



# FAMILY RESEARCH AT THE GEORGIA ARCHIVES



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GEORGIA ARCHIVES

"Creating a more highly educated Georgia"

The Georgia Archives holds:

- Permanent state government records
- Copies of county records (before 1900)
- Private manuscript collections
- Search room resources



STATE Georgia COUNTY Baker TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Milledgeville District 987 Milledgeville NAME OF INSTITUTION X

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS **218** [D1-578] SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 3 SHEET NO. 140A

FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE X (Insert proper name and, also, name of clan, as city, village, town, or borough. See instructions.) WARD OF CITY X 6001

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 31 DAY OF January 1920. W. J. Crisp ENUMERATOR 86 70

PLACE OF ABODE.				NAME	RELATION.	TENURE.		PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.				CITIZENSHIP.			EDUCATION.		NATIVITY AND MOTHER TONGUE.						Whether able to speak English.	OCCUPATION.				
of each person whose place of abode on January 1, 1920, was in this family.				Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any.	Relationship of this person to the head of the family.	Home owned or rented.		Sex.	Color or race.	Age at last birth-day.	Single, married, widowed, or divorced.	Year of immigration, if naturalized, date of naturalization.	Naturalized or alien.	If naturalized, year of naturalization.	Attended school since Sept. 1, 1919.	Whether able to read.	Whether able to write.	Place of birth of each person and parents of each person enumerated. If born in the United States, give the state or territory. If of foreign birth, give the place of birth and, in addition, the mother tongue. (See instructions.)		PERSON.	FATHER.	MOTHER.	Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, salesman, laborer, etc.	Industry, business, or establishment in which at work, as cotton mill, dry goods store, farm, etc.	Employer, salary or wage worked, or working on own account.	Number of farms scheduled.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
51	380	284	287	Harris James S	Head	R		m	W	36	m								Georgia	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	Proprietor	mill	04		
52				Ruby F	Wife			f	W	29	m								Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	yes	none				
53				Selma G	daughter			f	W	18	U								Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	yes	none				
54				Hurston	son			m	W	6	U								Georgia	Alabama	Georgia	Georgia	yes	none				
55				Rondal	son			m	W	5	U								Georgia	Alabama	Georgia	Georgia	yes	none				
56				Forvins	son			m	W	3 1/2	U								Georgia	Alabama	Georgia	Georgia	yes	none				
57	176	297	298	Wong Lim	Head	R		m	B	20	m								Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	yes	Fireman	saw mill	20		
58				Leng	Wife			f	B	19	m								Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	yes	none				
59	612			Charley	Brother			m	B	29	m								Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	yes	Teamster	saw mill	20		
60	290	288	289	Bell Dathan	Head	R		m	B	19	U								Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	yes	Laborer	saw mill	20		

## Step I: Find ancestors in the Federal Census

- The Census tells you when and where an ancestor lived- you will need this information when searching for vital records, county records, and state records.
- Start from the most recent Census (1940) and work your way back.
- Georgia Archives provides free onsite access to Census records through ancestry.com.

## VITAL RECORDS

- Birth certificate: State record
- Marriage certificate: County Probate Court record
- Divorce record: County Superior Court record
- Death certificate: State record



Death Certificates

The State of Georgia began issuing death certificates in 1919.

Closed to the public for 75 years:

- 1919-1941: Georgia Archives and online at familysearch.org (free)
- 1942-Present: State Vital Records Office or from county where the death occurred

**Research tip:** Atlanta, Augusta, Macon, and Savannah issued death & birth records before 1919. Held by local vital records office/health department. For more information see Georgia’s Vital Records handout.

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B.O.V.S. FORM 11  
FILE No. For State Registrar Only.

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1 Place of Death County of Thomson

Militia District of \_\_\_\_\_ Registration District No. \_\_\_\_\_ Registered No. 136

City of Thomsonville (No. \_\_\_\_\_ St.)

2 (FULL NAME) Mrs. George Smith

Residence. No. Maple St. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3 SEX male 4 COLOR OR RACE color 5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) married

5a If married, widowed, or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of Liza Smith

6 DATE OF BIRTH (Mo. da. yr.) \_\_\_\_\_

7 AGE 90 yrs. mos. ds. If less than 2 years state if breast fed Yes. No. If less than 1 day hrs. mins.

8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work laborer (b) General nature of industry, business or establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_

9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) Thomson

10 NAME OF FATHER Doren Smith

11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) Thomson young place

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mrs. Rosie Young

13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) Thomson grove Killis

14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE (Informant) J. N. D. Smith (Address) 107 1/2 N. 1st St. 50

15 Filed 10/22/19 Registrar William Mitchell & Co. Colman

MEDICAL PARTICULARS

16 DATE OF DEATH Oct 22 1919

17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from that I last saw him alive on Oct 12 1919 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 1:15 A m. The CAUSE OF DEATH\* was as follows: Heart disease & nephritis (duration) 9 yrs. mos. ds. CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) none (duration) 2 yrs. mos. ds. 18 Where was disease contracted? \_\_\_\_\_

Did an operation precede death? no Date of ✓

Was there an autopsy no What test confirmed diagnosis? none (Signed) Wm. J. Farrell M. D. 19 (Address) 208 S Broad

19 PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL DATE Spring Hill cem Oct 24 1919

20 UNDERTAKER William Mitchell & Co. Colman ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

IN-1118 IS A PERMANENT RECORD. It should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instruction.

## **Birth certificates are not available from the Georgia Archives**

Order birth records (1919-present) from State  
Office of Vital Records or from county where the  
birth occurred.

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## Marriage certificates

**1805-Present:** County Probate Court

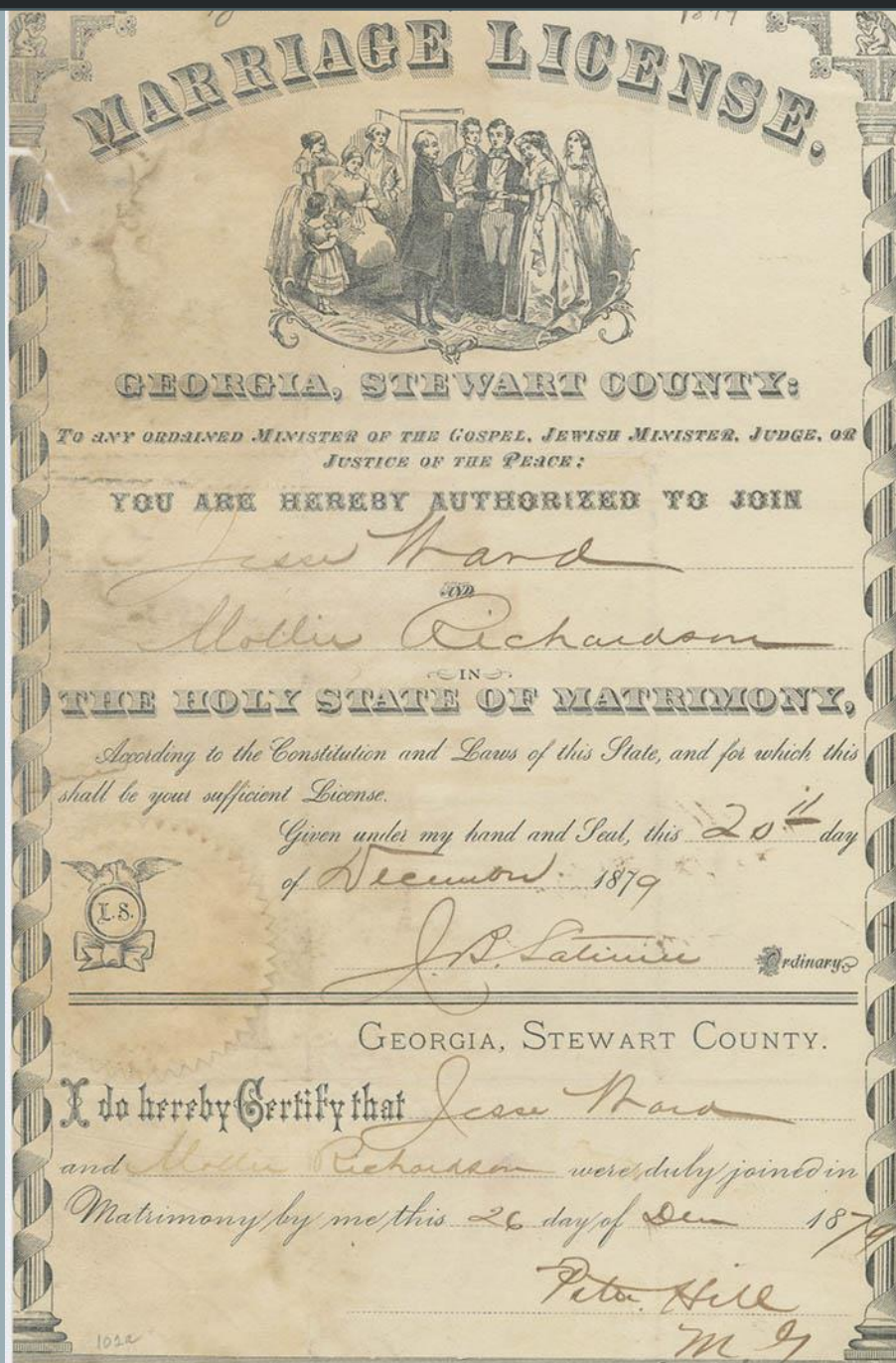
**1805-1900:** Georgia Archives county microfilm collection/ [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org)

