

Rusk Family Papers  
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**Biographical or Historical Note**

**Leroy Guthrie** (1780-1847) – Born in Anderson, South Carolina to Robert Guthrie and Elizabeth Johnston. Married Letty Rylee and moved to Franklin, GA. Died in Hall County, GA. Daughter Mary “Polly” Guthrie married John “Martin” Chamblee.

**John “Martin” Chamblee** (1807-1890) - Born in Anderson, South Carolina, reported to have lived in Hall County in 1848 and Cherokee County in 1852. In 1828, he married in Mary “Polly” Guthrie (1808-1851) in Hall County, the two had numerous children including Gatsey Chamblee and Dorcas Ann Chamblee.

**Gatsey L. Chamblee** (1832-1860) - married Francis Ellison Pugh (1829-1863). Their children were *John Henry Pugh* (1856-1863) and *Mary Ann Pugh* (1858-1880). Upon the death of both Gatsey and Francis, Martin Chamblee became the guardian of John and Mary Pugh.

**William Henry Rusk** (1837-1920) - Born on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1837 in Cherokee County, Woodstock, Georgia He later moved to Forsyth County after his marriage to Dorcas Ann Chamblee (1836- 1912) in 1868. They were married in Cherokee County. In 1910, he was in Gwinnett. By the 1920s, he was in Milton County and Fulton County. William and Ann had numerous children including Lenora Rusk and Edmond Harper Rusk.

**Lenora Rusk** (1878- 1976) - Born in Big Creek, Forsyth, Georgia. Married *Joel J. Rucker* and together they had *Julia Rucker Crisler*. Lenora died in Fulton, Georgia.

**Edmond Harper Rusk** (1880- 1940) - Born in Big Creek, Forsyth, Georgia and died in Ware, Georgia

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## Scope and Content

The collection consists of the papers of the Rusk family including those passed down through the family members of Leroy Guthrie and John “Martin” Chamblee. The papers consist of estate papers, receipts, personal papers, land deeds/ land plots, correspondences, account statements, promissory notes and tax information.

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## Organization Note

Organized in three series:

- (1) Leroy Guthrie Papers
- (2) John “Martin” Chamblee Papers
- (3) Rusk Family Papers

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## Selected Search Terms

Guthrie, Leroy, 1780-1847

Chamblee, John “Martin,” 1807-1890

Rusk, William Henry, 1837-1920

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## Related Materials

Rucker Family Papers, Rucker Cottonseed Company

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