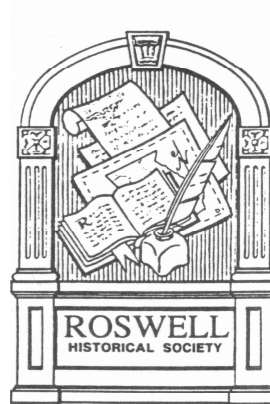


Amariah Hembree family papers
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Biographical or Historical Note

Amariah Hembree (1781-1855) was born in Anderson County in the Pendleton District in South Carolina, where he married Sarah Minton (1781-1856) in 1803. Sarah Minton was born in Virginia. They moved to Georgia and settled first in Hall County. After the removal of the Cherokee and the sale of land by the State of Georgia, Amariah purchased a number of lots from the original lottery recipients in Cobb County and developed the farm. When the county of Milton was created in 1857, this land became part of Milton County. Then in 1932, Milton merged into Fulton County. Amariah and Sarah are buried in the Lebanon Baptist Church Cemetery in Roswell.

Amariah and Sarah had five children:

Asenath Asina (b. 1803) married Gideon Land.
Hester Ladissa (1805-1885) married Needham Broadwell.

James Lindley (b. 1808) married Cynthia H. Rainwater and Emily P.
Elihu Minton (1812-1873) married Susan Stigler (1814-1894).
Sally Modessa (b. 1816) married James N. Oliver.

Amariah and his sons, Elihu and James, accumulated the farmland located in the area of the present-day Hembree Road. The family eventually owned 600 acres spread across the area from Crabapple and Houze Roads, across Foe Killer Creek, and continuing on to Georgia Highway 9.

Elihu Hembree and his wife, Susan Stigler had 12 children:

Elizabeth Wade Elnora Hembree (1834-1915) married John Tinney (1829-1892),
second marriage to John King.
David Richard Vergel Hembree (1835-1920) married Martha Ann Naylor.
James Jasper Monroe Hembree (1837-1862) married Asenath Emily Frances Land.
Marion Pickens "Pick" Hembree (1839-1925) married Mary Susan Perkins,
second marriage to Mary Ann Rainwater.
Hettie Ladissa Hembree (1842-1876) married Perry Land.
Sarah Catherine Hembree (1844-1896) married Thomas Jefferson Jameson Sr.,
second marriage to John Rucker.
Oscar Fitzhuland Hembree (1846-1935) married Georgia A. Stewart.
Robert Amariah Hembree (1847-1914) married Samantha E. Maxwell,
second marriage to Minnie B. Turner.
Martha "Mat" Clementine Hembree (1850-1924) married James Solon Houze.
Mary "Maid" E. Hembree (1850-1938) married Marcus L. Bennett.
Harriette M. Hembree (1853-1928) married B. Rhett Devore.
Asenath Emma Hembree (1855-1856).

Robert Amariah Hembree and Samantha E. Maxwell had seven children:

Willis Edgar Hembree (1872-1958) married Mattie Tinney (1869-1950).
George L. Hembree (1874-1903).
Pierce Teasley Hembree (1876-1943) married Ida O. Johnson (1881-1982).
Carrie J. Hembree (1878-1884)
J.L. Hembree (1880-1886)
Odessa Hembree (1880-1969) married Dr. James L. Morris.
R.M. Hembree (1884-1886)

Willis Edgar Hembree (1872-1958) married Mattie Tinney (1869-1950):

Eulah Isora Hembree (1896-1987) married Clyde Maffett (1898-1957),
second marriage to Jack Fogelson (1903-1983).

Pierce Teasley Hembree and Ida O. Johnson had four children:

Ozella Hembree (1905-2000) married James Youngblood (d. 1993).
Horace Teasley Hembree (1907-1984) married Minnie Lee. (1910-2001).
Marie Hembree (1910-2004) married Joseph Martin.
Melville Hembree (1920-1922).