## Divorce records

**1793-1833:** Georgia Laws and in county Superior Court records

**1833-Present:** County Superior Court

**1965-1999:** Index to divorce records on microfiche at the Georgia Archives



589  
*An Act to divorce or separate  
Walter Billingslea and Jeane his  
Wife formerly Jeane Watson; and for  
protecting each of them in their respec-  
tive Estates.*

*In Senate,  
Read 1<sup>st</sup> time January 20<sup>th</sup> 1797.  
2<sup>d</sup> time January 24<sup>th</sup> 1797.  
3<sup>d</sup> time January 25<sup>th</sup> 1797.  
Passed.*

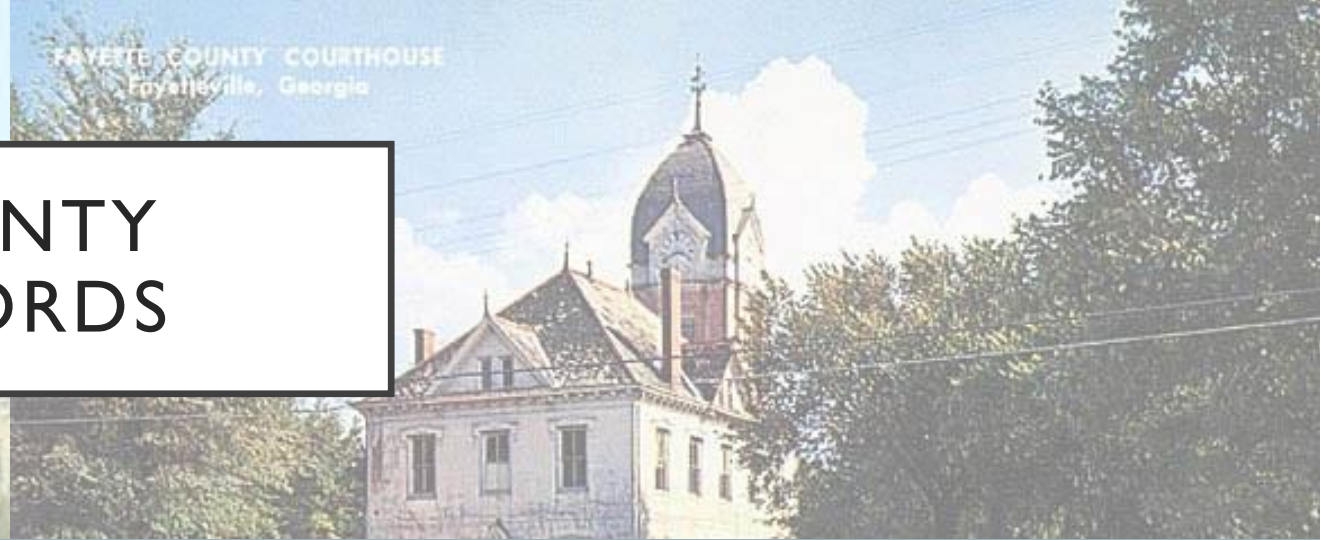
*Will. Robertson. Secy.*

*In the House of Representatives,  
Read 1<sup>st</sup> time January 30<sup>th</sup> 1797.  
2<sup>d</sup> time February 4<sup>th</sup> 1797.  
3<sup>d</sup> time February 6<sup>th</sup> 1797.  
Passed.*

*Jas. McSummers  
Clerk.*

*10 Feb 1797*





# COUNTY RECORDS

## Microfilm County Records (1777-1900)

- GA Archives holds a large collection of county records on microfilm. Includes: estate records, marriages, deeds...
- No records for counties created after 1900
- For recent county records (after 1900) visit the county court house where originals held





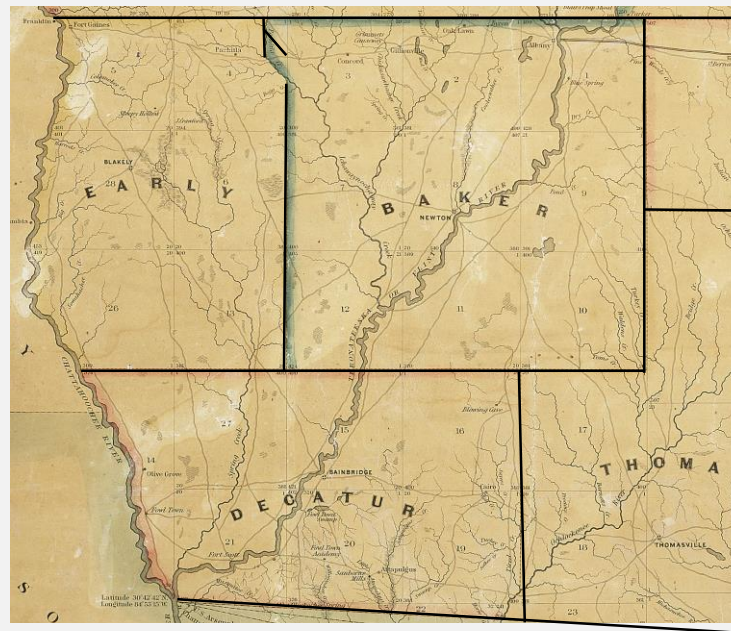
# Georgia county boundaries changed over time:

