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OVERVIEW OF COLLECTION

Title: Frazier family papers

Date: 1789-1973, bulk 1829-1907

Extent: 1 box (0.25 linear feet)

Creator: Frazier, John A.

Language: English

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ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Biographical History: John A. Frazier was born in Bulloch County, Georgia, circa 1951. He attended Georgia Southern University and graduated with several postsecondary degrees, including a BA in History in 1974; MBA in Botany in 1984; MBA in Education in 1986. While earning his master's degree in education, Frazier began serving on the Bulloch County Board of Education in 1981, and held his position until 2006. For a time, Frazier also served as the CFO of Frazier's Flowers in Statesboro, Georgia. An avid historian and educator, Frazier compiled this collection as a means of preserving family and local history, primarily through personal legal documents. Frazier currently resides in Brooklet, Georgia, where he and his wife Marjorie Frazier utilize their property to display international flags from their travels for the community to enjoy.

Scope and Content:

This collection was assembled by John A. Frazier of Bulloch County, Georgia. Materials span 1789-1973 and consist of records, mostly letters and deeds, once belonging to families allied to the Frazier family of Washington County, Georgia--particularly the Harman & Brown families, with special focus on Lucy H. Harman and Morgan Brown. Materials also include various court orders; receipts; promissory notes; land plats; genealogical records; certificates; additional correspondence and accounts.

System of Arrangement:

This collection was rearranged into folders during the 2020 revision, categorized by subjects based on Frazier's original order of assembly. Folder 1 contains correspondence between John A. Frazier & the Georgia Historical Society. Folder 2 focuses on Lucy H. Harman's personal and legal history. Folder 3 highlights Lucy H. Harman and Harriet R. Harman's collaborative financial ventures. Folder 4 contains various correspondence to M.F. Harman and Lucy H. Harman, from W.J. Worley. Folder 5 contains correspondence between Lucy H. Harman and Ben T. Comer. Folders 6 and 7 contain various land plats with original seals. Folder 8 contains additional, miscellaneous legal records. Folder 9 highlights Morgan Brown's former legal holdings and financial endeavors, including various deeds and accounts of sale.

Box 1: 0200104995580

Acquisitions Info: Gift of John A. Frazier, 2008.

Access Points:

Georgia Historical Society
Frazier family
Harman family
Brown family

CONTAINER LISTING

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<u>Items</u>	<u>Box Number</u>	<u>Folder Number</u>
Envelope, return address: Georgia Historical Society, 501 Whitaker St., Savannah, Ga., to Mr. John A. Frazier, Statesboro, Ga., postmarked February 14, 1973. 4 pages. Items within envelope, as follows:	1	1
Typed letter to Mr. John A. Frazier, Statesboro, Ga., from Albert S. Britt, Jr., President, Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Ga. Re: thank you for submitting membership dues check, sending a copy of newsletter. Dated February 14, 1973.	1	1
Typed letter to John A. Frazier, Statesboro, Ga., from Miss Connie Laws, Assistant Director, Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Ga. Re: interest in documents in Mr. Frazier's possession. Dated March 6, 1973. Back: Notes, including place and time for possible meeting regarding 13 deeds	1	1
Handwritten receipt for documents on deposit by John A. Frazier to the Georgia Historical Society: papers of Morgan Brown and Lucy Harmon, including photograph, certificates and 13 land grants (1808-1843). Signed Connie Laws, Assistant Director. Undated.	1	1
Small handwritten note, account of cash and trade for two separate years. Undated.	1	2
Handwritten Form of Deed (template), between Lucy H. Harman, Washington County Ga., and ("name of other party"). Dated March 5, 1829.	1	2
Family dates of births and deaths of William Harman (1780 – 1848), Lucy Wilkinson Heard (? – 1843) and their 9 children: 3 daughters and 6 sons. Latest date, 1880. 1. Sarah Seabon [Seaborn] Jones	1	2

