

History of Thomas County Georgia

FROM THE TIME OF DESOTO
TO THE CIVIL WAR

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PREFACE

The following is to a large extent taken from contributions heretofore made to the Times-Enterprise under the misnomer "History of Thomas County."

It is really just a lot of information which should be preserved even if it is impossible to fit it into narrative form.

The author hopes for sufficient encouragement to warrant at least one and possibly two more volumes.

In many instances the author has gone beyond the present territorial limits of the county for which he hopes his neighbors in adjoining counties will have no complaint.

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HISTORY OF THOMAS COUNTY

According to Jones' history of Georgia De Soto spent the winter of 1539-1540 at Anhayca near the present city of Tallahassee where Spanish armor and other relics have been exhumed.

On Wednesday, March 3, 1540, De Soto marched north and on the fourth day of the march crossed the 'Ochlockny' river near Hadley's Ferry in Grady county, formerly Thomas having passed between lakes Iammonia and Jackson. On March 21, he had reached a point which Jones fixed as being in Irwin county, having gone northward on the left side of the Ochlocknee river.

After Gen. Jackson fought the unofficial war with the Florida Spaniards and Indians, he had the Creek and Seminole Indians cede to the State of Georgia by the treaty of 1814-1818, an area about seventy-five miles from north to south and lying immediately north of Florida and between the Chattahoochee river and the organized counties on the east, thus creating a 'buffer' area between the Creeks and Seminoles and for no other purpose. Later when it was sought to create Early, Irwin and Appling counties from the territory thus thrust upon Georgia, certain gentlemen in the Legislature are said to have opposed an effort to build roads therein because they were opposed "to spending the State's money trying to develop a country which God Almighty had left in an unfinished condition.

On an old map of date of 1818, no town is shown in the vicinity of what is now Thomas county except Miccosukie, Fla., and the words "Pine Barrens" are written over the area now known as southwest Georgia.

Decatur county was created in 1823 from Early and Irwin and Duncan Ray who lived near Thomasville and was foreman of the first Grand Jury, William Hawthorne, Phillip Pittman, John Sanders and Martin Hardin were appointed commissioners to select a county site. They selected a site near Fort Hughes; named it Bainbridge and in 1829 it was incorporated with Peter Cohen. D. Belcher, Jethro W. Keith, Matthew R. Moore and Jeremiah H. Taylor as commissioners. The same session of the Legislature granted a charter to the Decatur Academy with Alexander McGowan, Mm. Whiddon, John DeGraffenreid, Wm. Williams, Wm. Powell and Thomas King as trustees. Hon. Martin Harden was the first representative in the Georgia

House of Representatives. In 1825 Hon. Thomas J. Johnson who lived at what is now Pebble-Hill Plantation, six miles from Thomasville on the Tallahassee road, became the representative and immediately he introduced the bill creating Thomas and Lowndes counties. The bill became law Dec. 23, 1825. It provided that the seventeenth and eighteenth Districts and all of the nineteenth and twenty-third districts east of the "Oaklockny" river of Decatur county and the thirteenth and fourteenth districts of Irwin county constitute the new county of Thomas; and eighth

(afterwards added to Thomas) ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, fifteenth and sixteenth districts of Irwin constitute the new county of Lowndes. A companion bill signed the next day organized the new counties and provided that Duncan Ray, William J. Forson, Simon Hadley, Michael Horne, and John Hill Bryan be commissioners to select a county site for Thomas county and that Lawrence Folsom, Sion Hall, William Blair, John J. Underwood and Daniel McCauley be commissioners to select a county site for Lowndes county. In the meantime elections were to be held in Thomas county at the house of Charles Kingsley and in Lowndes county at the house of Sion Hall. The commissioners of the Academy of Thomas county were selected as follows: Duncan Ray, Archibald McMillan, Paul Colson, Hardy Bryan and Malcolm Ferguson.

In 1826 the Legislature provided that elections in Lowndes county be at the house of Francis Rountree and in 1828 Franklinsville was made the county site and in 1833 it was removed to Lowndesville in lot 109 in the 12th District, which was later called Troupville. In 1840 a Baptist church was organized in Troupville with Messrs. James O. Goldwire, Alexander Mosely, Marion C. Goldwire and "Old Monday," a slave of James O. Goldwire, as charter members.

Mrs. W. H. Baker's Sketch of Lowndes County

In 1859 Messrs. James Harrell, Dennis Wetherington, John R. Stapler and William H. Goldwire served as a commission to select a county site upon the Railroad when the present site of Valdosta was chosen.

The house of Charles Kingsley was in what is now Thomasville, in lot number 54, immediately east of what is now St. Thomas Episcopal Church, facing south toward the forks of the road.

The commissioners, selected for the purpose, having bought lot 39, next to the Kingsley place from Hon. Thomas J. Johnson for \$210.00, as shown by the deed records, it

was declared the county site under the name of Thomasville, on December, 22, 1826. The town was incorporated December 26, 1831, with Issac P. Brooks, Edward Remington, Malcolm Ferguson, James Kirksey and Murdock McCauley, commissioners.

On March 6, 1856 the form of Government was changed to a mayor and six alderman. In 1857 the Revel tract between Thomasville and Fletcherville was added to the town.

