It’s Not Online: Original Records and Records on Microfilm at the Georgia Archives
It’s Not Online

• Records on Microfilm
  – Gaps in records made available online
  – Records microfilmed by the Georgia Archives
• Original Records not available online or on microfilm
• How to locate these records
  – Before visiting the Georgia Archives
  – At the Georgia Archives
Microfilming Program

• Georgia Archives and Genealogical Society of Utah partnered to microfilm Georgia state and county records, 1950s-1960s
• Genealogical Society of Utah has master negatives of microfilm
• Genealogical Society of Utah is now FamilySearch
• Georgia Archives microfilming program, ended 1996
• Less than 10% of our records are available online

“Creating A More Educated Georgia”
Probate Records

• FamilySearch is scanning its microfilm of Georgia county probate records and adding it to Georgia Probate Records collection.
• FamilySearch does not have all the microfilm online in this collection.
• There are some probate records that Georgia Archives microfilmed and FamilySearch did not.
• There are some original records that have not been microfilmed.
County Records Microfilm Index
Virtual Vault

“Creating A More Educated Georgia”
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**SLC=Salt Lake City**

**AH= Archives and History**

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Jasper County. Ordinary Estate Records Miscellaneous

These books contain wills, inventories and appraisements, sales, bills, and annual returns.
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N.B.: A few loose wills were interfiled with the originals after the filming.

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Creating A More Educated Georgia

Oglethorpe County Probate records in FamilySearch

“Creating A More Educated Georgia”
Some Oglethorpe County Records on Microfilm

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*Contains inventories and appraisements

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Georgia Probate Records, 1742-1990

County
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- Bibb
- Brooks
- Bryan
- Bulloch
- Burke
- Butts
- Calhoun
- Camden
- Campbell
- Catoosa
- Chattooga
- Chatham

Madison
- Jefferson
- Johnson
- Jones
- Laurens
- Lee
- Liberty
- Lincoln
- Lowndes
- Lumpkin
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# Carroll County Probate Records

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Filmed twice, by AH and SLC

Creating A More Educated Georgia
FamilySearch Catalog

- Includes microfilmed records, books, indexes
- Uses Library Cataloging, Subject Headings
- Records can be searched in WorldCat
- FamilySearch’s goal is to scan all of its microfilm holdings and make them available online
- FamilySearch no longer lends microfilm to Family History Centers

“Creating A More Educated Georgia”
FamilySearch Catalog

- FamilySearch uses symbols to indicate status
  - microfilm reel if still on microfilm
  - camera if digitized and available online
  - camera and key if digitized and locked
- Available at Family History Centers
FamilySearch Catalog

Search by Place

Probate Records

“Creating A More Educated Georgia”
### Madison County Estate Records

#### Wills

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Superior Court Records

• Few Superior Court records available online.
• Available up to about 1900 on microfilm at the Georgia Archives.
• Why not online collections? Large volume of records
• Superior Courts have jurisdiction over:
  – Felony cases
  – Title to land
  – Divorce cases
  – Equity cases

“Creating A More Educated Georgia”
**Deeds and mortgages, 1812-1907**

**Authors:** Georgia. Superior Court (Madison County) (Main Author)

**Format:** Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

**Language:** English

**Publication:** Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1964

**Physical:** 13 microfilm reels; 35 mm.

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**Film/Digital Notes** (This family history center has 13 of 13 films/fiche.)

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Deeds (Jasper County, Georgia), 1808-1901; index, 1808-1938

Authors: Georgia, Superior Court (Jasper County) (Main Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1957

Physical: 18 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.
Deed, Robert Lumpkin to Jinnie (Jane) Lumpkin, December 20th 1867, 2 town lots, $5.00

Robert Lumpkin, African American Legislator, Macon County, 1867-1869

Macon County Deed Book E

“Creating A More Educated Georgia”
Deed, Robert Lumpkin to Jinnie (Jane) Lumpkin, 1867, 2 town lots, $5.00. Robert reserves legal title to himself in trust with power to sell and reinvest with her written consent. Jinnie has power to appoint other trustees.