Southwest corner of Georgia

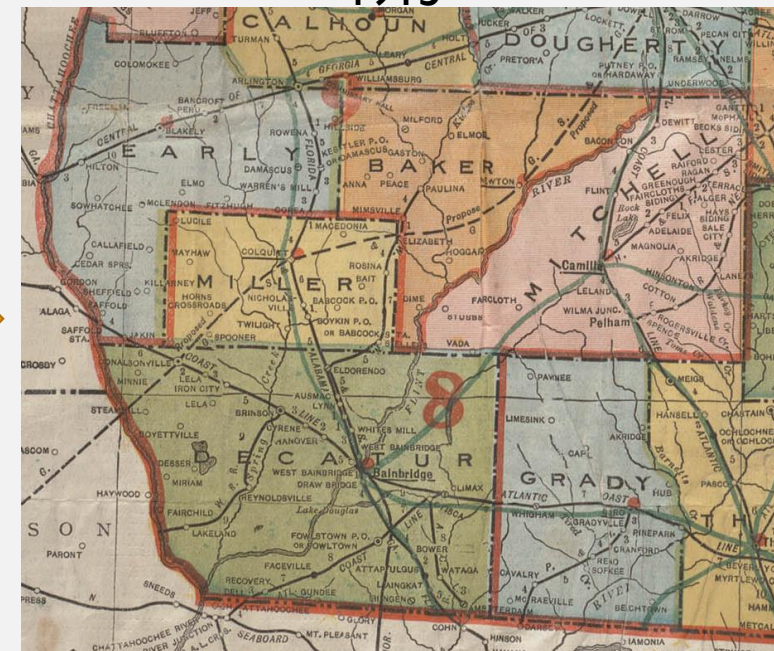
1823



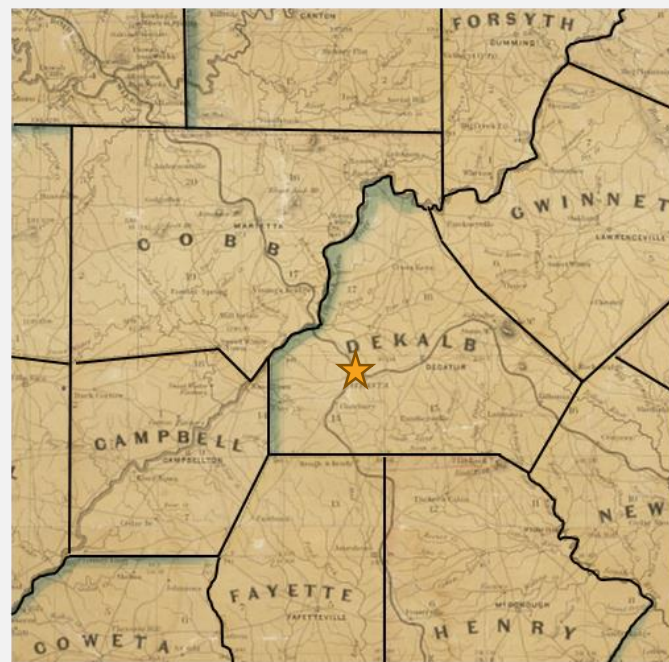
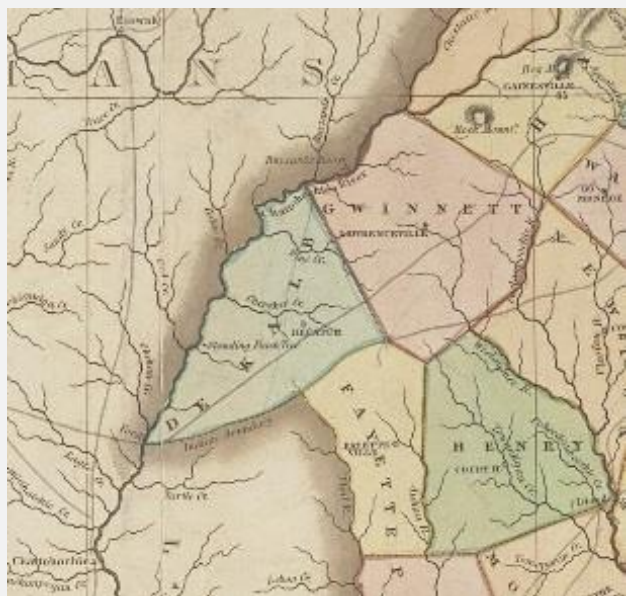
1847



1915



(modern day) Atlanta area





How do you know if you are looking for records in the right county?

- Use census and tax records to verify which county your family was counted in
- Check **Georgia Counties: Their Changing Boundaries**, full text online:

<http://vault.georgiaarchives.org/cdm/compoundobject/collection/adhoc/id/4377/rec/1>





## Microfilm Library

- Scan to a personal flashdrive for free
- Prints are 30 cents a page
- To find microfilm locations use microfilm card catalog; available on-site or online:

<http://vault.georgiaarchives.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/countycards>



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90	67	1854-1856	Book G1	"	498-9
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			Book J	"	500
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Microfilm card catalog



# Probate Court

Also called Inferior Court or Ordinary Court

- **Estate records**

Available on microfilm- Some probate records available online:

**Ancestry:** Georgia, Wills and Probate Records, 1742-1992

**Familysearch.org** (free): Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990

- **Marriage Records**

- **Apprenticeship/Indenture Registers, 1800-1930**

Available on microfilm

## Some types of estate records:

**Wills:** Disposes of property and names executor; may name members of the family and specify relationships

**Inventory and Appraisement:** List of property and its value

**Annual Return:** Lists transactions during the year to settle the estate

**Guardianship records:** Lists minor orphans of the deceased and names their guardian(s)

**Widow's/Year's Support:** Lists property available for the support of the widow- may name children

### **Administrator**

**Bonds/Letters/Appointment:** Names the administrator(s) of the estate

**Vouchers and Receipts:** Names of heirs signing for their share of estate



## Some things that wills may tell you...

My Plantation, known as the Knuckles place  
containing about 1000. Acres Also the following

land in the 12<sup>th</sup> District No 214 in Henry County my

Gives description or location of land owned.  
Look for number of acres and lot and district  
numbers.

Children the names of the four Negroes is as follows  
Bill a man about twenty five years of age his wife Malisa  
about twenty two years of age and their infant child  
about four months old named Mary and one girl named  
Ruth about two years old.

“...Bill a man about 25 years of age, his wife Malisa about 22 years of age and their infant child about 4 months old named Mary and one girl named Ruth about 10 years old...”

Before emancipation in 1865, wills  
may list names of slaves and  
sometimes relationships between  
slaves. Inventory and appraisements  
may also list slaves by name.

8<sup>th</sup> I Nominate My Son John S. Jackson and  
my brother James W. Jackson as my Exrs.  
to Carry out this my last Will & Testament

Indicates family relationships

2<sup>nd</sup> I Will and bequeath to my beloved Wife  
Nancy S. Jackson the Plantation whereon  
I now live containing Near 1000. Acres

5<sup>th</sup> I Will & bequeath to my beloved Daughter  
Martha A. Harris the following negro



The condition of the above obligation is such,  
That whereas the said Demary L. Baldwin is  
this day appointed guardian to Benjamin L. Baldwin, G. Baldwin orphans of  
Jenny L. Baldwin du<sup>ce</sup> now if the  
said Demary L. Baldwin  
do well and truly demean ~~himself~~ as guardian aforesaid, agreeable to letters of guar-  
dianship, bearing even date herewith, and agreeable to law in such case made and

Excerpt from a Guardianship record from Oglethorpe County, 1828

In the matter of the Application of Mrs. H. E. J. Banks  
widow of G. M. Banks, late of Oglethorpe County, Georgia,  
deceased, for year's support for herself and minor children of said deceased to-wit:  
Colley Banks, 17 years of age, Ora Banks, 15 years  
of age  
It appearing to the Court That a majority of the appraisers appointed by this Court to  
set apart and assign to the said widow and minor children of said deceased a year's support have  
filed their report within the time required by law, setting apart to said widow and minor child  
One 2 horse wagon - valued at Ten Dollars (\$10.00)  
and an Equity of redemption in a certain  
tract of land lying and being in the 23<sup>rd</sup>

Excerpt from a Widow's support record from Oglethorpe County, 1908

Savannah 26<sup>th</sup> June 1804  
Inventory of the Personal property of Doct<sup>r</sup> George  
Gaterer Dec<sup>d</sup> -

1 Negro Wench Charlotte	\$ 300 00
1 do Boy David	250 00
1 do do	275 00
2 Tuncars	2 00
1 Self spring Lancets & Case	5 00
1 Mortars & Pestols	4 00
1 Case containing 1 Blade	20 00
1/2 doz Silver Table spoons	18 00
1 silver dividing spoon	5 00
2 do Tea spoons	1 00
1 Self Castors	5 00
1 1/2 doz Decanters & Tobacco pipes	3 00
1 Self Surgical Pocket Instruments	3 00
1 Gold Watch Chain & seal	60 00
8 doz duck Towels	2 00
2 old diaper Napkins	1 00
1 1/2 Sheets	3 00
1 Looking Glass	1 50
1 Desk	6 00
1 Shade & candlestick	2 00
1 Lot smooking Tobacco	10 00
1 Shaving brush	5 00
German Books &c	10 00

Excerpt from an Inventory and Appraisement record from Chatham County, 1804



Excerpt from Oglethorpe County Apprenticeship/Indenture Register, 1867

Do hereby bind unto Richard P. Arnold of said County Henry ten  
 year old Lucy eight year old and Emma four year old  
 orphan minors of Rhoda a woman of Color now deceased,  
 said three minors having no estate for their support and  
 maintenance. The said three minors to wit Henry Lucy  
 and Emma are hereby bound unto the said Richard P. Arnold  
 until each shall arrive at the age of twenty one year, to serve  
 him the said Arnold as field hands and house servants,

“...do hereby bind unto Richard P. Arnold of said County Henry ten year old Lucy eight year old and Emma four year old orphan minors of Rhoda a woman of color now deceased, said three minors having no estate for their support and maintenance. The said three minors to wit Henry, Lucy and Emma are hereby bound unto the said Richard P. Arnold until each shall arrive at the age of twenty one years to serve him the said Arnold as field hands and house servants...”



# Superior Court

- **Deeds**

Available on microfilm; originals held at the county Superior Court.

- **Tax Digests**

Some available on microfilm/microfiche; some available as original records; some pre-1890 digests are scanned and on [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com).

- **Criminal and civil case files**

Some early case files available as original records at the Georgia Archives; others held by the County Superior Court.



other part, witnesseth that the said J.P. Bowers does  
by these presents grant bargain sell and convey  
unto the said Job Bowers a certain parcel of  
land situated in Franklin & Hart County,  
on waters of Double Branch Creek forming  
lands of said J.P. Bowers, James Cheek & others,  
being the place on which E. Bowers built a mill  
also including fifteen acres formerly known  
as the Hannah Milner place, bought and  
added to said mill place, bounded by the following  
by the following lines Beginning at a P.O.  
on west side of Mill branch above Pond,  
thence N. 65° W. 23 chains to a Maple tree N. 40° E.