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Mary Ann 3. John Cumming 4. Jacob 5. Hannah Dick 6. William Battey [Bailey] 7. Stewart Brown 8. Robert Powell 9. James Jackson 		
<p>Newspaper article, <i>Tax on Wild Lands</i>. "We publish for the benefit of our readers a synopsis of the recent act of legislature regulating the giving in of tax on wild lands in this State." Approved September 28, 1881." Article undated. Issue Dated 1882.</p>	1	2
<p>Small, handwritten note, "Wild Lands 1886."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lucy H. Harman. Lot #336 -- 9th District. 490 acres in Berrien County, Ga., valued at \$300.00. - Mrs. Mary F. Harman. Lot #1217 -- 12th District. 1st Section. 40 acres in Lumpkin County, Ga., valued at \$25.00. - W.B. Harman. Lot #209 -- 10th District. 2nd Section. 160 acres in Gilmer County, Ga., valued at \$25.00. 	1	2
<p>Promissory Note and Deed of "note-to-own" sale of house and lot in Tennille, Ga., to Miss Mary W. Perry for \$200.00, at 8% annual interest for six years. Witness by O.H. [Veal], N. Newman, Ordinary W.C. Signed by Lucy H. Harman. Dated December 1, 1897. Inscribed in pen on front: "Cancelled of record, Nov 30, 1900, C.W. Snell, Clerk, [s.c.u.c.]"</p> <p>Back: Book of L.H. Harman recording interest and payment in full within mortgage period. Dated Nov 30, 1900. Signed Mary W. Perry</p>	1	2
<p>Promissory Note for lot of land in Tennille, Ga. sold to Lucy H. Harman by Cyrus F. Shelly for \$200.00. Signed. Dated November 25, 1898. Inscribed in pen on front: "Cancelled of record, Nov 15, 1899, C.W. Snell, Clerk, [s.c.u.c.]"</p> <p>Back: Receipt of payment in full from Lucy H. Harman to Cyrus F. Shelly. Filed by the Office of Clerk of the Superior Court of Washington County, Ga., November 29, 1898, at 3 o'clock p.m. Dated November 25, 1898.</p>	1	2
<p>Deed for lot of land in Tennille, Ga. sold to Lucy H. Harman by Winifred H. Smith for \$300.00. Dated November 18, 1899.</p>	1	2
<p>Deed for lot of land on Main St., Tennille Ga., sold to Lucy H. Harman by Mrs. Roberta H. Harman for \$100.00. Dated November 9, 1907. Notarized. Signed by Lucy H. Harman.</p>	1	2

Copy of above Deed for lot of land on Main St., Tennille Ga., sold to Lucy H. Harman by Mrs. Roberta H. Harman for \$100.00. Dated November 9, 1907. Unnotarized. Back: Copy of following Promissory Note for payment of \$100.00 by Lucy H. Harman to Mrs. Roberta H. Harman for one lot of land with 5-room house and well on Main Street in Tennille, Ga. Date changed to November (illegible), 1907. Notarized. Unsigned.	1	2
Promissory Note for payment of \$100.00 by Lucy H. Harman to Mrs. Roberta H. Harman for one lot of land with 5-room house and well on Main Street in Tennille, Ga.. Notarized. Unsigned. Dated October 17, 1907.	1	2
Typed letter to Miss Lucy H. Harman, 511 Main Street, Tennille, Ga., from the Comptroller – General's Office, Atlanta, Ga., Re: attached receipt from A.R. Ray, Tax Receiver, Lumpkin County. Dated April 25, 1928. (Handwritten receipt attached. Dated April 24, 1928)	1	2
Small handwritten note, "Tax Receipts – missing, W.B. Harman 1861, 65, 66; M.F. Harmon 1885; H.R. Harman 1885, 88." Undated.	1	3
Band for Titles, State of Georgia, Washington County. Harriett R. Harman and Lucy H. Harman, surviving heirs to W.B. Harman, deceased; Insuring that J.C. Adler execute the sale and redemption of money for Lot #209-10-2. in Gilmer County, Ga. Dated April 30, 1887. 2 pages.	1	3
Handwritten letter to W.Y. Atkinson, Governor, Atlanta, Ga., from Harriet R. Harman and Lucy H. Harman, Tennille Ga., Re: Assistance with wild lands in Lumpkin County, Ga., and problems with tax collector and comptroller, etc. Dated October 24, 1895. 2 pages.	1	3
Deed for a 40 acre lot of land in Lumpkin County owned by Harriet R. Harman and Lucy H. Harman, Washington County, Ga., that states William J. Worley, Lumpkin County, Ga., may collect ten percent of any sales, rents, or leases that he may contract for them on the premises. Witness by C.W. Snell, M. Newman Ordinary, W.C. on behalf of H.R. Harman, L.H. Harman; Witness by E.F. Jackson, John H. Moore c.s.c. on behalf of W.J. Worley. Dated December 11, 1895. 2 pages.	1	3
"Taxpayer's Returns of Property for Taxation" on Lot #1217-12-1. Signed Harriet R. Harman and Lucy H. Harman. Dated April 19, 1907.	1	3

