

# Oglethorpe County (Ga.) Court of Ordinary estate inventories

## Descriptive Summary

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## Biographical/Historical Note

Oglethorpe County, Georgia, was created from a portion of Wilkes County in 1793, encompassing lands originally lost by the Creek and Cherokee Indians through treaties signed in 1773. It was named for James Oglethorpe. The county seat of Lexington was first settled in 1774 and named in honor of Lexington, Massachusetts; it was incorporated in 1806.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of Inventory Book I of the Oglethorpe County Court of Ordinary, 1802-1827. It includes inventories and appraisals of estates as recorded by Matthew Rainey, Clerk of the Court of Ordinary. In some instances, proceeds from estates are paid out to support orphaned children of the deceased. The estates in this volume include those of William Ashmore (d. 1803); Jesse Bowls (d. 1803); John Hardman (d. 1803); John Hudson (d. 1802); Ward Hudson; Benjamin Johnson (d. 1803); John McElroy (d. 1804); Francis Meriweather (d. 1803); Moses Penn (d. 1804); John Shoud (d. 1804); Bartholemew Shropshire (d. 1804); Betsy Simmons; Richard Simmons (d. 1803); William Stone (d. 1804); Noel Thonton (d. 1802); Simeon Weaver (d. 1804); John Wray (d. 1803); and Abraham Zuber (d. 1803).

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## Index Terms

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Orphans--Georgia--Oglethorpe County.  
Real property--Georgia--Oglethorpe County.  
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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

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### **Fldr**

- 1 Inventory Book I: Oglethorpe County Court of Ordinary, 1802-1827