This Indenture made and en-  
tered into this 28th day of Decem-  
ber 1839 between J.P. Bowers of Franklin County of  
the one part and Job Bowers of Hart County of the  
other part witnesseth that the said J.P. Bowers does  
hereby grant bargain sell and convey  
unto the said Job Bowers a certain parcel of  
land in Franklin & Hart County,  
on waters of Double Branch Creek forming  
lands of said J.P. Bowers, James Cheek & others,  
being the place on which E. Bowers built a mill  
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lines Beginning at a P.O.  
on west side of Mill branch above Pond,  
thence N. 65° W. 23 chains to a Maple tree N. 40° E.  
thence S. 35° E. 3.50. wht oak, S. 56° W. 11.50.  
line thence with said part line to a Pine tree  
of Howard Durmy, thence with Howard's line  
to the Mill branch thence up said branch  
thence Eastwardly to a wht oak, near Mill  
thence to a Apple tree, thence, S. 65° E. 3.50. P.O.  
thence to a P.O. S. 65° E. 10. to a Hickory thence  
thence to the Beginning P.O. containing  
15 acres more or less, To have and  
to hold unto him the said Job Bowers his  
heirs and assigns, with all and singular  
the rights and members that pertain to  
said land and mill,  
And I the said J.P. Bowers do warrant  
and well ever defend the right  
and title of said land to the said Job

Franklin County Deed, 1839

“...a certain parcel of land situated in Franklin and Hart County, on waters of Double Branch Creek bounding lands of said J.P. Bowers, James Cheek and others, being the place on which E. Bowers built a mill also including fifteen acres formerly known as the Hannah Milner place...”

1839



## Tax Digests

List:

- Males ages 21-60
- Women who owned property
- Acreage (if any)
- Taxes paid

Early tax digests list

- Neighbors
- Number of slaves
- Original land owner
- Creeks or rivers on the land

Captain Holsenback, Dyer	Neigey 1/2 2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	To whom Granted	By whom Banned	What Water	What County	1861
Alexander Jordan			250		Self	No. 50	10 Dyer	Hall	625
Royal Bryan	1		200		Wallon	Amey	Bear C.	Franklin	
One cow in horse			122		Harrington	Vaughan	do	do	6005
Seas \$40			600		Self	Perry	do	do	
			2024		St. Burt	No. 141	21 Dyer	Williamson	
George Thig			100		Academy	No. 38	Shoals C.	Franklin	43 1/2
Robert McFarland			200		Harrington	Roach	Bear C.	do	562 1/2
and Roach			300		Hindley	McFarland	do	do	812 1/2
James Roach			100		Land	do	do	do	
James Sewell		40	160		Graham	White	Broad C.	do	862 1/2
			200		Kennedy	W. Guber	Travis C.	do	
John Chandler	2		250		Harrington	600	Bear C.	do	143 1/2
			250		Self	No. 9	7 Dyer	Early	
James Dany			200		St. Vance	McFarland	Bear C.	Franklin	562 1/2
Barnes Lee			1044		Academy	Unknown	Shoals C.	do	445
William Burrough									312 1/2
George P. Burrough									312 1/2
Henry P. Burrough			250		Self	No. 232	12 Dyer	Early	625
Samuel Sewell			270		Harrington	Reed	Bear C.	Franklin	101 1/2
			490		Self	No. 268	4 Dyer	Drewin	
Nichols Sewell			400		Graham	Grady	Bear C.	Franklin	812 1/2
Joshua Vaughan			637		Chandler	Chandler	do	do	148 1/4
			490		Self	No. 452	5 Dyer	Thig	



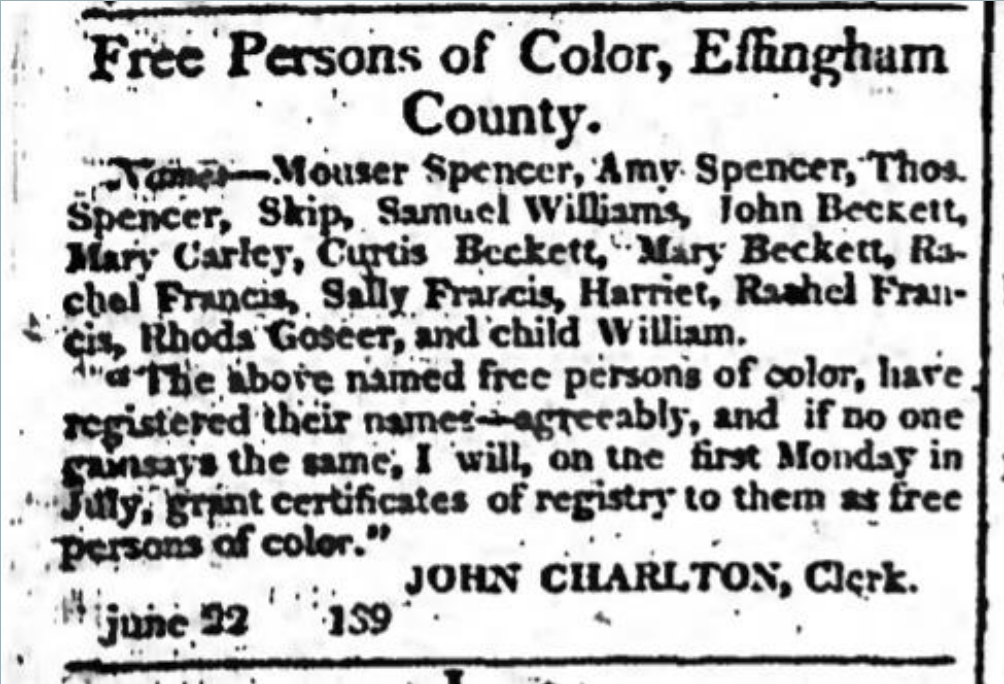
County Superior or Probate Court

NAME.	Age.	Parentage.	Nativity.	Residence.	Occupation or Pursuit.	Description.
Patsy King	68	Cherney King	Greene County, Geo.	Richmond County	Nurse.	Brown
Cherney King	37	Patsy King	" " "	" "	Cook Washer & Ironer	"
Sovey King	28	Patsy King	Troup " "	" "	" " " "	"
Edward See King	17	Cherney King	" " "	" "	Sabrer.	"
Robert A. Harper	41	Polly Keating.	Augusta.	" "	Piano Tuner.	Mulatto.
Martina Kelly	42	Juno Kelly	"	" "	Washer & Ironer.	Brown.
Jane Johnson	37	Nancy Johnson.	"	" "	Seamstress.	Mulatto.
Laura Scott	23	Ann Scott.	"	" "	"	"
P. H. King	21	M. H. King	P. H. King	"	"	"

▲ Richmond County Free Persons of Color Register, 1863, RG 221-2-3.

**Free Persons of Color registers, 1796-1864**  
Registers list name, age, occupation, and may list property and white sponsor.

Available for 21 counties, and 1 city: Appling, Baldwin, Camden, Chatham, City of Savannah, Clarke, Columbia, Elbert, Emanuel, Hancock, Jefferson, Jones, Liberty, Lincoln, Lumpkin, Morgan, Pulaski, Richmond, Taliaferro, Thomas, Warren, Wilkes.



▲ Savannah Daily Republican, Jul. 11, 1820 -- page 1

# STATE RECORDS

A few examples...

- Governor's records
- Records of the State Legislature
  - Laws
  - House and Senate Journals
- Surveyor General records
  - Original land grants and plats
  - County and historic maps
- Prison System records





# Use Surveyor General's records for:

- Land research
- Documenting ancestors in early Georgia
- County or city research
- Documenting early military service










Land grant to Mary Sharp in Burke County, 1791, RG 3-4-12.

Know the powers in me vested I HAVE given and granted, and, by these Presents, in the name and behalf of the said state, DO give and grant unto *Mary Sharp* her heirs and assigns forever, ALL that tract or parcel of land, containing *Two hundred* acres, situate, lying, and being, in the county of *Burke* in the said state, and butting and bounding *Northward by Vacant Land - Southward by Bass Land - Southwest by Dutch Survey and - Northwest by Cadis Land -*

Georgia By the Court of Justices of the County of Burke  
N<sup>o</sup>. 11: To Robert Osborne Esq<sup>r</sup>. County Surveyor for said County  
You are hereby Authorized and required to Admeasure and lay out, or cause to be Admeasured and laid out unto *Mary Sharp*, A tract of Land which shall contain *Two Hundred* Acres, in the said County of *Burke*, Adjoining Land of *Drumy Bass* and *John Handberry* and the Dutch Survey  
 (on her head rights.)

