

DeKalb History Center

Goodwin Family

Scope and Content: The Goodwin Family collection consists of two series; the Goodwin Family Genealogical records and the Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery records. Both these series are donated by Albert L. Martin, a descendent of Solomon Goodwin. The Goodwin Family Genealogical series contains land records and genealogical records for a great many families in the Goodwin tree, including Martin, Darnall, Sandford, Garmany, Guess, Childress, Hall, Miller and Stokes. Records begin in the mid to late 1700s and run into the 2000s. There are official court, military and land records, as well as newspaper articles and family histories put together by family genealogists. Significant subjects within the collection include the Goodwin House, located in North DeKalb county, and the Goodwin History Society.

The collection also contains a series on the Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. Early members of the Goodwin family were members of the church, which was established in 1824. The majority of the material concerns the movement of graves from the Goodwin family cemetery to Nancy Creek Cemetery and the movement of graves within the Nancy Creek Cemetery when MARTA built its north line. Files include newspaper articles, files, notes and archaeology reports concerning the cemetery, the church and the history of the area. Files are arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

Provenance: Gift of Albert Martin (Accession #2010.8; 2021.31)

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Description of specific item; Goodwin Family Collection, DeKalb History Center Archives

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Size: 6 document boxes, 3 loose leaf notebooks with photograph copies, and objects.

Biographical Sketch: The Goodwin home about 3 miles from Buckhead on Peachtree Road may be the oldest house still standing in DeKalb County. Built with the help of local Native Americans who were never refused a meal from the Goodwins, the land was purchased in 1831 by Solomon Goodwin.

Description: The Goodwin Family papers, collected by Albert Martin, contain documents relating to the vast extended family tree for the Goodwin family. The documents are nearly all photocopies but include official court records, land records and maps, census data and family histories collected from other branches of the family. The list below is simply a rough outline of documents and family names. The first file in the collection is a database arranged with Martin's filing number system and should be consulted first for the most detail. Document numbers are indexed within the folder title list. Documents/subjects can be searched in the database and then

referenced to specific folders. Some family names in the collection include Martin, Darnall, Sandford, Garmany, Goodwin, Harris, Guess, Childress, Hall, Miller, Smith, Schelpert, and Stokes.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entry: Goodwin, Solomon (1764-1849)

Subject/Added Entries: Martin, Albert
 Paul Martin, Vivre
 Brookhaven (Ga.)
 Goodwin, Theophilus (1761-1837)
 Goodwin, John (1823-1865)
 Cheshire, Hezekiah
 Goodwin, Nellie Crosslow (1825-1890)
 Darnall, Marcy Bradshaw (1872-
 Subject/Added Entries: Martin, Naome (Oma) Childress
 Childress Family
 Florence Herald (AL)

Goodwin Family Genealogical Records

Folder Title List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
1	1	Documents master list	
	2	Documents—Newspaper Clippings (D97.001—D97.006)	
	3	Wills and deeds, official documents (D97.008—D97.035)	
	4	Albert Pinkney Goodwin, Lela Wade (D97.036)	
	5	170 Years of the Goodwin family John Goodwin, Nellie Crosslow Goodwin (D97.037)	
	6	172 Years of the Goodwin family (D97.038)	
	7	Documents, programs, official papers, Correspondence, articles (D97.039—D97.116)	
	8	Goodwin Home Club treasurer's book (D97.117)	1906-1926
	9	Goodwin club secretary's book	1906-1924

(D97.118)