The trustees of the Thomas county academy built a school house on the corner of Madison and Monroe streets. Mr. Cresman was engaged and he taught about forty pupils. He was succeeded by Mr. Rolph who taught until 1837. In the meantime a new building on the corner of Broad and Monroe streets was in course of construction and in 1838 Mr. Scott taught in the new building while the building was being renovated. The upstairs of the old building was converted into a music room. Assisting Mr. Scott were Mrs. Metzler and Miss Sophia Metzler.

In 1833 Simon Hadley, Shadrack Pugh, Joseph Anderson, Ignatius Hall and Ralph Bozeman qualified as Revolutionary veterans under the act of 1832.

James Kirksey was the first merchant in Thomasville. His store was on the corner of Broad and Jefferson streets where the Toscoe Hotel now stands. Isaac P. Brooks was proprietor of the first hotel.

The first Bank in Thomas County was the Cotton Planter's Bank on Jefferson Street, chartered Dec. 24, 1861. The incorporators were Thomas Jones, Thomas Hardee, Arthur P. Wright, William Stegall, James L. Seward and Thomas J. McBain, Charles E. Groover was president and Robert R. Evans cashier.

The first brick court-house was built in 1846-1847 but was badly damaged by a storm and renovated in 1860.

In the old days the Methodist church was in the middle of the street and at a point about opposite the intersection of Smith avenue and Broad street. A boarding house fronted toward the church. The village of Thomasville was along Broad street between the two.

CHAPTER 2

Hon. Thomas D. Mitchell

The first solicitor general of the Southern Circuit after the creation of Thomas county was Thomas D. Mitchell, son of William M. Mitchell who moved to South Carolina from Virginia prior to the Revolutionary war, and brother of Dr.

Isaac W. Mitchell, father of Mr. T. C. Mitchell who built the old Mitchell Hotel.

Shortly after he became solicitor Mr. Mitchell fought a duel with Hon. Robt. Augustus Beall but neither was hurt. The difficulty was originally with another member of the family but Thomas D. substituted for his kinsman.

As a result of this duel Dr. Ambrose Baber afterwards mayor of Macon, made some remarks which led to his fighting and killing Mr. Mitchell upon the field of honor.

It is interesting to note that Dr. Baber himself came to an unnatural end on March 1, 1846, as a result of poison which he had taken to demonstrate the harmlessness of a prescription.

CHAPTER 3

Paul Coalson

In Miller's Bench and Bar of Georgia appears a biography of Paul Coalson, son-in-law of Mr. Edward Blackshear who practiced law in the Southern Circuit and died at his home which is now Melrose plantation in 1830. Among the lawyers mentioned in discussing the life of Mr. Coalson were:

General R. K. Call, Hon. James D. Wescott, Hon. Leslie A. Thompson, Hon. Chas H. Dupont, Hon. Thomas Baltzell, Hon. James K. Campbell, James A. Berthlot, James A. Dunlap, Francis A. Cash, Philipp S. White, Oscar White and Richard H. Long of the territory of Florida and who practiced law in Thomas county, all are prominently connected with Florida history, and John Taylor and several others from Georgia. Mr. Miller mentions the following laymen of Thomas county: Thomas E. Blackshear, Thomas Jones, Mitchell Jones, E. R. Young, Wm. H. Reynolds, Thomas Wyche, Duncan Ray, Lucien H. Raines, Thomas Mitchell, James J. Blackshear, Thomas Johnson, Daniel MacIntyre, Richard Mitchell, Nathaniel Mitchell and Michael Young, as being leading citizens of the early period.

In White's Historical Collections of Georgia, we find a writeup of Thomas county in which it appears that the county was named for General Jett Thomas, a hero of the war of 1812. He mentions an Indian battle in 1836, Col. Michael Young, Captains Newman, Tucker and Sharpe of Thomas county and Capt. Pike of Lowndes being in command. Twenty two Indians were killed and the rest escaped. Two whites were killed and eight wounded, among the latter Mr. Donald McLean of Thomasville.

Mr. White was not referring to the Indian battle of

Brushy Creek which took place about the same time (July 10, 1836) in Lowndes county, Col. Levi J. Knight, commanding the whites, and in which Mr. Pennywell Folsom was killed.

CHAPTER 4

Thomas County's First Murder Trial

In 1825 Phillip and Nathan Paris bought a lot in the Glasgow district; built a shack-thereon; and began clearing. On Nov. 14, 1826, they returned home after a week-end visit to Mr. Charles Kingsley to find that their property had been damaged and many articles stolen, apparently by Indians.

With Mr. John Chastain, they followed the trail of the thieves and accosted the Indians at their breakfast the next morning and were invited to join in the meal. While eating the white men were in full view of the stolen property and at a signal from Chastain they rushed for the stolen guns and began a free for all fight. The five Indians were badly whipped by the three white men, Mr. Chastain severely cutting his chief antagonist.

The stolen property was packed upon a pony and the oldest Indian led while the white men followed. Peace having been made the other four Indians were left behind apparently reconciled to their experience. But as soon as the whites had left the red men got ahead; ambushed; and killed the Parises; and shot off the right index finger of Chastain who escaped to a swamp.

