Rucker family papers
1833-2003
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Biographical or Historical Note
Simeon Bluford Rucker (1798-1881) was born in Floyd County, Georgia. He married Jane Barnwell (1801-1879). Simeon, Jane, and Simeon's mother, Catherine Ehart (1760-1835), moved to Alabama in search of fertile farmland, but returned to what was then Cherokee county and settled in Crabapple. The homestead of Simeon and Jane Rucker, built between 1833 and 1835 still stands near the intersection of Broadwell Road and Old Rucker Road. When the county of Milton was created in 1857, this land became part of Milton County. Then in 1932, Milton merged into Fulton County. Catherine Ehart Rucker was buried on the property in the Rucker Family Cemetery, located inside the Wallace Woods neighborhood. Later, both Jane and Simeon were buried in the same cemetery, in Roswell, Georgia.
I. Simeon Bluford Rucker (1798-1881) and Jane Barnwell (1801-1879) had ten children:
   George Elzy Rucker (1819-1898) married Emily S. Rainwater (1820-1901)
   William Derrell Rucker (1820-1903) married Permelia Dorris (1831-1910)
   Nancy Rucker Moore (1822-1895)
   Joel Rucker (1823-1889) married Miriam Elizabeth Rainwater (1843-1913)
   Julia Ann Rucker Rainwater (1826-1864)
   Robert Rucker (1827-1827)
   Mary Rucker Stewart (1830-1904)
   Simeon L. Rucker (1835-1915)
   Russell J. Rucker (1837-1913)
   John Rucker (1842-1918) married Sarah Hembree Jameson (1844-1896)

II. John Rucker and his wife, Sarah Hembree Jameson Rucker had six children:
   Julia Edna Rucker (1868-1905) married William Harrison Dempsey (1866-1936)
   William David Rucker (1872-1959) married Melissa Princella Broadwell
   Harriet Jane “Jennie” Rucker (1874-1941), spinster
   John Simeon (1877-____) married Emma Cox (1881-)
   Frankie Rucker (1888-1928) married George T. Upshaw

III. Joel Jackson and Lenora Rusk Rucker (m. 1906) had four children:
   Sarah Dorcas Rucker (1908-1988) married John Herschel David
   Margaret Lee Rucker (1910-1995) married Charles Brannon Thornton
   Joel John Rucker (1917-1985) married Alma Eunice Pancoast

IV. Julia Rucker Crisler and Sam Crisler (m. 1945) had three children:
   Mahala Amanda Crisler (1946-2001) married Joel Hill
   Michael Joel Crisler (1948- ) 1st marriage – Nancy Copeland (Divorced)
   2nd marriage - Nancy Richter
   Simeon Newton Crisler (1950- ) married Barbara Fuller

Scope and Content
The collection consists of land deeds, family papers, genealogy, books and artifacts of the Rucker family. The papers include correspondence, legal documents, receipts, registration and identification cards, and printed materials.

Organization Note
Items in this collection are organized by individual family members, record type, then chronologically. The collection contains 8 series: (1) Land Deeds, (2) Joel Rucker papers, (3) John Rucker papers, (4) Joel Jackson and Lenora Rusk Rucker papers, (5) Julia Rucker Crisler papers, (6) Related Family Members papers, (7) Genealogy, (8) Books and Artifacts
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Selected Search Terms
Crisler, Julia Rucker (1913-2007)
Rucker, George Napoleon (1884-1970)
Rucker, Joel (1823-1889)
Rucker, Joel Jackson (1880-1960)
Rucker, John (1842-1918)
Rucker, Joel John (1917-1985)
Rucker, Lenora Rusk (1878-1976)

Related Materials
MS 57 Rucker Cotton Seed Records
VIS 8 Julia Rucker Crisler Photograph Collection

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