<p>"Taxpayer's Returns of Property for Taxation" for Lot #1217-12-1. Signed Harriet R. Harman and Lucy H. Harman, Washington, County. Dated May 30, 1910.</p>	1	3
<p>Envelope, return address W.J. Worley, Dahlonega, Ga., to Miss Lucy H. Harman, Sandersville, Ga. Postmarked September 8, 1898. Inscribed on front of envelope: "This contained Deed for school house to be signed - but was returned for correction" 8 pages. Items within envelope, as follows:</p>	1	4
<p>Handwritten letter to Mrs. M.F. Harman, Tennille, Ga., from W.J. Worley, Dahlonega, Ga., written on official Office of W.J. Worley parchment Re: Suggestion to suspend development on land lot until property dispute with Banks and Scott, Real Estate Agents, Atlanta, Ga., is settled. Dated September 11, 1876.</p>	1	4
<p>Handwritten letter to Mrs. M.F. Harman, Sandersville, Ga., from W.J. Worley, Dahlonega, Ga. Signed. Re: Lot for sale about 2 miles NW of Auraria, Ga., about 8 miles from Dahlonega, Ga. Potential claims, uses and costs of land are detailed. Dated March 21, 1877.</p>	1	4
<p>Handwritten letter to Miss Lucy H. Harman from W.J. Worley, written on a North Georgia Agricultural College student handout. Re: Confirmation of Receipts of Tax Returns sent "a few days ago;" Notice that Board of Education of Lumpkin County has re-organized and Dr. Jones is no longer a member. Dated May 12, 1898.</p>	1	4
<p>Handwritten letter to Miss Lucy H. Harman, Sandersville, Ga., from W.J. Worley, Dahlonega, Ga., written on official Office of the Clerk, Superior Court of Lumpkin County parchment belonging to Clerk JNO. H. Moore. Re: Enclosed deed to be signed and returned by Miss Lucy H. Harman and Miss Harriet R.; Relinquishment of land rights of ½ acre by Daid County to the Lumpkin County Board of Education. Signed by Col. W.P. Price, Chairman of the Board of Education of Daid County. Dated September 7, 1898.</p>	1	4
<p>Handwritten letter to Mrs. M.F. Harman, Tennille, Ga., from J.W. Renfro, Atlanta, Ga., written on official State of Georgia Treasury Department parchment. Re: Legal claims to lot of land. Dated September 21, 1876.</p>	1	4

Receipt of \$1.50 for Harriett R. and Lucy H. Harman, Tennille, Ga., for payment in full of having 2 deeds recorded in Lumpkin County, Ga. for Lot #1217-12-1. Dated May 11, 1891. Signed S.C. Kicklighter, Gainesville, Ga.;	1	4
Handwritten receipt for \$1.50 for 2 recording deeds to lot 1217-12-1. Dated April 21, 1891. Signed J.C. Head, c.s.c.	1	4
Promissory Note signed by Lucy H. Harman, to pay \$224.00 plus fees, at 8% interest annually, to Mrs. M.L. Stephens for a lot of land in Tennille, Ga. Dated February 12, 1917.	1	4

Envelope, return address: 511 Main St., Tennille, Ga., to Mr. Ben T. Comer, Tennille, Ga., not postmarked. 5 pages. Items within envelope, as follows:	1	5
Handwritten letter to Mr. Ben T Comer, Tennille, Ga., from Lucy H. Harman, written on official S.B. Brown Jr., Inc. Insurance of West Palm Beach stationary. Re: sub-renting of her house is not allowed and check returned; no valid lease was ever made, thus no rent is due. Signed Lucy Harman. Dated 1929, no month or day noted.	1	5
Handwritten copy of above described letter, unsigned. Dated 1929.	1	5
2 checks, each for \$12.50, made out to Lucy Harmon, signed Ben T. Comer, President, Washington Manufacturing Co. Dated January 31, 1929 and February 27, 1929. "Rejected" written on back of each.	1	5
Handwritten copy of above check. Dated January 31, 1929. "Rejected, Copy of Check" written on back.	1	5