The Indians were arrested in the Territory of Florida and Mr. Chastain was greatly assisted in his identification by the scars on the Indians he had cut. One of the prisoners starved himself to death in the Tallahassee jail, and the other four, to wit: Timpouche alias Billy alias Honis Hajo alias One Eye, Jim, Bob, and Billy were indicted at the June Term 1827 by a Grand Jury, composed of: Aaron Everitt, John Carlton, Thomas Mitchell, Joshua Proctor, Thomas Adams, Redden Wooten, Taylor Mitchell, Thomas Hurst, Burrell Bailey, Luday C. Ferrell, Thomas Dekle, Zachariah Hopson, Charles H. Kingsley, Henry Cooke, Boaz Stanaland, William Carson, Edmund P. Wester, George Hicks, Moses Daniel, Hardy Bryan, Michael Horne and Shadrach Atkinson

On the way to court from Tallahassee One Eye escaped but Jim, Bob and Billy were convicted of murder and sentenced to be hung June 27, 1827. The scaffold was erected on what is now the Piney Woods Hotel lot. At the first

effort the two older Indians were successfully hung but the youngest, a very stout boy broke the rope. He was hung a second time and again the rope broke. The boy was thoroughly subdued and begged so pitifully that he be not again hung that the crowd's sympathy was moved. He did not deny his part in the killing but said that he had been taught that it was not immoral to kill white men and up to this time had been a consistent enemy to them. But he was now repentant and begged to be kept as a slave.

He said that one of the men just hung was his father and the other was his uncle and that their dead bodies and his two unsuccessful hangings had made a complete change in him.

When the poor boy's appeal was refused he asked for a drink of brandy and went the way of his dead relatives without further complaint.

CHAPTER 5

Another Indian Raid

About 1836, a family lived near the Georgia-Florida line named Purifoy. Indians fired upon the adult members of the family while at supper, killing all except a young daughter who escaped. The Indians finished the meal of their victims after which they burned the house, tossing the children back into the house as they would run from the flames. A neighbor approached and put the Indians to flight killing one.

Shortly afterwards a party of fishermen at Sneed's Smokehouse, a pond near Monticello, Fla., was fired upon by Indians, one of their number being killed and another seriously wounded. In the meantime a posse was organized with a guide who was said to be able to gallop upon a single man's trail and the Indians overtaken, camped just across a stream by a smoldering fire. The white men fired upon the sleeping red men, one of their number using the first percussion-cap shot gun ever brought to the county and which the writer now owns. The next morning several dead Indians were found and one wounded, one in a pond with only his nose above water. He might not have been observed but for the guide.

Several days later a band of Indians surrendered at Tallahassee and asked to be sent west. Some had burned hands and others were slightly wounded. The leader explained that a party of Georgians had chased him; killed several of his men; and hung a wounded prisoner with a buggy line.

Glasgow and Old Boston

Beginning in 1826, several Scotch families, including the McIntoshes, McLeods, McKinnons and McMillans located in and named the Glasgow district. Mr. John A. McIntosh was the local merchant. Some of these moved to old Boston, seven miles from Thomasville on the present Boston road which had been settled by Captain Thomas Boston in 1831. Here Jno. A. Murdock and Daniel McIntosh with others founded the First Presbyterian church in the county with Rev. Mr. Eli Graves as pastor. When the church was moved from old to new Boston (on the railroad) Mr. James McMurray caused it to be named Bethany. Murdock McIntosh was the uncle of Anderson and Roderick. He and Roderick married sisters, the Misses McMillan. Murdock's children were: John, Daniel, Benjamin, Mrs. Wm. McLendon, Mrs. Cave, Mrs. Comiort and Miss Annie. Roderick was the father of Mrs. B. I. Stone. Mrs. James Ferrill, Mrs. Andrew Sparks, Mrs. McKinnon, Misses Mattie, Annie and Eunice and Messre William, Malcolm, Daniel, Henry M., and R. C. McIntosh. Anderson was the father of Dr. Perry McIntosh.

CHAPTER 6

From the Minutes of the Superior Court

The Superior court convened for the first time at the June term 1826, Judge Moses Fort presiding, Malcolm Ferguson clerk. The Grand Jurors were: L. C. Ferrill, H. Milton, Thomas Dekle, Duncan Ray, Thomas J. Johnson, Hardy Bryan, Elias McElvin, Wm. I. Forson, Littleton Wyche, Taylor Mitchell, Jno. Jones, Henry Cooke, Aaron Everitt, Lewis A. Thomas, Arch McMillan, Sion D. Hadley, Malcolm McKinnon, Phillip S. Paris, Zack Hobson, Henry D. Atkinson, Michael Horne, S. M. Hadley, Joshua Proctor, Kindred Hall, Thomas Carlton and Edward Bryan.

The Petit Jurors were: Archibald McNeil, David Sloan, Stephen Godding, Friend Freem, Daniel Huggins, James Griner, Jno. Griner, Jabiz Ferrill, Silas Crawford, John Browning, Pugh Pollard, Clevas Andrews, Lenard Warner, Chas. Thigpen, Robt. Donaldson, Wm. Hurst, Robt. Hall, Wm. Broomley, Thomas Earnest, George Trulock, Wm. Kirkland, Wm. Hancock, Greenberry Thomas, Hugh Batey, Ben Edwards, Isaac Allen, Josiah Faircloth, Cooper Goff, Jacob Coleman, Jno. Harrell, James Groover J. Trulock, Wm. Lofton, Sherrod Edwards, John Chastain, Peter Kempe, Thomas Coggins, Colson Adams, Uriah Johnson, Allen Adams, James Broomley, Thomas Gill, Murdock McAuley, Jno. A. Hall, Benjamin Milton, C. H. Edwards, Dempsey

Wood, Shadrick Dickey, George Yates, Jno. Batey, Hugh Donaldson, Jno. Groover, Neill McKinnon, George Yerby, John Mitchell and John Crawford.