Warrant for land granted to Mary Sharp, 1790, RG 3-4-5.

385  
STATE OF GEORGIA.  
*Edward Telfair* Captain-General, Commander in Chief in and over the said State, and of the Militia thereof, do hereby these Presents shall come, GREETING:  
In pursuance of the Act for opening the Land-office, and by virtue in me vested I HAVE given and granted, and, by these Presents, of the said state, DO give and grant unto *Mary Sharp* her heirs and assigns forever, ALL that tract or parcel of land, containing *Two hundred* acres, situate, lying, and being, in the county of *Burke* in the said state, and butting and bounding *Northward by Vacant Land - Southward by Bass Land - Southwest by Dutch Survey and - Northwest by Cadis Land -* running at a R. O. + running East fifty one Chains 50 links to a Span Oak + No. 25 + East forty Seven Ch<sup>s</sup> to a p. O. + No. Seventy one West thirty three Chains to a pine + and Southwest fifty two Ch<sup>s</sup> 50 links to the beginning -  
having such shape, form, and marks, as appear by a plat of the same hereunto annexed; together with all and singular the rights, members, and appurtenances thereof, whatsoever, to the said tract or parcel of land belonging, or in any wise appertaining; and also all the estate, right, title, interest, claim, and demand of the State aforesaid; to, in, to, or out of, the same: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract or parcel of land, and all and singular the premises aforesaid, with their and every of their rights, members, and appurtenances, unto the said *Mary Sharp* her heirs and assigns, to her and their own proper use and behoof forever, in Fee simple.  
GIVEN under my hand, and the great seal of the said state, this *Second* day of *March* in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one; and in the fifteenth year of American Independence.  
Signed by his Excellency the Governor } *Edw<sup>d</sup> Telfair*  
the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of March 1791 }  
*John M. Smith S. C. D.*  
Registered the *5<sup>th</sup>* Day of *March* 1791 -



STATE OF GEORGIA.

THIS is to certify, That *W<sup>m</sup> Nelson* —  
 was *Indistinct* to serve as a *Soldier*  
 in the *first* — Battalion of Minute-Men, raised for  
 the Defence of this State, by Resolve of Assembly,  
 passed the 3d June, 1777; and that the said *W<sup>m</sup>*  
*Nelson* was not, at the Time of his  
*Indistinct* an Inhabitant of this State, nor  
 had he resided in any Part thereof for *Three*  
 Months preceeding his *Indistinct* And further,  
 That he was in Service at the Time the said Battalion  
 was reduced by a subsequent Resolve of March 1st,  
 1778.

Given under my Hand, at *Augusta* this  
*7th* Day of *April* 1784.

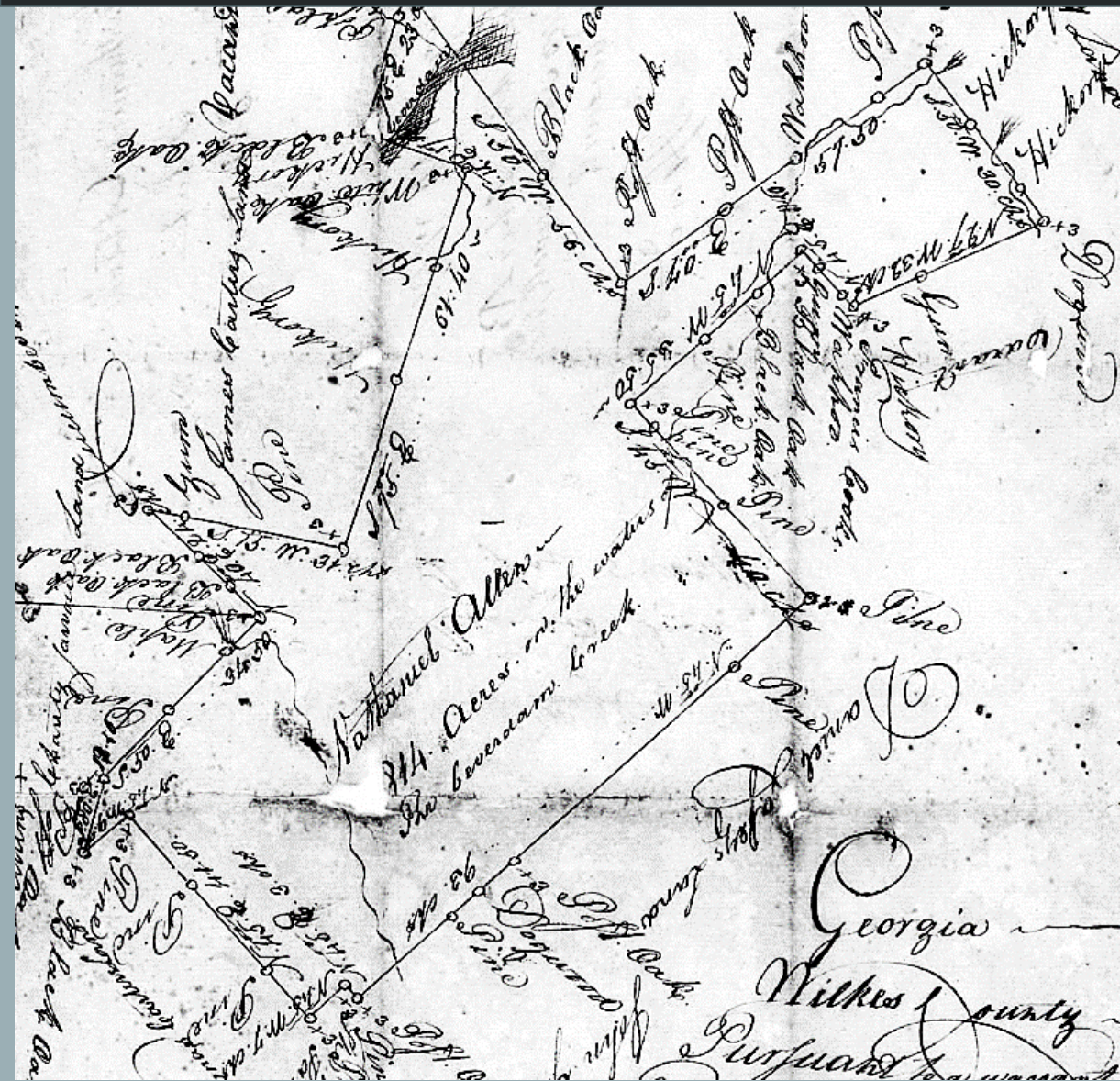
By his Order *E. Clarke Lt Col*  
*H. Trumans*

State of Georgia  
 This is to certify that Jonathan Webster  
 hath faithfully done his duty since the passing  
 an act at Augusta to of the 20<sup>th</sup> August 1781  
 till the total expulsion of the British from  
 State and that he cannot to my  
 knowledge or belief be convicted of plun-  
 dering or disturbing the country and is  
 therefore under said act entitled to a  
 Bounty of 25 acres of Land given under  
 my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1784.  
 By his order *H. Trumans* *Najah Clarke Col.*