Robert Lumpkin d. 1870

Macon County Deed Book E

"Creating A More Educated Georgia"
Luke and Patience Mizell “in consideration of the love good will which we have & do bare towards John Minsey son of Shadrack Minsey deceased and grand son of Patience Mizell of the same place...grant unto John Minsey ...200 acres...originally granted to John Hendricks since conveyed to Abraham Minsey now dec’d two Negroes to wit David & Fanny... 20th day December 1803.”

Screven County Deed Book A
Genealogical Information from Screven County Deed

- John Minsey is the son of Shadrack Minsey, who is deceased, and the grandson of Patience Mizell.
- Patience Mizell was married twice, because her current husband is Luke Mizell, not Minsey.
- Shadrack Minsey is deceased by 1803.
- John Minsey is not yet twenty-one by 1803.
- Patience Mizell’s first husband’s name was probably Abraham, because the land being deeded from her to John Minsey was conveyed by the original grantee to Abraham Mizell.
Genealogical Information from Screven County Deed

- Patience Mizell also leaves him two slaves, David and Fanny.
- Luke and Patience Mizell maintain the right to live on the land until they die or move; a “life estate.”
- As Patience Mizell is conveying her property to her grandson during her lifetime, it is unlikely that she will leave estate records.
State v. Jacob, a Slave
Indictment for murder of
Thomas Bagby, Jr.
November 1858

Bibb County Superior Court Minutes, vol. 9
Divorce Records

Grimes v. Grimes, 2 trials, special jury, successive terms of court. Property settlement naming their child.

Muscogee County Superior Court Minutes, Book C

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Divorce Records

Mistrial

Muscogee County Superior Court Minutes, Nov. Term 1844

“Creating A More Educated Georgia”
Divorce Records

Second and Final Verdict

Muscogee County
Superior Court,
June Term, 1845

“Creating A More Educated Georgia”
County Court Records

• Created in 1866.
• Replaced Inferior Court functions except those dealing with county governance.
• Dealt with civil cases under $100 and criminal cases except those punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary.
• Abolished in 1868 when new state constitution was passed.
• Re-established in 1872 for forty-four counties.
• Often cataloged under Inferior or Ordinary Court Minutes, also Criminal Court.
State v. Joseph Baldwin, person of color
Larceny from house
Sentence: Hard work on Chain Gang, 8 months, pay costs

State v. Frank Walker, person of color
Simple larceny
Guilty
Sentence: Hard work on Chain Gang, 12 months, pay costs

*Morgan County Court Minutes, Book B, 1866*
County Property Tax Digests

- All men between ages 21 and 60 paid head or poll tax.
- Locate families between censuses.
- Shows mobility.
- Clues to type of employment.
- Shows increase (or decrease) in wealth, accumulation of farm implements, livestock, real property.
- In land-lottery counties, shows location of land owned.
County Property Tax Digests

• Tax digests were microfilmed as part of county records microfilming project
• Card Catalog Drawer
• Archives has State copy from 1872-2000
• Volumes are in FindingAids @ GeorgiaArchives
• Microfilm and Microfiche are listed in black binder in microfilm library
Fayette County Property Tax Digests

• On microfilm:
  • 1823-1824
  • 1829
  • 1831-1836
  • 1839-1841
  • 1843
  • 1845-1852
  • 1854-1859
  • 1861-1864
  • 1866-1869

“Creating A More Educated Georgia”
Belisle Brothers, Confederate Soldiers and Pensioners

• Three brothers and one sister in 1850 Census in Fayette County living with different families
• Guardian Bond and Apprenticeship for 6-year-old Lorenzo son of late Martin Belisle in 1848—orphans, no other probate records
• Enlisted in Confederate Army from Fayette County
• Pension applications state born in Stewart County
• How did they get from Stewart County to Fayette County and what happened to their parents?
Stewart County Tax Digest 1841 on microfilm
Fayette County Tax Digest 1846 on microfilm

Defaulter's List

"Creating A More Educated Georgia"
Stewart County 1841 Tax Digest Detail, Martin Belisle, paying tax on 202 ½ acres