At the June term 1830 the Bar passed appropriate resolutions upon the death of Paul Coalson, Esq., and the Grand Jury insisted upon the Inferior Court building a court house and jail, prisoners being boarded in the jails of adjoining counties. In 1833, Ignatious Hall in the Sup. Court and Simon Hadley, Shadrick Pough, Joseph Anderson and Ralph Bozeman in the Inf. court qualified as Revolutionary soldiers in order to take advantage of the act of 1832.

At the May term 1836 the Grand Jury called attention to the bad roads, especially the road to Magnolia, Fla., in which town was located a bank with which the town of Thomasville opened its first account.

We find the following in the presentments of the Grand Jury, at the May term 1837:

“We have taken under our serious consideration the inquest upon the body of Mack M. Glass and after making diligent inquiry, we are decidedly of the opinion that the killing of him was a praiseworthy action and that the persons concerned therein are entitled to the thanks of the county for their conduct in executing the laws.”

At the May term 1843 there was tried a slander case between Dr. Isaac Mitchell and Mr. Tom Jones, which caused much amusement to the spectators but which the principals seem to have taken seriously.

The presentments for the November term 1845 show that the county has on hand \$753.87, in notes and cash, as follows:

Commonwealth Bank of Florida	-----\$	25.00
Union Bank of Florida	-----	511.00
Magnolia Bank of Florida	-----	27.00
Alabama Planters' Bank	-----	10.00
City Council of Milledgeville	-----	2.00
Macon Bank	-----	5.00
Southern Life Trust Money	-----	170.00
Specie	-----	3.87

At the May term 1846 it appears from the presentments that for some time before a secret organization of citizens on both sides of the Georgia-Florida line, known as the Regulators, had been active in enforcing what it pleased them to call law and order. For awhile the organization served a very good purpose but it had gotten in disrepute and had recently executed two citizens. Judge

Scarborough instructed the grand jury to indict the guilty parties for murder but only a warning that they would be indicted next time was the result, the officers being called upon to dismiss the body which was no longer needed for the purpose for which it was organized.

At the May term 1852, Burrell a slave belonging to Mr. Pliney Sheffield was acquitted of killing his master's little son and Wm. W. G. Nuel was convicted of attempting to steal a slave and given four years in the penitentiary. On Dec. 2, 1854, Dr. W. Holland was acquitted of killing Mr. Peyton Walden.

CHAPTER 7

Record of Wills

Between Sept. 4, 1826, and June 30, 1860, the following wills were probated: Of Thomas Mitchell, his heirs being his children Sussanna Wyche, Emily Blackshear, Nancy Stone, Hartwell, Nathaniel, Richard, Thomas, Taylor and John Mitchell and his grandson, Thomas Gatlin.

Of John Hill Bryan, his executors being Edward, Joseph and Hardy Bryan and John Coffee.

Of Edward Blackshear (brother of Gen. David Blackshear,) his children were Elizabeth Colson, Mary S. Hall, J. J. Blackshear, Thomas E. Blackshear, and Anne E. Blackshear.

Of Archibald MacIntyre (one of the surveyors of this section). He left a widow Hannah Lawson MacIntyre and his children Daniel MacIntyre, Katherine Wyche, John L. MacIntyre, Hannah M. Wyche, Archibald T. MacIntyre (Congressman) and Jane M. Vann.

Of John McKinnon who left a widow Mary and his children Malcolm, Neill, John, Roderick, Kennith, Murdock, McIntosh, Eliza, Mary, Nancy and Margurett.

Of Joshua Proctor whose children were Adam, Joshua, Wilson, Millie, Sarah, Nancy, Elizabeth and Tobitha.

Of Thomas Hurst, leaving Serena his wife and appointing his executors Archibald McMillan and Moses Daniel.

Of John Colwell whose children were John, Richard, Katie, Elizabeth Hollingsworth, Nancy Borden and Polly Matthews.

Of Aaron Everitt who appointed his wife Martha, T. C. Wyche, S. Braswell D. Ray and J. Brinson his executors.

Of George Hayes whose children were John R., James T. and Mary Ann Reynolds.

Of Peter McKinnon whose legatees were his wife Mary, his children Duncan, Daniel, Angus B., Janet, Christiana,

Rebecca and Florie and his grandsons William and Patrick, sons of Angus E.

Of Jesse Slater whose legatees were his grandchildren Jesse I. Everett, John Everett, Fairfax Everett, Martha Adams, Sarah Annie Pornega Eleanor Wylie, Virginia Slater, Georgina Everett, Mary M. Everett and James Everett.

Of Ignatious Hall whose legatees were his wife Elizabeth, his children Bethany Stanfield, Mary Hancock, Lucinda Bryan, and Thomas I. Hall and his grandson Benjamin D. Hall.

Of Jason Brinson whose children were William A., P. W., George M., Jason, and Christopher Columbus.

Of William Ferrell whose legatees were his children (not named.)