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
1	10	Letters, wills, articles (D97.119—D97.146)	
	11	Affidavit-Elizabeth Martin (D97.147)	1961
	12	Marriage records, Brookhaven Buzz article (D97.148—D97.152)	1927-1997
	13	Obit-Albert L. Martin Sr. (D97.153)	1989
	14	Correspondence (D97.154)	1986
	15	Will-Lutie Darnall (D97.155)	1960
	16	Will-Louise Darnall Martin (D97.156)	1967
	17	Deeds, home club, correspondence (D97.157—D97.170)	
	18	Deed and census, Solomon Goodwin Sr. To Harris Goodwin (1844) (D97.171—D97.172)	
	19	Birth certificate William Henry Martin (D97.173)	1871
	20	Index to Grantee/Grantor records (D97.174)	1910
	21	Obit-Fredrick H. Martin (D97.175—D97.176)	1917?
	22	Documents (D97.177—D97.198)	
2	1	Receipts, correspondence (D97.199—D97.204)	
	2	Millers of Sand Mountain, Sandford family (D97.205—D97.206)	
	3	Guess family (D97.207)	
	4	Genealogical records (D97.208—D97.214)	
	5	Obits, court records (D97.215—D97.222)	
	6	Genealogies of Virginia families excerpt on Goodwin (D97.223)	
	7	Wills, letters, articles (D97.224—D97.249)	

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
2	8	Reeve family, articles and letters (D97.250—D97.261)	
	9	Samford University Library genealogical records, Goodwin (D97.262)	
	10	Hall and Stokes families (D97.263—D97.277)	
	11	Garmany family, Stokes (D97.278—D97.297)	
	12	Census index, Colonial America (D97.300)	1607-1789
	13	<i>Roster of Confederate Soldiers</i> , bible records <i>Whites Among the Cherokees</i> excerpt (D97.301—D97.305)	
	14	Maps, land records, A.J. Martin hardware store receipts (D97.306—D97.330)	
	15	DAR applications, land records (D97.331—D97.349)	
3	1	John Childress, Martin, genealogy records, land records (D97.350—D97.384, D97.393)	
	2	Deed extract, land lot 7, district 17, Henry County (D97.419)	
	3	Newspaper articles (D97.450, D97.457)	1961-1969
	4	Diary for Naome (Moa) Childress Martin (D97.502)	1951
	5	empty	
	6	Diary for Naome (Moa) Childress Martin (D97.520)	1932-33, 1936-38
	7	Diary for Naome (Moa) Childress Martin (D97.521)	1939
	8	Diary for Naome (Moa) Childress Martin (D97.523)	1940
	9	Diary for Naome (Moa) Childress Martin (D97.524—D97.525)	1942, 1943
	10	Diary for Naome (Moa) Childress Martin (D97.526)	1945
	11	Diary for Naome (Moa) Childress Martin (D97.527—D97.529)	1946, 1948
	12	Diary for Naome (Moa) Childress Martin (D97.530)	1949

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3	13	Darnall, Godwin, Paul (D97.531—D97.563, many missing docs)	
	14	Solomon Goodwin descendants list Theophilus Goodwin Sr. (D98.001)	
	15	Powell, Hardman, Goodwin (D98.002—D98.005)	
	16	Theophilus Goodwin, military records (D98.006—D98.021)	
	17	South Carolina 1790 census excerpt (98.022)	
4	1	Theophilus Goodwin, court records and military Records (D98.024)	
	2	Theophilus Goodwin, Joshua R. Goodwin, Crosslow, Parsons (D98.025—D98.082)	
	3	Goodwin Gazette (D98.83.1—D98.83.1.9)	1998-2002
	4	Childress, Goodwin, Martin, Parsons (D98.84—D98.166)	
	5	Mortgage, John D. Martin, Joan W. Martin, Albert L. Martin Jr., Alabama (D98.167)	1990
	6	Plat, Peachtree Road (D98.189)	1966
	7	Marcy B. Darnall Jr., World War II letters (D98.168—D98.191)	1945
	8	Marcy B. Darnall, Martin, World War I (D98.192—D98.205)	
	9	Letter Lutie Milliken to Marcy B. Darnall (D98.206)	1898
	10	Letter Marcy B. Darnall to Lutie Milliken (D98.207)	1898
	11	Milliken, Darnall, Albert Martin Jr., Verve Martin (98.208—D98.233)	
	12	Goodwin land records, articles (D99.001—D99.030)	
	13	Thaddeus J. Cheshire, Mary Cheshire (D99.131—D99.039)	
	14	Hezekiah Cheshire (1786-1870), War of 1812 (D99.040)	
	15	Chambers, Mitchell, Hezekiah and Sarah Goodwin Cheshire	