Plat for 200 acres in Washington County, Ga., granted to James Greene, Washington County, Ga., surveyed August 6, 1789; registered at Surveyor General's Office, Milledgeville, Ga., on December 17, 1838. Dated August 3, 1789. Note: "The above is a true copy from the Record Book in this office."	1	6
Plat #43-15 for 202 ½ acres of land granted to Gabriel Clark, Richmond County, Ga., surveyed November 27, 1806; registered to the Georgia Secretary's Office. Dated November 22, 1808. Handwritten on bottom of plat "Jared Irwin." Typed description attached, "Jared Irwin..."	1	6

Plat of land for 286 9/10 acres granted to Joseph Delk, Washington County, Ga.; registered in the Georgia Secretary of State's Office November 6, 1819. Dated June 1, 1818.	1	6
Plat #186-27-2 for 160 acre lot of land granted to Hansford Burvis [Buris] Jr., Washington County, Ga. Surveyed on June 1, 1832 by Daniel Bush. Registered in the Secretary of State's office. Dated February 13, 1833. Original seal attached.	1	6
Plat #481-18-2 for 40 acre lot of land granted to Noah Brown, Irwin County, Ga., surveyed May 27, 1832; registered in Secretary of State's office. Dated September 21, 1836. Original seal attached.	1	6
Plat #222-14-3 for 160 acre lot of land granted to Gideon Smith, Washington County, Ga., surveyed June 4, 1832; registered in the Secretary of State's office. Dated October 7, 1836. Original seal attached.	1	6
Plat #638-17-3 for 40 acre lot of land granted to James Frost, Washington County, Ga., surveyed July 10, 1832; registered in the Secretary of State's office. Dated November 10, 1836. Original seal attached.	1	6
Plat #144-18-4 for a 122 ½ acre lot of land granted to Edwin Goodson, Washington County, Ga., surveyed May 14, 1832; registered in the Secretary of State's office. Dated November 26, 1836. Original seal attached.	1	7
Plat #664-18-2 for 40 acre lot of land granted to James B. Kelley, Washington County Ga., surveyed June 10, 1832; registered in the Secretary of State's office. Dated February 29, 1838. Original seal attached.	1	7
Plat #146-19-4 for 160 acre lot of land granted to George W. Hays, Newton County, Ga., surveyed May 16, 1832; registered in the Secretary of State's office. Dated May 11, 1839. Original seal attached.	1	7
Plat #54-15-2 for 40 acre lot of land granted to Hugh Gilmore, Washington County, Ga., surveyed June 12, 1832; registered in the Secretary of State's office. Dated July 14, 1843. Original seal attached.	1	7
Plat #526-1-4 for 40 acre lot of land granted to Starling Cook, Washington County, Ga., surveyed June 15, 1832; registered in the Secretary of State's Office. Dated July 14, 1843. Original seal attached.	1	7

Plat #146-8-1 for 160 acre lot of land granted to Payton Partridge, Washington County, Ga., surveyed July 7, 1832; registered in the Secretary of State's office. Dated July 14, 1843. Original seal attached.	1	7
Plat #272-27-3 for 160 acres of land granted to James Jones, Washington County, Ga., surveyed June 9, 1932; registered in the Secretary of State's office. Dated July 14, 1843. Original seal attached.	1	7