Of Henry P. Atkinson whose legatees were his wife, Mary; his sisters, Elizabeth Montgomery, Martha Fort and Sophronia Anderson, and his nephews, Daniel Atkinson, Henry Dickey (son of Shadrick), Henry Mitchell (son of Richard), Henry A. Dickey (son of Shadrick) and his niece, Harriet Harvin.

Of John Jones whose children were Augustus, Nancy and Martha Braswell.

Of Kindred Hall whose legatees were his wife Susan, his son-in-law John Walden (husband of Mary E.) and his grandson John K. Walden.

Of James Lovett whose children were Nathaniel, Mary Folsom and Sarah Edwards.

Of Murdock McKinnon whose sole legatee was his wife Anne.

Of John Parramore whose children were Redden W., John C., Noah, Adam, Sarah, Mary Foy, Susan Smith (wife of S. Alex Smith,) Elizabeth Adams and Lodusky Smith (wife of James Smith).

Of Simeon Smith whose executor was his son S. Alexander Smith.

Of James M. Vickers whose children were Pleasant and Henrietta (afterwards Armstrong).

Of Thomas J. Johnson whose only child was Julia Anne wife of J. W. H. Mitchell.

Of Jordan Hall whose children were Benjamin D., Henry C., Nancy Blalock, Mary Billingslea, and Martha C. Hall.

Of Sarah T. Raines whose children were John W., Lucien H., Robt. H., Martha Terrell, Henrietta Murphy, Angelina Chaires and Emily G. Blackshear.

Of William Holloway whose children were Wm., James, Griffin, Nancy Parish, Roxy Anne Alderman, Lavina Swain, Katherine Albrittain, Susannah Smith, and Orpiller Adams.

Of Lott Wheeler whose legatees were his daughter Ap-silly Myrick and his grandchildren Sara, Martha, Welthy, Anna and John Myrick.

Of Francis Jones (Non-cupative) whose legatees were his wife Rachael, his brothers Matthew Jones, Berry M. Jones, Thomas Jones, Mitchell B. Jones, and his sisters Lavinia Jones Young, Elizabeth Jones Winn, and Harriet Jones Blackshear, all children of James and Elizabeth Mills Jones and grandchildren of Francis and Mary Rob-bins Jones.

Of James Ponder whose sole legatee was his wife Ann Ponder. His executors were William G., and Ephriam G. Ponder.

Of Washington Sanders whose legatees were his brothers and sisters not named.

Of Norman McLeoud whose legatees were his wife Katherine, his sons Murdock and Alexander and his grand-sons Archibald, William, Alexander, Norman, Malcolm, Gil-berth and Murdock, children of John McLeoud, deceased.

Of John G. Fondren whose children were David, Eras-mus, Jno. Guyton, Nancy A., Cornelia Josephine and Eliza-beth.

Of Jordan Fulford whose children were Daniel, Wil-liam and Jno. James.

Of Isaac Futch whose children were John, Moses, Lucy Anderson, Emmie McDonald, Lydia McNaly, Lucy Dekle, Sallie Alderman, and Dorcas Young.

Of James Slater whose children were John, James A., Charity Moore, Mary L. Moore, Martha W. Burney, Anne L. Slater and Sara M. Everett.

Of Isham Howell whose children were Linton P. and Isham E., Jr.

Of Peyton Walden (Non cupative) whose legatees were John McLean, Jno. K. Walden and James Walden.

Of John Hambleton whose children were, Daniel, Wade, John, James, George, Henrietta Patterson, America, Mary Hendry and Margurett G. Jones.

Of Nathaniel R. Mitchell whose children were John W. H., George W., Mary Sheffield, Martha Flanders, Sarah Mc-Kinnon, Emily Lightfoot, Elizabeth Hardaway, and Anne Tyson.

Of James W. Jackson whose children were William W., and Florence.

Of Thomas Selph whose children are not named.

Of Amelia Diana Sandwich whose legatees were her sisters Lucy Jane and Celestia A. Sandwich and her niece Amelia Jane McIntosh, daughter of John McIntosh.

Of J. S. Sweatman (Non cupative) whose legatees were his brothers Shadrick W. and Francis M. and his sister Martha C. Everett.

Of Fulton H. Whitely whose sole legatee was his wife Julia M.

Of Ewen McLean whose children were John, Richard J., Kenneth, Katherine, Mary and Cynthia.

Of Duncan R. Mitchell who left no children.

Of Daniel Stringer whose children were Josiah M., Elizabeth, Henry M., William T., Nancy A., and James H. Stringer.

Of John Walden whose children were John K., James A., Mary and an infant daughter.

Of Moses Daniel whose children were Matthew W., Elizabeth Smith, Nancy Anne W. Groover, Charlotte McDuffie and John C. Daniel.

Of Sterling Evans whose legatees were his wife Francis and his son John R.

Of Wm. E. J. Burnett whose children were John L. B., William H., and James F. Burnett.

Of Pliney Sheffield whose children were Susan M. Heeth, Martha T. Parramore, Mary H. Baudy and Pliney J.

Of Michael Young whose legatees were his wife Sarah Everett, and his children James E., William J., Remer, Thomas J., Michael, America MacIntyre, Mary J. McElven (afterwards Avera) and Sarah L. Young (afterwards Linton).