(D99.041—D99.060)

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
4	16	P.C. Childress (D99.061)	
	17	Goodwin, Camp, Martin (D99.062—D99.94)	
	18	Samuel Goodwin descendants (D99.95)	
	19	Solomon Goodwin (D99.96—D99.97)	
	20	Bute County, NC court minutes (D99.100)	1767-1849
	21	Parsons, Goodwin (D99.104—D99.108)	
	22	Mayson Cheshire, Goodwin (D99.109—D99.113)	
	23	<i>Granville District of North Carolina</i> excerpt (D99.117)	
	24	Bank papers (D99.119)	1990
	25	North Carolina genealogy documents, Southern Technical Institute (D99.120—D99.150)	
	26	Marcy B. Darnall (D99.151—D99.165)	
5	1	Native American land, Washburn Cemetery Hardy Hay, Leona Watson Goodwin, Orvin Gordie Goodwin (D00.001—D00.032)	
	2	John Goodwin, Nellie Crosslow Goodwin (D00.033)	
	3	Childress, Goodwin, Martin (D00.034—D00.94)	
	4	Peachtree, the road that shaped Atlanta (article) (D00.095)	
	5	Darnall, Etzold (D00.96)	
	6	Goodwin, court records, Parsons, Darnall (D01.001—D01.066)	
	7	Nathaniel Parker, Darnall (D01.067—D01.088)	
	8	<i>The Darnall, Darnell Family</i> excerpt (D01.089)	

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5	9	Illinois Darnall records (D01.090—D01.095)	
	10	Illinois Darnall-Smith-Chesrown land (D01.096)	
	11	Illinois Darnall family records (D01.097—D01.099)	
	12	S.R. Goodwin land records (D01.100—D01.103)	1948
	13	Childress and Goodwin, North Carolina, Virginia (D01.104—D01.114)	
	14	Title search, land lot 307, 18 th district Title search, land lot 239, 18 th district (D02.001—D02.103)	
6	1	Title search, land lot 58, 18 th district Goodwin, Cheshire (D02.004—D02.117)	
	2	Florence (AL) Herald, Marcy Darnall (D02.009)	
	3	newspaper articles (D02.010)	1937-1940
	4	<i>Florence Herald</i> articles (D02.011)	1939-1940
	5	<i>Florence Herald</i> articles (D02.112)	1940-1941
	6	Descendants of Starling Goodwin (D02.020)	
	7	Goodwin, Naval ships, Hopewell Baptist (D02.021—D02.035)	
	8	Darnall/Masonic documents, Childress (D02.037—D02.039)	
	9	Criminal indictment, S.D. Goodwin Darnall navy papers (D02.040—D02.141)	1929 1919
	10	Goodwin, Childress, Civil war sabre	
	11	Diary of Naome (Oma) Childress Martin (D02.048)	1930, 1931
	12	Joseph Mayson Childress Jr. memorial service 2002 (D02.051)	
	13	Elizabeth Martin, survey for Medical College Of Virginia alumnae (D02.052)	

