

# GWINNETT GAZETEER

Lawrenceville  
Gwinnett County, Georgia

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### **The Lawrenceville Academy**

In 1822 the Inferior Court issued an order directing the clerk of said court to contract with the county surveyor or some other fit and proper person to layout and plainly mark off ten acres of land on the hill northwest of the plan of the town of Lawrenceville and that the same be set apart and reserved for the seat of the county academy. In 1832 the judges of the Inferior Court executed a deed of said ten acres to the trustees of the Lawrenceville Academy. The deed was couched in the following words:  
Georgia, Gwinnett County:

This indenture made the seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two between Asahel R. Smith, John Brewster and Reubin McClung, justices of the Inferior Court for said county, of the first part, and William Maltbie, Elisha Winn, E. W. Chester, Thomas W. Alexander, Charles W. Rawson, John Mills, William Richardson, Richard Seay, Robert S. Adair and Isham Williams, trustees of the Lawrenceville Academy, of the second part.

WITNESSETH: That the said party of the first part, for the encouragement of literature in said county as well as in consideration of the sum of five dollars to them in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargained, aliened, sold and conveyed and by these presents doth bargain, alien, sell and convey unto said parties of the second part, their successors in office, all that tract or lot of land known and distinguished in the plan of the town of Lawrenceville in said county as lot number 79, containing ten acres more or less and originally designed and appropriated for the use of said academy provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the erection on said lot of churches of any evangelical denomination of Christians by and with the consent of the major part of the trustees of said academy for the time being; and the said major part of said trustees may secure to such denomination of Christians the title to such parts of said lot of land as may be necessary for the convenience and use of such church or churches so long as the same shall be used for that purpose on such terms as may be mutually agreed on, provided that no part of said lot shall ever be used as a burying ground.

To have and to hold the said bargained premises unto the said party of the second part and their successors in office for the purposes aforesaid and no others forever in fee simple. And the said

party of the first part for themselves and their successors in office. The said bargained premises unto the said party of the second part for the purpose aforesaid the claims of all persons whatsoever will warrant and forever defend by virtue of these presents.

In testimony whereof they have hereto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and the year first before written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

Thomas W. Alexander

John P. Mills, J.P.

Asahel R. Smith, J.I.C.

Reubin McClung, J.I.C.

John Brewster, J.I.C.

The trustees of the Lawrenceville Academy made the following report for the year 1837, giving the names of the patrons, number of students and receipts and expenses of the school during that academic year: John Thompson 4 students; John S. Wilson 4; B. M. Powell 2; John Peeples 1; A. F. Lucky 2; Asahel R. Smith 2; William Maltbie 4; D. Killian 2; E. Maddox 1; William Ivy 1; John Mills 3; John Smith 1; W. J. Russell 2; Elisha Winn 3; E. Chambers 1; R. S. Adair 2; J. T. Benton 2; S. Wardlaw 2; J. R. Moore 1; Kinchin Rambo 3; Hammond Garmany 2; William Morrow 1; J. Adair 1; R. Kenney 1; Thomas Allen 2; T. Wright 1; E. C. Butler 2; Benjamin Ivy 2; H. Mackin 2; H. Moore 1; H. Lamkin 1; Wm. M. Roberts 3; William Peeples 1; J. B. Tripp 1; Wm. Roberts 1; Wm. Foster 1; J. M. McHugh 1; Mrs. Canady 1; Mrs. Medlin 1; Mrs. Sexton 3. Total male students 57; females 18. Total receipts \$301.10; expenses \$163.56. Cash on hand \$137.54.

The trustees at that time were William Maltbie, Elisha Winn, Philo Hall, John Mills.

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