Of John W. Carter whose legatees were his wife Rebecca and his daughter Mary E. H. Carter.

Of Thomas S. Dunbar whose children were Henry C., A. I., C. R., and Anne Elizabeth Dunbar.

Of James M. Pringle whose legatees were his brothers and sisters Robt. M., Samuel J., Mary S. and Sarah J Pringle.

Of Malachi Groover whose children were Jesse H., Ellen, Lara I. and Soloman Groover.

Of Jno. Davis whose children were not named except Jasper.

Of Jno. Miller whose only child was Augustin H. Miller.

Of Francis R. Walden whose sole legatee was Fannie A. Walden.

Of Anne E. Merriwether whose children were Anne,

James and Charles R.

Of William Oliver whose sole legatee was his daughter Nancy McMullan.

Of Walter R. Reville who left his property to his wife Mary Anne and children without naming them.

Of Lucien H. Raines whose children were Emily B. Manning, Sarah Anne Chaires, Harriet B. Raines, Robt. R. Richard M., and Lucian H. Raines.

Of Hardy Bryan whose children were Hardy, Courtland Iredelle, Rudolph, Caroline, Magnolia, Idella, and Mary Louisa Betts.

Of James Rembert whose children were Harriet A. Durant and Jane Barret.

Of Wyley Groom whose sole legatee was Martha C. Seward.

Of Thomas B. Winn whose children were (by Mary Nelson Dickey) Wm. B. and Henry A., (by Elizabeth Jones Neely) Jas Nelson, Harriet Eliza, Francis Jones, Richard T., Ben F., Mary C., Bunyan and Thomas B., His executors were his stepson Joseph F. Neely and James N.

Of Daniel Roberts whose legatees were his wife Elizabeth and his children Edward A., David M., James Henry, Martha Eugenia, Sarah Elizabeth Smith, Susan Cox and Mary Jane Horne.

Of Major Elijah Remer Young whose legatees were his daughter Malvina E. Potter and the children of the following brothers and sisters: Willis Young, John Young, David Young, Matthew Young, Mike Young, James Young, Mrs Sarah Price, Mrs. Blackman and Mrs. Lavina Jones. \$2500.-00 went to the St. Thomas Lodge number 49 of F. & A. M. which was used in erecting a building at the corner of Broad and Fletcher streets. \$30,000.00 went to Young's College which operated for half a century and was one of the first concrete schemes for the higher education of women. The major had planned the College many years before his death. He was the son of William and Mary Henderson Young, William being the son of William Young of Savannah and his wife who was a Miss Remer. He died June 30, 1860, aged 62 years and is buried in the cemetery at Greenwood, at the time the property of his brother-in-law Mr. Tom Jones.

CHAPTER 8

Fletcher Institute

In May, 1848, Fletcher Institute was incorporated by Messrs. Peyton Smith, R. H. Lucky, William W. Griffin,

Gideon A. Mallette, Ira L. Potter, Hamilton W. Sharpe, Daniel Bird, James Kirksey and William G. Ponder.

Two large brick buildings were erected on the campus where now stands the west side public school. The Institution was under the control of the Florida Methodist Conference to which at that time this territory belonged. A catalogue printed in 1851 shows the following trustees: Rev. Peyton P. Smith, Rev. Anderson Peeler, Rev. Reuben H. Lucky, Rev. Wm. Choice, Rev. Wm. W. Griffin, Daniel Bird, Esq., Thomas Jones, Esq., Wm. G. Ponder, Esq., and Rev. H. W. Sharpe, and the following faculty:

Mr. Wm. C. Hunt, Principal

Mr. Belfield W. Cave, Assistant

Rev. Reuben H. Lucky, Principal Female Department.

Miss Isabella M. Galbraith, Assistant

Mrs. Adeline R. Simmons, Music Department

The South Georgia College

Fletcher Institute was succeeded by the South Georgia College which began operating under a board of trustees in 1879. Contributions from the following were received to be used in equipping the institution:

A. P. Wright \$500.00; T. C. Mitchell \$500.00; A. T. MacIntyre \$500.00; J. L. Linton \$250.00; B. F. Hawkins \$250.00; K. L. Taylor \$200.00; J. L. Finn \$200.00; E. H. Smith \$100.00; E. L. Neel \$100.00; J. I. Parker \$100.00; S. L. Hayes \$100.00; W. M. Hammond \$100.00; Jas. Watt \$100.00; P. McGlashan \$100.00; H. B. Ainsworth \$100.00; M. Isaac \$100.00; I. Levy \$100.00; Jno. Stark \$100.00; S. J. Cassels \$100.00; J. T. Pittman \$100.00; D. McIntosh \$100.00; W. N. Davis \$100.00; T. E. Blackshear \$100.00; W. M. Smith \$100.00; C. W. Stegall \$100.00; A. F. Prevatt \$100.00; Redden Smith \$100.00; S. A. Roddenberry \$100.00; H. J. and A. T. MacIntyre, Jr. \$100.00.

This College became a branch of the State University and remained such until state aid was discontinued in 1891. The Institution was operated as a private one, first under Col. J. Colton Lynes and Miss E. H. Merrill and later under Miss Merrill and Capt. A. G. Miller until the property was turned over to the City of Thomasville to be used in operating the public schools.