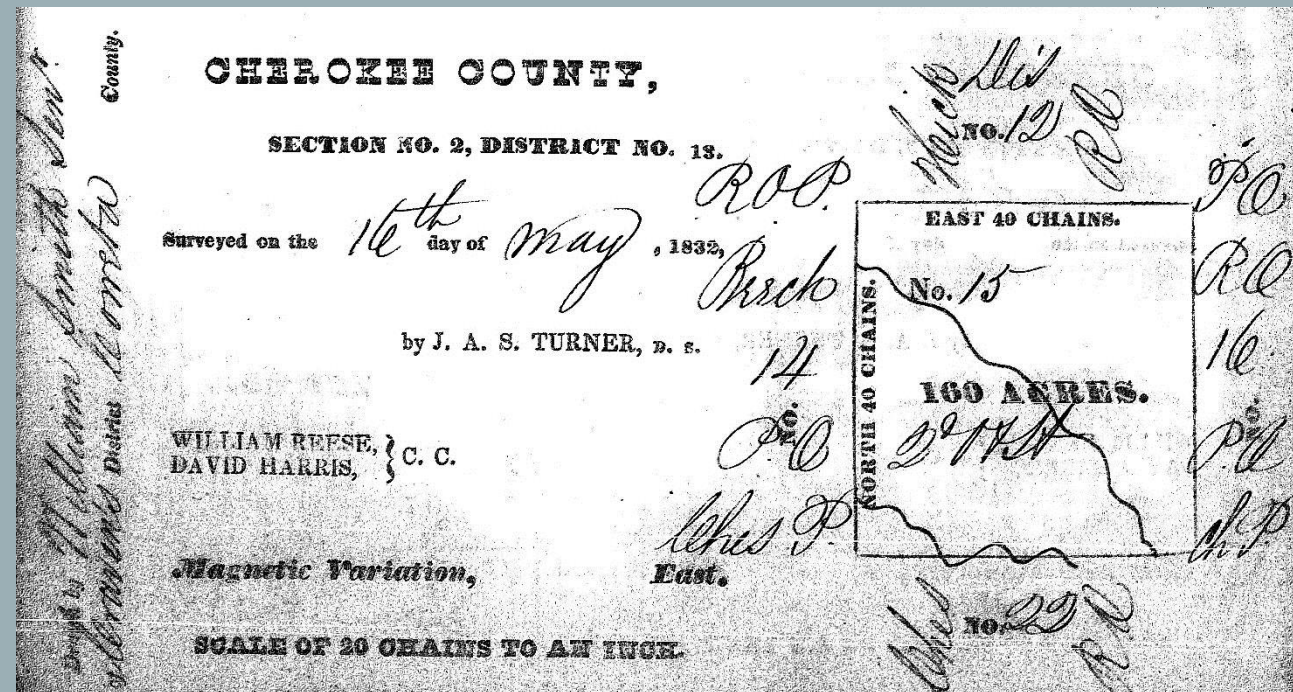
Surveyor General, Headright and Bounty documents, RG 3-4-5

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Headright plat, Wilkes County, Georgia  
Granted to Nathaniel Allen, 1790



1832 Land lottery plat, original Cherokee County, Georgia  
Section 2, District 13, Land lot 15  
Lot won by William Smith Senr. of Craven's Georgia Militia District,  
Coweta County



Surveyor General's Records, Record Group 3

## Land District Number

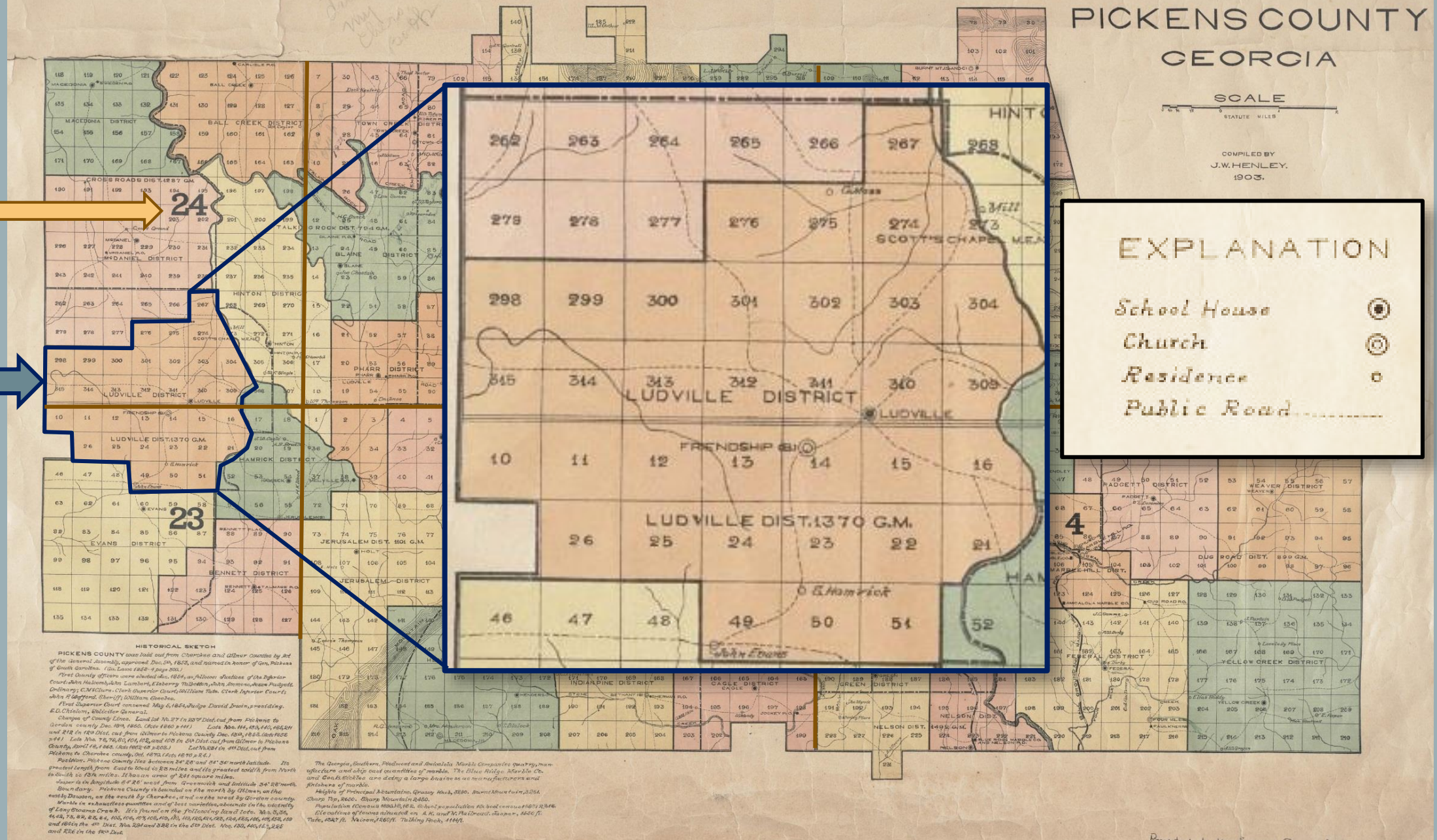
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**Militia District**


- Civil divisions within a county

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- Used in many records including census and tax





School House                      ⊙  
Church                              ⊙  
Residence                        ○  
Public Road.....

[illegible]

Original 1832 plat



NAMES.	Crime.	When Received.	Sentence Expires.	County where Convicted.	Occupation.	Birth Place.	No. of Sentences.	Age.	Height.		Complexion.	Color of Hair.	Color of Eyes.
									Feet.	Inches.			
Robert Floyd	Larceny from house	5 Oct 16 1841	Oct 16 1846	Madison	Farmer	Georgia	1	22	5	10	Dark	Dark	Dark
Robert Mutton	Receiving Stolen Goods	3 Nov 1	Nov 1 1844	Datnall	"	"	1	26	5	10	"	"	Blue
Patrick Flanagan	Larceny from house	3 " 7	" 7	Campbell	Sailor	Ireland	1	27	5	5 1/2	Light	Light	Light
Jonathan Cantrell	" " "	3 " "	" " "	"	Carpenter	So Ca	1	"	5	10 1/2	"	"	Gray
William Davis	Horse Stealing	4 " 9	" 9 1845	Butts	Farmer	So Ca	1	41	5	7 1/2	Dark	Dark	Dark
George C. Durden	Involuntary Manslaughter	1 Jan 29 1842	Jan 29 1843	McIntosh	Sailor	Massachusetts	1	29	5	10	Light	Light	Blue
Thomas Long	Attempt to Murder	2 " "	" 1844	Liberty	Farmer	So Ca	1	35	5	9 1/2	Dark	Gray	"
James Wills	Larceny from house	3 Feb 11	Feb 11 1845	Richmond	Boatman	Sweden	1	25	5	7	Fair	Light	Gray
George Masterson	Simple Larceny	5 " "	" 1847	"	Painter	Virginia	5	27	5	6	"	"	"
William F. H.	Manslaughter	4 " "	" 1846	"	Farmer	So Ca	1	25	5	7 1/2	Light	"	"
John J. Mitchell	Vagrancy	2 March 6	March 6 1844	Chatham	Seaman	Virginia	1	62	6	1 1/2	Dark	Gray	Dark
Thomas W. Bryant	Forgery	5 " "	" 1847	"	Clerk	Georgia	1	21	5	7	"	Dark	"
Miss M. Pond	Simple Larceny	3 " 22	" 1845	"	"	"	1	19	5	7 1/2	"	"	Blue

## Central Register of Convicts, 1817-1976

A State of Georgia prison system register listing prisoners convicted of felonies and misdemeanors. Lists information about the prisoner and sentence. Name searchable on [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)

Personal Description, Marks, &c.		Date of Discharge.	
Discharged		Pardoned Sept 15 1846	
"		" Nov 8 1843	
Served only his Sentence		Pardoned Nov 8 1845	



RETURN OF

REGISTERED in Precinct No.