Early century black and white photo. Undated. Labeled, "Walter Hartridge says this looks like Miami on Palm Beach in the twenties- possibly after the big hurricane."	1	8
Deed for 287 ½ acres in Washington County sold for \$2,200.00 to James Waters, Wilkinson County, Ga., by Joseph Delk, Wilkinson County, Ga. Dated August 26, 1817. 2 pages.	1	8
Deed for 327 acres on Buckeye Creek sold to Joseph J. Fish, Washington County, by Samuel Hodges, Washington County, for \$1,400.00. Dated August 10, 1819.	1	8
"O.H. Kenan for Nathan Joiner," small note, mostly illegible. Dated January 16, 1829.	1	8
Deed for 202 ½ acres sold to Douglas McDougald, Washington County, Ga., by Benjamin R. Cook, Washington County Ga., for \$100.00. Dated December 18, 1829.	1	8
Court order for Theodore Schoedde to pay Lanier [Wilmore] \$301.99 in legal damages, plus \$16.00 for court costs. Dated January 24, 1830.	1	8
Deed for specified parcel of land obtained from the Cherokee Land Lottery by Noah Brown, Irwin County, Ga., sold and relinquished to James Wilcox for \$500.00. Signed Noah Brown. Dated July 16, 1832.	1	8
Deed for 160 acres in Walker County, Ga., sold to William D. Harrison, Washington County, by John Curry, administrator for the estate of Stephen Frazier, deceased, Washington County, for \$1.00. Signed John Curry, admn. Dated December 30, 1834.	1	8
Second copy of above deed between John Curry and William D. Harrison. Signed William D. Harrison. Dated December 30, 1834.	1	8

Last Will and Testament of Nathaniel Offutt, Washington County, Ga. Drafted September 3, 1836. Dated November 11, 1839.	1	8
Court order for Thomas G. Davis to pay \$147.51, also \$10.50 for costs, to Baugs [Buris] and Harman. Dated October 14, 1852.	1	8
Confederate States of America bond for \$100.00, Savannah. Dated March 17, 1864.	1	8
"Account Sales of NB (?) 49 uplands per basket, Barton Master from Savannah, sold by Isaac, Lou H (?): on Account of Morgan Brown Esq." Dated August 14, 1818.	1	9
"Mr. Morgan Brown's account with John McKinne" Dates ranging from December 181(?) to July 1818.	1	9
"Morgan Brown in Account Current with McKinne," account balance, dates ranging from August 7, 1818 to April 22, 1819. 2 pages.	1	9
Deed for 273 acres on Williamson Swamp, Washington County, Ga., sold to Morgan Brown by Caleb Osteen, Washington County, Ga., for \$500.00. Registered to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Washington county on December 20, 1819. Dated January 11, 1819.	1	9
Deed for $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre in Dublin, Lauren County, Ga., sold to Morgan Brown, Washington County, by Daniel Loyd, Washington County, for \$200.00. Dated February 10, 1821.	1	9
"Memorandum of articles of agreement... between Morgan Brown and John Shellman, both of Washington County, Ga..." \$35.00 paid monthly to John Shellman by Morgan Brown for services at tannery. Dated July 25, 1828.	1	9
"Morgan Brown vs. Silas Floyd, James H. Floyd and William Hodges, Bill for discovery, account of Injunction" Dated May 1844, in Washington D.C. Court September Term 1844. 15 pages.	1	9
"The Constitution of Washington County Academy." Dated May 4, 1818.	1	<i>Loose</i>
Deed for 202 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land in Monroe County, Ga., sold to Abraham Richards at auction from Theodore A. Schoedde for \$60.00. Witness by John Curiton. Notarized by M. Brown. Dated November 4, 1823.	1	<i>Loose</i>

Deed for 160 acres of land in Cherokee County, Ga., sold to Morgan Brown, Washington County, Ga., by Andrew H. Jarvis, Newton County, Ga., for \$200.00. Signed Andrew H. Jarvis. Dated September 2, 1836.	1	<i>Loose</i>
Deed for 40 acres of land in Cobb County, Ga., sold to Morgan Brown, Washington County, Ga., by James L. Wilcox, Irwin County, Ga., for \$50.00. Dated September 22, 1836.	1	<i>Loose</i>
Deed for 40 acres in Cobb County, Ga., sold to Morgan Brown, Washington County, Ga., by Benjamin Harris, Twiggs County, Ga., for \$50.00. Signed Benjamin Harris. Dated December 13, 1839.	1	<i>Loose</i>
Certificate:: The Georgia Historical Society, Incorporated December 1839. Elected Morgan Brown, Sandersville, Ga., as a Resident Member of the Society. Dated July 8, 1839.	1	<i>Loose</i>