Lebanon Baptist Church

Lebanon Baptist Church, a Missionary Baptist Church, was founded in the home of Amariah Hembree on 16 July 1836. Nineteen people were founding members, and in 1838 a log building was erected. In 1840, Lebanon Church held its first ordination service, and Brother Amariah Hembree was ordained as deacon. The original church was near the Lebanon Cemetery on Houze Road. The church building was repaired in 1864 following destruction by Union Army troops and later relocated at the intersection of Holcombe Bridge Road and Alpharetta Highway. It is presently located on Crabapple Road.

Homesites

Three homesteads are connected to the Hembree family: Amariah's original home, Elihu's home, now Hembree Farm, and the home of Pierce Hembree.

Amariah built a home near the present-day Elkins Road. His grandson, Marion Pickens Hembree, occupied the house at the time of Amariah's death and lived there for the remainder of his life. In the 1940s, Atlanta attorney Henry Troutman, Sr. acquired the property and converted the house into his country home. He eventually moved the structure to his property in South Georgia. A remaining log cabin structure from the property was given to author Celestine Sibley and incorporated into her home.

James Lindley, son of Amariah, constructed the house circa 1836 at 755 Hembree Road. James was a carpenter, according to the 1850 Census. When he became a traveling carpenter and moved from the area, his brother Elihu took over the property. The house was passed on to Robert Amariah, son of Elihu. Willis Hembree inherited the house from his father, Robert. Eulah Hembree Maffett, daughter of Willis, inherited the house.

In April 1985, Eulah Maffit Fogelson, the last Hembree descendant to live in the house, entered Great Oaks Nursing Home where she lived until November 1985. The house was sold to Eulah's cousin, Ozella Hembree Youngblood.

Pierce Teasley Hembree built a home circa 1902, (commonly referred to as The Green House), across the road from Elihu's home where he farmed 72 acres until 1918.

Education

The Midway School was established in the 1850s on Houze Road and built on land owned by the Hembree family. A journal handed down by Pierce Teasley Hembree contains a list of names and organizations who contributed to the building of the school as well as the amount of their contributions. Midway School was run by Milton County until its closing in 1932. Robert Hembree is listed in the 1870 census as a teacher.

Corinth Baptist Church

The Corinth Baptist Church, formed circa 1886, was located in Roswell on North Coleman Road. The small, one-room church was torn down in the 1970s. Willis Hembree preached in the church in the 1920s and 1930s.

Roswell Realty Company

Ozella Hembree Youngblood owned and managed the Roswell Realty Company.

Scope and Content

The collection consists of papers of Amariah Hembree and related family members from 1814 to 1994. The papers include correspondence, receipts, tax and estate documents, land records, and printed and published material.

Records from organizations, schools, churches, and businesses related to the Hembree family are included in the collection.

Organization Note

Organized in eighteen series: (1) Amariah Hembree Papers, (2) James Linley Hembree Papers, (3) Elihu Minton Hembree Papers, (4) Susan Stigler Hembree Papers, (5) Robert Amariah Hembree Papers, (6) Willis Edgar Hembree Papers, (7) Eulah Hembree Maffett Fogelson Papers, (8) Pierce Teasley Hembree and Ida Hembree Papers, (9) Marie Hembree Martin Papers, (10) Ozella Hembree Youngblood Papers, (Subseries) Roswell Realty Documents/Ozella Hembree Youngblood, (11) Hembree Family Papers, Extended Members, (12) Land Records, (13) Hembree Farm Ledgers, (14) Midway School Records, (15) Corinth Church Records, (16) Printed Materials, (17) Graphics, and (18) artifacts

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Selected Search Terms

Corinth Church (Ga.)
Fogelson, Eulah Hembree Maffett, 1896-1987
Hembree, Amariah, 1781-1855
Hembree, Elihu, 1812-1873
Hembree, Ida
Hembree, James L., b. 1806
Hembree, Pierce T., d. 1943
Hembree, Robert A., 1847-1914
Hembree, Susan S., 1814-1894
Hembree, Willis, 1872-1958
Lebanon Baptist Church (Roswell, Ga.)
Martin, Marie Hembree, 1910-2004
Midway School (Ga.)
Roswell Realty Company (Roswell, Ga.)
Youngblood, Ozella Hembree, 1905-2000

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