, County of

Chatham

, State of GEORGIA, by the Board of Registration, for the 1st Election District, in pursuance of "An act supplementing the laws of this State relating to the registration of voters."

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Number.	DATE OF REGISTRY.	Check when Voting.	NAMES OF VOTERS.	OATH.		COLOR.	TIME OF RESIDENCE.			NATIVE.
				Book.	Page.		In State.	In County.	In Precinct.	
481 ✓		✓	Huff Cornelius	✓	241	White ✓	9	✓	9	N.C.
2 ✓			West Allen	✓	"	Col'd	39	✓	12	ga
3 ✓			West William	✓	242	"	13	✓	13	1c
4 ✓		✓	Harris Prince	✓	"	"	28	✓	28	ga
5 ✓			Adams Munday	✓	243	"	20	✓	2	S.C.
6 ✓			Sandiford James E	✓	"	White ✓	34	✓	14	ga
7 ✓			David Sam	✓	244	Col'd	58	✓	30	"
8 ✓			Grant Isaac	✓	"	"	48	✓	48	"
9 ✓		✓	Charlton March	✓	245	"	45	✓	45	"
490 ✓			Porter Joshua	✓	"	"	24	✓	2	"

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			West William	✓	242	"	13	✓	13	1c
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2 ✓		✓	Bryant Moses	✓	"	Col'd	25	✓	4 May	ga
3 ✓			Walker Daniel	✓	252	"	25	✓	25	"

Returns of Qualified Voters, 1867

Includes African American and white men over the age of 21 who took an oath of allegiance to the United States government after the Civil War.



Academy and Poor School lists sent to the Governor, 1826-1866,  
RG 1-1-117

May include student or parent's name, age, grade level, attendance and curriculum. Available on microfilm.

**Researcher tip:**  
Before 1850, the Census only lists the name of the head of household-children are not named. School lists are one of the records that name children before 1850.

Names of Children	Sexes	Ages		Capt. date in which they reside	Remarks
		years	months		
Elizabeth M. Abney	Female	13	"	Lyonsville	
James M. Adams	Male	13	"	ditto	
William Adams	"	10	"	ditto	

Jones County Poor School list, 1829, RG 1-1-117

Names of Students	Age	Greek	Latin	Mathematics	Philosophy	Grammar	Orthography	Spelling & Reading	Rhetoric	History	Geography	Logic	Pictorial
Miss Louisa	14	1	1	1	1				1			1	
L. Brown	19	1	1	1	1				1			1	
E. Grinstead	18	1	1	1	1				1	1		1	

Jones County Clinton Academy  
report, 1834, RG 1-1-117



# QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANT.

STATE OF GEORGIA,

*Oconee* County. }

*W.S. Parker*

of said State and County, desiring to avail himself of the Pension Act approved December 15th, 1894, hereby submits his proofs, and after being duly sworn true answers to make to the following questions, deposes and answers as follows:

1. What is your name and where do you reside? (give State, County and post office)  
*William S. Parker Garwood Oconee Co Ga*
2. Where did you reside on January 1st, 1894, and how long have you been a resident of this State?  
*Oconee Co Ga. near Watkingville - 61 years*
3. When and where were you born?  
*Henry County Ga. in 1833*
4. Did you volunteer in the Confederate Army or in the Georgia Militia?  
*In Confederate*
5. When and where did you enlist?  
*Davinton Newton Co Ga. May 1862*
6. In what company and regiment did you enlist?  
*Co "B" 53 Ga Reg*
7. How long did you remain in that company and regiment?  
*about 2 1/2 years*
8. If you were discharged from same and joined another, or if you were transferred to another, give an account of such discharge or transfer?  
*Was discharged in the fall of 1864*
9. For how long a period did you discharge regular military duty?  
*2 1/2 years*
10. When, where and under what circumstances were you discharged from service?  
*On account of sickness*
11. What is your present occupation?  
*Farmer - when able to do any thing*

- Granted by State where the veteran or widow lived
- Granted to men who served in Confederate army or State Militia or to soldier's widow
- Granted between 1879-1960, most granted between 1895-1920.
- To receive pension applicant was poor and/or disabled.
- Available in the Georgia Archives Virtual Vault.



AN ACT to legitimatise and change the names of certain persons therein named.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the name of George A. Wilson be changed to that of George A. Millican, and that he is hereby declared to be fully and completely legitimatised and entitled to all the right and legal privileges that he would have been, had he been born in lawful wedlock, and be fully capable of inheriting and receiving all manner of property, by virtue of the statute of distribution of this State, so far as relates to the real and personal estate of Samuel Millican, his reputed father—And that the names of Martha Yon, Jesse Yon, and Jason Yon be changed to that of Martha Gardner, Jesse Gardner, and Jason Gardner, and they are hereby declared to be fully and completely legitimatised and entitled to all the rights and legal privileges that they would have been, had they been born in lawful wedlock, and fully capable of taking and inheriting and receiving all*

Georgia Laws, 1826

Early Georgia laws approved divorces, the freeing of slaves, name changes, and payments for death or injury.

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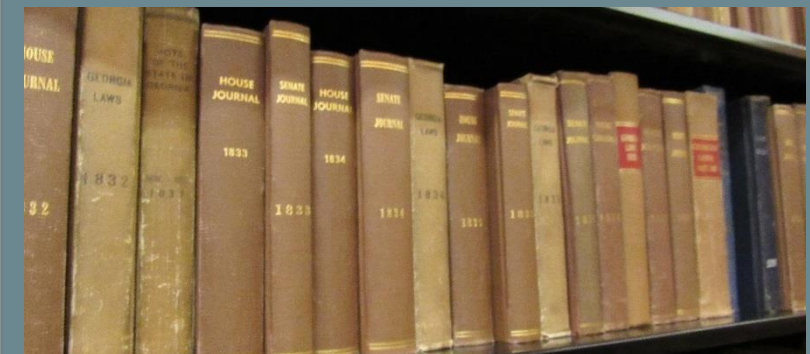
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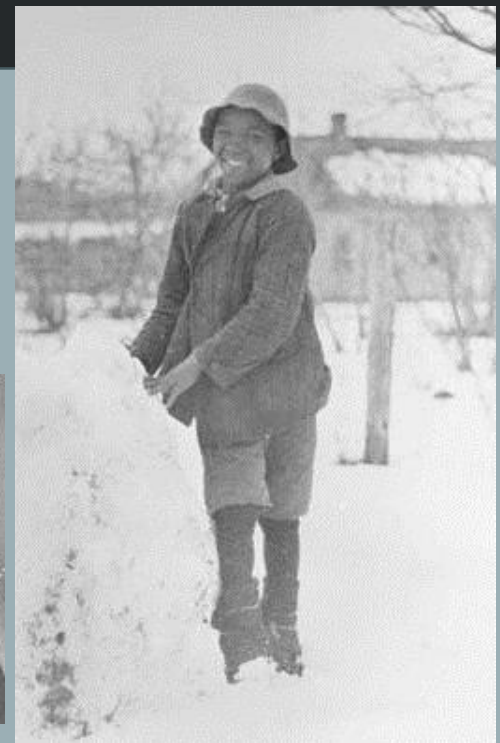


Published volumes are available in the Georgia Archives Reference Room.