Fayette County 1846 Tax Digest Detail, Martin Belile, defaulting on tax on 160 acres

“Creating A More Educated Georgia”
State Agency Records

- Executive Dept. Records
  - Governor’s Correspondence
  - Clemency Applications
    - Governor could commute sentences and grant pardons until 1943
- Surveyor General Records
  - Colonial and Headright Plats
  - Land Lottery Records
    - Grants and Plats, Indexes
    - Fractional Sales, Fraudulent Grants
State Agency Microfilm Index

About this collection

The State Agency Records Microfilm Index is the card catalog, compiled by Georgia Archives staff, of the Archives' holdings of state agency records on microfilm. The cards have been scanned and saved in PDF format with cards for each agency.

Arrangement: Agency records are arranged alphabetically by agency, then in alphabetical order by record series or type of record.

Searching the State Agency Records Microfilm Index: Select the agency from the drop-down menu. This search will retrieve the record for all cards that bear that agency. Each record will have the Title, Target and State Agency Records Cards PDF. Click on State Agency Records Cards PDF to bring up the catalog cards for the denotation in one pdf file. You can scroll through the cards to find the card for the records you need. You may wish to make a note of the microfilm drawer and box number you will need when you visit.

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Adjunct General
Fayette County Superior Court Verdict, May 1826, jury finds the return of Jeremiah Griffin and Job Calaway, guardians of Mary Calaway, fraudulent. Lot 166, District 5, Original Henry County, Reverts to the state.

Surveyor General’s Records
_Fraudulent Land Lottery Draw Records, Henry County, District 5, Lot 166, RG 3-6-32._
Other Records

• Church Records
  – Archives conserved and microfilmed church records
  – Kept a copy of microfilm for patron use

• Bible Records
  – Family Record pages from Family Bibles
  – Collected and microfilmed as substitute for vital records
Church Records Microfilm Index

About this collection
The Church Records Microfilm Index is the card catalog, compiled by Georgia Archives staff, of the Archives' holdings of church records on microfilm. The cards have been scanned and saved in PDF format with one PDF for the cards for each county.

Arrangement: Church records are arranged alphabetically by denomination, then by the name of the church and grouped together in alphabetical sections, with the location after the name of the church. Churches with duplicate names are arranged alphabetically by location. Some denominations have subcategories for types of records.
The Georgia Archives actively microfilmed church records from the 1950s through the 1990s as substitutes for birth and death records. The State of Georgia did not collect birth and death records until 1913. The Georgia Archives also microfilmed church minutes, histories and membership records. As denominations began their own microfilming programs in the 1950s and 1960s, the Georgia Archives ceased to microfilm church records.

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- Supreme Court established in 1845, first cases heard in 1846
- Supreme Court Reports, published written opinions of the Supreme Court justices to support court’s verdict
- Supreme Court Case Files: motions, writs of error, pleas, exhibits, often includes case files from original trial
- Archives has divided into two series, pre-1917 case files (“Ancient”) and post-1917 case files
- Case files up to 1860 available on microfilm
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Supreme Court Cases

• Head v. Head (1846)
  – Wife left husband, returned to father in Alabama
  – Court ruled abandonment was not sufficient grounds for divorce

• Sanders v. Ward (1858)
  – Testator ordered executors to sell land and slaves and take named slaves to Ohio and manumit them.
  – Court ruled it was legal for executors to take slaves out of the state to manumit them
  – Law of 1859 closed this loophole

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Supreme Court Cases

• Dillon v. Dillon (1878)
  – Free woman of color sued her white common-law husband for alimony
  – Court ruled she was entitled because the legislature had passed a bill (1857) granting her the rights of a citizen

• Hargraves v. Lott (1881)
  – Young man sued grandfather’s executors for cheating him of legacy left in grandfather’s will (1856)
  – Court ruled he was a slave at the time will was executed
“…Charlotte was the slave of John Hargraves the Testator, and that said Charlotte was the mother of Caroline, that Caroline married one McGill, and that the Complainant (John M. Hargraves) was the son of said McGill and Caroline, and that Charlotte was a negro and of dark copper color.”
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