

# Estate of John Lambert records

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Estate of John Lambert (Ga.)
<b>Title:</b>	Estate of John Lambert records
<b>Dates:</b>	1786-1992
<b>Extent:</b>	0.04 cubic feet (2 microfilm rolls)
<b>Identification:</b>	MS 1513

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## Biographical/Historical Note

John Lambert, a planter in Liberty County, Georgia, died in 1786 and left his estate in trust to a group of executors who were to administer his plantation and use the proceeds of the estate for philanthropic purposes. Lambert further directed in his will that when any of the six executors died or resigned, the remaining executors were to elect another to fill his place. This practice has been continued since 1786. Today there are five executors and trustees of the Estate of John Lambert. In 1838, the Georgia Legislature passed an act which authorized the Executors of the Lambert Estate to sell the estate and vest the proceeds in stocks and other property. The land and slaves were sold at that time and the proceeds (approximately \$40,000) invested.

The Lambert Estate was incorporated in 1990. Today the estate owns a substantial amount of stocks and bonds. The non-profit provides support to needy families, churches, educational activities, and other philanthropic endeavors.

Little biographical information is available on John Lambert. He may have been orphaned at an early age. He arrived in Liberty County in 1784 from South Carolina and purchased extensive property.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of microfilmed copies of three volumes from the Estate of John Lambert. The records consist of Lambert's will, an 1832 Liberty County deed, and four volumes of accounts which cover the period of 1804-1992. The volumes record disbursements and receipts as well as other financial information such as lists of securities. Also included are the minutes of the meetings of the executors and trustees which detail elections and resignations, account reviews, and recommendations for investment. Originally, there were six volumes of accounts regarding the Lambert estate; however, two (1786-1803 and 1822-1846) can no longer be located (as of 1993).

The records of the Lambert Estate provide insight into the history of Liberty County and its inhabitants. The detailed records provide documentation of the operation of a plantation from 1786 until 1838, the treatment of slaves, the support of religious and educational organizations, and various philanthropic activities.

These records were microfilmed by the Georgia Historical Society in 1993.

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## Index Terms

Account books.  
Deeds.  
Estate of John Lambert (Ga.)  
Lambert, John, d. 1786.  
Liberty County (Ga.)--History.  
Microfilms.  
Wills.

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## Location of Originals

Original records in the possession of the Executors and Trustees of the Estate of John Lambert, Hinesville, Georgia.

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## Physical and Technical Access Restrictions

A microfilm reader is required to access this collection.

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Material was acquired from the creating organization.

### Preferred Citation

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### Acquisition Information

Gift of the Executors and Trustees of the Estate of John Lambert, 1993.

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## Restrictions

### Access Restrictions

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## Container List

### roll

- 1 X-1513-01. Will of John Lambert, 1785; deed to John Bacon for 88 acres of land in Liberty County, 1832; account book, volume 2, 1804-1821; account book, volume 4, 1847-1899 account book, volume 5, 1899-1988

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- 2 X-1513-02. Account book, volume 6, 1988-1992