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6	14	Guess, Goodwin, Marchbanks, Brock James Monroe Goodwin, Darnall (D03.001-D03.010)	
	15	Goodwin (D03.011—D03.018)	
	16	Correspondence (D03.019—D03.020)	1997-2000
	17	DeKalb land records, Durand, Daughetee, Stokes (D03.021—D03.034)	
	18	<i>Brookhaven Buzz</i> (D03.035)	Jan 2003
	19	What Brookhaven was Like (article) (D03.036)	
	20	<i>The Beehive</i> , Pythagoras Lodge newsletter (D03.037—D03.039)	Jul Aug 2003
	21	Goodwin genealogy files (D04.001-D04.020)	
	22	Will of Elisabeth Martin Darlow (D04.021—D04.022)	
	23	Goodwin, Reeve, Reeves, Elisabeth Darlow (D04.027—D04.029)	
	24	Childress, Richard Childress (D05.001—D05.004)	
	25	McPherson-Northcutt family (D05.005)	
	26	Ada Lola Childress (D05.006)	
	27	Fred Ezra Goodwin, Goodwin, Martin (D06.001-D06.007)	
	28	Goodwin, Martin, Darnall, Hall (D10.001—D11.024)	

Box Inventory Using Inventory Numbers from Documents Master List

Box	Document Inventory Number
1	D97.0001-97.0199
2	D97.0199-97.0349
3	D97.0350-97.0563 D98.0001-98.0023
4	D98.0240-98.0233 D99.0001-99.0169
5	D00.0001-00.0096 D01.0001-01.0030

6 D02.0004-02.0052
 D03.0001-03.0037
 D04.0001-04.0023
 D05.0001, 05.0002, 05.0005, 05.0006
 D06.0001
 D10-D11

Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery

Box	Folder	Contents
1	1	Brookhaven Estates 1912
	2	Cemetery—Nancy Creek –Legal
	3	Cemetery—Piney Grove Primitive Baptists
	4	City of Chamblee
	5	Cross Keys High School Yearbook 2001
	6	DeKalb County Map—1915
	7	Georgia Department of Natural Resources
	8	A Guidebook to the Goodwin Family Graveyard & House
	9	Historical and Genealogical Report for Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Church and Cemetery
	10	History of Roswell Railroad, 1853—1921
	11	MARTA Action Report: Relocation of Part of Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery
	12	MARTA: Physical Anthropology and Archeology Investigations of Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery
2	1	Nancy Creek Cemetery Grave Details [1]
	2	Nancy Creek Cemetery Grave Details [2]
	3	Nancy Creek Cemetery Maps
	4	Nancy Creek Cemetery Notes—Albert Martin
	5	[Nancy Creek Cemetery Vehicle Accident Report]
	6	Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery
	7	Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery by MARTA
	8	Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Church; Index to Records of
	9	Nancy Creek Primitive Baptist Church Records
	10	Occupants
	11	Recordation and Relocation of the Goodwin family Cemetery, DeKalb County, Georgia 2008

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Box	Folder	Contents
1 (oversized)		Lulie Schelpert 4 th grade spelling, Oct 25, 1895 How Gray Met the Blue in Atlanta, July 16, 1939 Chandler, Bodwell, Keel, etc family tree, May 1958 Our Dear Mother, Rachel Brown, April 16, 1881 Goodwin Home Club taxes, 1931 & 1936 Goodwin Home Club treasurer's book, 1906-1926 Cunningham Sales Convention, January 1931 Map of Fernwood, April 1913 The Tech High Rainbow, 1944-1945 (x2) The Tech High Rainbow, 1943-1944 Tech High banner The Hotel Charlotte letter and attached magazine article Survey for Dr Elizabeth Martin, April 14, 1972 Nancy Creek cemetery map, Albert Martin, September 2007
2 (oversized)		travel scrapbook
3		Goodwin Historical Society (GHS) original
4		Goodwin Historical Society (GHS) original
5		Chapman family bible
6		William & Mary book Brookhaven history Scrapbook
7		Assorted binders
8		Letters and other correspondence (mostly Ann Smith and N.B. Harris)
9		Letters and other correspondence (mostly Ann Smith and N.B. Harris)
10		Letters and other correspondence (mostly Ann Smith and N.B. Harris)
11		family bibles Assorted bank books Order book King Hardware Co., Atlanta, GA book Atlanta and West End Directory, 1876 Physician's Daily Memorandum book, 1902

2 oversized maps stored in large map drawer, Room 118