CHAPTER 9

Old Couple Murdered

On Dec. 7, 1850, Mr. James Young while hunting with his brother found an old man and woman dead in a covered

wagon on the Spring-Hill road about four miles from Thomasville. Dr. Jno. G. Polhill testified at the coroner's inquest that the couple had been murdered and suspicion was upon a man who had ridden through Thomasville on the horse of the deceased and gave a ram-rod swallowing exhibition which was the talk of the village. The suspect was located in Augusta; placed on trial and convicted in Thomasville Nov. 27, 1851, as James Williams; and hung without his real identity ever being discovered.

CHAPTER 10

Killing at a Hanging

On July 6, 1855, Walsh, a slave belonging to Major E. R. Young was being hung in Thomasville. During the excitement Augustus C. Swain got into an altercation with Mr. William Barwick and killed him by stabbing, Green Johnson having come in for discussion as assisting in the killing.

Swain was placed in jail but before trial escaped by means of a key made by a gunsmith, living near old McDonald. At Montgomery John Swain who was accompanying his brother whom he resembled was arrested but was released as soon as he demonstrated that he didn't fit Gus Swain's description. The two brothers located in Texas and several mornings thereafter were accosted by General T. E. Blackshear who moved to Texas because he thought Thomas county was overcrowded. This was hint enough that the fugitives were not far enough from home. They moved and "Gus" became sheriff of his county but was afterwards killed by Indians. In 1898 John Swain visited Thomasville and discussed fully with Col. A. T. MacIntyre and Judge Hansell, the only two acquaintances he could find, the brothers' experiences.

CHAPTER 11

Magnolia and Suspendersville

In 1833 Latrobe described a visit to Florida and Georgia. He was captivated with old Magnolia; just up the St. Marks river from the present site of New Port. At that time old Port Leon, on the opposite side of the river from St. Marks and between the old Spanish Fort and the light house, St. Marks and Magnolia were flourishing. In 1846 a tidal wave destroyed Port Leon and the debris was largely used in building a new town at Newport which became the county site and the residence of the collector of the port

and other notables. During the time when Harriet Beecher Stowe was writing Uncle Tom's Cabin her brother the Rev. Charles Beecher was collector of the port at Newport and his old residence is now used as a boarding house by Dr. and Mrs. Wall. Uncle Tom's Cabin was partly written under this roof.

Latrobe described the residences about Tallahassee with their white columns and the several varieties of alcoholic drinks. He was shocked at the name of a village between Tallahassee and Milledgeville which was called Suspendersville.

CHAPTER 12

First Marriage Records

The first marriage licenses to be issued in Thomas County were to Silas E. Crawford and Miss Mahala Adams; Lovid Bryan and Miss Elizabeth Wyche; Allen Wilson and Miss Serina Hurst; Daniel Browning and Miss Lula Trulock; William Ware and Miss Patience Holmes; J. O. B. Stanaland and Miss Susan Milton; Thomas J. Johnson and Miss Jane Hadley; William Stone and Miss Dilpy McFail; John Crawford and Miss Elizabeth Daniel; John Hadley and Miss Margaret Ashley; Robert Donaldson and Miss Annie Hollingsworth; Cornelius English and Miss Nancy Barentine; W. A. Woods and Miss Abney Daily; Robert Roddenberry and Miss Vicey Anderson; Sheron Edwards and Miss Sara Lovett; John C. Harrell and Miss Mary Blackshaer; Fabean Adams and Miss Sara Hurst; James Lofton and Miss Sara Edwards; Francis Boatwright and Miss S. Edwards; James Kirksy and Miss Mary Ivey.

CHAPTER 13

Free Negro Registration

The following "free persons of color" are shown to have registered with the Ordinary of Thomas County.

Amanda Miller, thirty-one years of age and her five children, to wit, Sam, Jerry, Florida, George and Georgia Ann; William Miller, eighteen years of age; John Miller twenty-eight years old; Aaron Miller, twenty-seven years old; Nancy Jane Boone, twenty-five years old; Isaac Boone, thirty-four years old; Katherine Sophiah Boone, nineteen years old; Margaret Ellen Boone, twenty-eight years old; Emmy Caroline Boone, twenty-one years old; Cicero Clark, thirty-one years old;

Henry Rouise; Thomas Rouise, forty-two years old; Ellen Rouise, forty-one years old; Mary Jane Rouise, twenty years old; William Rouise, eighteen years old; Obediah Rouise, sixteen years old; Luvina Russell, forty years old; Rebecca Russell, twenty-one years old; Lucean Russell, eighteen years old; Sallie Rouise, forty years old; Jane Lewis, nineteen years old; Thomas Lewis, forty years old; Ellen Lewis, forty years old; William Lewis, eighteen years old; Obediah Lewis, sixteen years old; Jack Miller fifteen years old Susan Curtis, forty-two years old, and her nine children, Delilah, Martha, Charles, Moses, Ruffin, Reuben, Joe, Jim and Gus. Ellen Rewis.

In some instances, free persons of color would petition the Ordinary to have a guardian appointed to look after their affairs. As a result of such a proceeding, John S. Martin was appointed guardian of Amanda Miller and her children, the guardian giving bond for the faithful performance of his duty as provided by law.

Besides the free negroes registering with the Ordinary the names of others appear as witnesses, etc., in the court records, as shown by the Superior Court Minutes.