## Vanishing Georgia Collection

- 18,000 images
- Images came from people who brought their photographs to be copied by archives staff
- Online in the Virtual Vault; Search by keyword, county, town, subject
- Use the keyword search to search for named people in the photographs



Search Vanishing Georgia online:

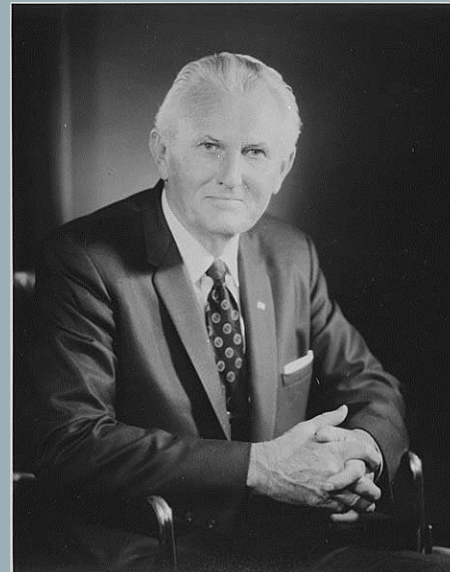
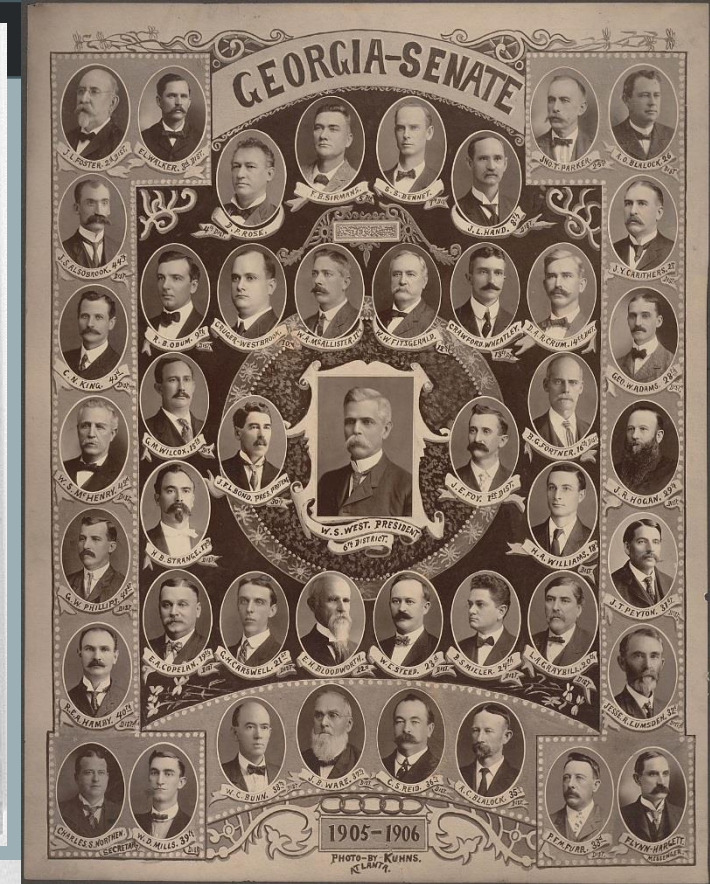
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# Visual Materials

Other visual materials collections include photographs of:

- State Legislators, 1880s-2000s
- State government officials
- Individuals or groups who had pictures taken with the Governor, 1970s-early 2000s



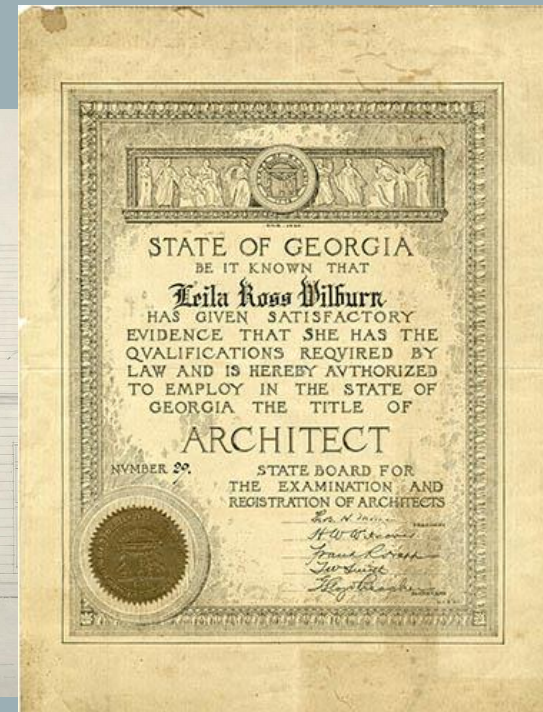
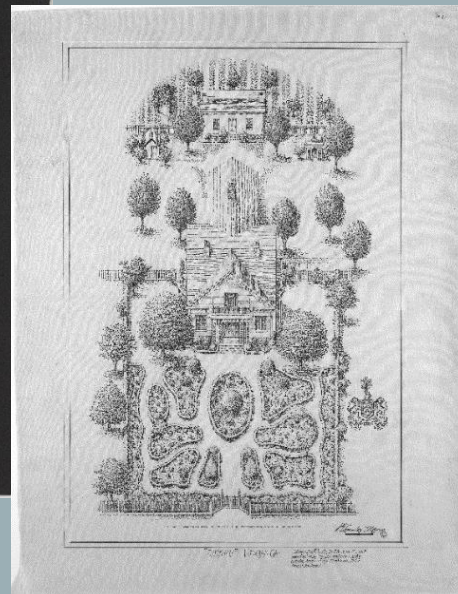


# MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

- Manuscript collections are private papers (not created by state government/agencies) donated to the Georgia Archives
- Some are available on microfilm; others are only available as original records
- Manuscript collections may include business records, correspondence, photographs, scrapbooks, organization minutes, sheet music, or drawings

Dear Annie  
Milledgeville, Georgia, May 25<sup>th</sup> 1837  
I received your letter, dated the 8<sup>th</sup> inst., and  
feel much obliged to you for it, and regret  
that you did not commit it to the clerk in New York, as it would have  
reached me in eight days from thence, and I fear being so late to  
make any information I can communicate available in compiling  
your father's biography. I shall give you such facts as I can find without  
any attempt at arrangement, and leave you to select from them, such  
as you may desire to be embodied in them  
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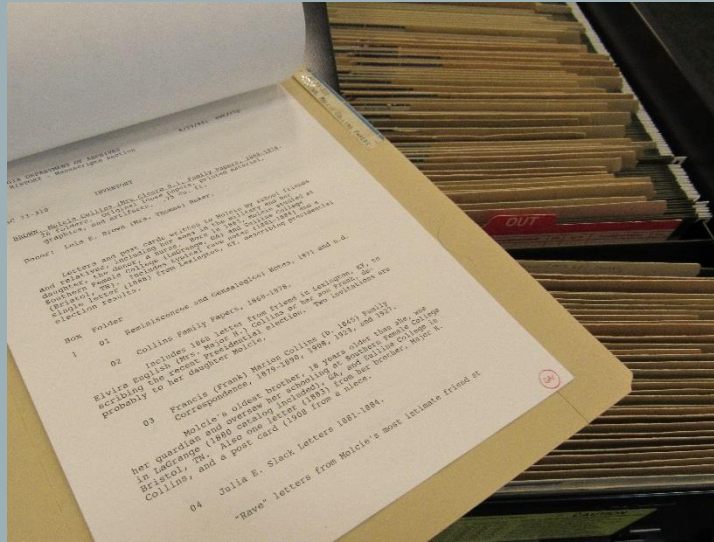
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## A few ways to search manuscripts....

- Manuscript collection records are searchable in GIL, the online catalog: <http://gil.georgiaarchives.org/>
- Use the on-site card catalog to search by the collection name, subject, type (diary, letters...), or geographic location
- Inventories of larger manuscript collections are kept in the black vertical file cabinet in the microfilm library



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- Use a minus sign before a term you want to omit from your results (e.g. "bass-fish" finds surname Bass but not bass fishing)
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## Jasper County - Superior Court - Case Files

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These civil and criminal case files of the Superior Court are very often incomplete. In many instances only portions of the papers that should be found on a given case are actually in the file. The type of documents that are included are not consistent from one case to another. All names in the finding aid are spelled as they appeared on the documents. The inclusive dates are approximate. A cross referenced listing is located in Box...[See more >](#)

### Dates

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## Unpublished Official State Records

**Item Description:** Petition

**Folder or file name (if available):** Aaron, John vs.  
Samuel B. Ewing

**Series Title:** Superior Court case file

**Agency Name:** Jasper County

**Record Group Number:** 179-1-1

**Name of Institution:** Georgia Archives

## Private Manuscripts

**Item Description:** Alfredo Barili Conservatorium  
der Musik, Coeln Diploma, 1875

**Collection Title:** Alfredo Barili Family Papers

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# SEARCH ROOM RESOURCES

- Free access to Ancestry.com, familysearch.org, Fold3
- Staff to help guide you to appropriate resources for your research, demonstrate how to use the equipment, and generally help you meet your research needs.
- Book copiers and scanner
- Free handouts- ancestry charts, guides to documenting family in Georgia, vital records etc.







## Search Room Book Library

Searchable in **GIL** online catalog

### County books

- Indexes to county records
- County histories
- Cemetery books
- Newspaper indexes

### City directories

Indexes to war records (service, pension etc.)

### Law books

### Lineage society books



## Family Folder Vertical Files

Collected material donated to the Georgia Archives relating to a specific family and arranged by last name.



## Family Bible Records on microfilm

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