 1856, Lot #318 for \$400.00
18.	F. P. Hudson (adm. for Robert B. Echles) to B[enjamin] P. Weaver, 24 December 1862, Lot #335 for \$820.00
19.	John E. Maguire (adm. of Benjamin P. Weaver) to Milton H. Trammell, 7 January 1868, Lot #335 and part of Lot #336 (50 acres) for \$411.00
20.	M. [Milton] H. Trammell to W. [William] M. Fling, 11 March 1873. Lot #335 and part of Lot #336 (50 acres) for \$1200.00
21.	James M. Patterson, Sherriff to R. L. C. Weaver, 19 March 1877, part of Lot #320 (90 75/100 acres) for \$325.00. Property seized for sale from George W. Brewer.
22.	R. L. C. Weaver to A. W. Clay, 10 January 1881, part of Lot #320 (90 75/100 acres) for \$550.00

Miscellaneous Land Records and Other Papers, 1852 – 1886

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1.	Recipe for Blue Dye, n.d.
2.	Newton Co. deed. Newton Anderson, Sherriff to George T. Marston, 7 December [?] 1852, one-acre lot for \$24.00
3.	Map of land belonging to J. P. [Pulaski Judge [?] Wesley, 9 May 1868, surveyed by J. [John] E. Maguire
4.	Deed of Security, William M. Fling to B. [Berry] B. Doby, 18 July 1871. (Loan from Doby to Fling for which Fling promised to obtain Lots #335 and part of 336 (50 acres) for Doby)
5.	Bond for Titles, Augustus Clay to B. [Berry] B. Doby [sic], 12 March 1873. (Loan from Doby to Clay for which Clay promised to obtain Lots #335 and part of 336 (50 acres) for Doby)
6.	Duplicate of Contract. J[ohn] W[illiam D[avenport] Echles to Berry B. Doby, 16 March 1875, establishing a partnership between Eckles and Doby in several of Echles' inventions, namely, an automatic fire extinguisher and a steam engine
7.	Letter, J. W. D. [John William Davenport] Echles to Berry B. Doby, 19 May 1875, concerning status of his inventions

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8. Subscription list kept by B. [Berry] B. Doby of people who pledged money for the building of a Methodist Episcopal Church, South church building to be located "near Doby's", 1 August 1879. Names include: B. B. Doby, T. G. Hawthorne, R. L. C. Weaver, R. A. Echles, M. H. Wesley
9. Letter, L. A. Baines, United States Land Office, Gainesville, Florida to Terrell C. [Constantinel Hawthorn, Cartersville, Georgia, 13 April 1886, regarding Hawthorne's Florida property