CHAPTER 14

Increase in Value of Slaves.

In reading the record of Thomas county from the beginning to the will of Maj. Elijah Remer Young, probated Aug. 18, 1860, the most noticeable observation which I have to suggest is the wonderful increase in the value of slaves.

The invention of the cotton gin had made slavery a much more profitable and, therefore, more dangerous, institution in 1855 than it had been in 1825.

The early records show very few slaves to have been appraised at more than \$450 while the later records show appraisements averaging for the same sort of slave about four times as much as in the earlier period mentioned.

CHAPTER 15

Secession Convention

In the presidential election in 1860 Thomas County went for Bell and Everett of the Constitutional Union Party.

In the secession convention on the test vote taken on Jan. 18, 1861, (not the final vote) Hons. A. H. Hansell, L. B. Spencer and W. G. Ponder, the Thomas county delegates, voted for secession. The vote in the convention was one hundred sixty-six for and one hundred thirty against secession on this test vote. The final vote was not a test as

many delegates voted for secession, wishing to add strength to a movement which they were powerless to prevent.

CHAPTER 16

United States Census of 1860.

The census of 1860 shows that in Thomas County there were 4,488 white people, 6, 244 slaves and 34 free negroes. Decatur County had 5,985 slaves and 13 free negroes. Brooks County had 3272 whites, 3282 slaves and 2 free negroes. Lowndes County had 2850 whites and 2399 slaves. Leon County, Fla., had 3194 whites, 9089 slaves and 60 free negroes. Jefferson County had 3498 whites, 6374 slaves and 4 free negroes. Colquitt County had only 110 slaves divided among 27 slave-owners.

The census of 1860 shows that Newton was the largest town in southwest Georgia, having a total population of 3,225. Albany had 2,674 people; Valdosta, 166; Bainbridge, 1,859; Savannah 22,292; Atlanta, 9, 554; Tallahassee, 1,932; Monticello, 1080; and Newport 441. The population of Thomasville is not given in the census of 1860 but in the town census of 1858 Thomasville had 1,458 people of whom 911 were white.

CHAPTER 17

The Georgia Watchman

The first newspaper published in Thomas County was The Georgia Watchman, the first issue of which appeared on Tuesday morning, Feb. 1, 1853, F. Walker Johnson being editor and proprietor. The paper was printed upon an old Washington handpress and Mr. John T. Chastain, then a schoolboy, inked the type for the first issue.

The first issue of the Georgia Watchman now in existence is number 23 of Vol. 1 and is dated June 21, 1853.

Among the professional cards appearing in this issue are Attorneys at Law John B. Miller of Brunswick, Ga.; Lyon & Evans, Mr. John Lyon being Solicitor-General of the Southwest Circuit and living at Newton, Ga., and Mr. John W. Evans, living at Bainbridge; B. H. Russell of Bainbridge, Ga. and Messrs. John T. Miller, T. B. Davies, J. B. McGuire, William McLendon, MacIntyre & Young, Seward & Hansell, and G. T. MacMillan, of Thomasville.

The physicians were Dr. Brandon, who had opened a new drug store opposite Col. Remington's store, and Dr. J. M. Waddey.

The card of Dr. I. P. Richardson, dentist, appeared.

Mr. R. L. Fulton advertised as commission merchant; Mr. B. F. Fudge as grocer and confectioner; Mr. C. H. Remington as house, sign and ornamental painter and daguerrean artist.

Among the legal advertising, we find that Mr. Richard Mitchell applied for letters of administration upon the estate of Taylor H. Mitchell; that Benjamin D. Hall, administrator de bonis non on the estate of Hardy Blalock, wanted to be dismissed; that Miles J. Guest, administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Guest, of Ware County, wanted to be dismissed; that Thomas W. Terrell wanted to be dismissed as administrator upon the estate of Joseph Dupoint.

Juniper Hall, guardian of Iradel and Elizabeth Hall, wished to be dismissed; James T. Hayes, administrator of John W. Hurst, wished to be dismissed; Susan C. Howell, administratrix of the estate of Mrs. Harriet Howell, of Lowndes County, advertised property for sale.

Legal advertising appeared from Tattnall, Telfair, Ware, Appling, Lowndes, Irwin, Effingham, Clinch and Thomas Counties.

D. R. Watson, a merchant of Boston, advertised a new stock of goods. Berry & Rowles, of Tallahassee, advertised meat, sugar, flour, molasses and whiskey. Hardy H. Bryan, Jr. advertised three thousand head of cattle, more or less, which he would exchange either for money or negroes. Willis J. Parnell advertised for brick work and E. Remington, Sharpe & Evans, Berry & Rowles carried mercantile advertisements.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Brunswick & Florida R. R. Co., residing in Thomas County, met and Maj. Elijah R. Young, Thomas Jones, Esq., Dr. Thomas B. Winn, Maj. Thomas M. Boston and Mitchell B. Jones, Esq., were appointed delegates to attend a meeting in Brunswick on the 23rd inst. to represent the Thomas County stockholders and urge that the road be built as far as the village of Thomasville.

Mr. W. A. Ivey advertised the Planters Hotel, of Thomasville, and Mr. W. W. Harrell, of Bainbridge, had an elaborate advertisement of the Decatur House, paying special emphasis to the merits of the bar; T. J. McBain, Prop., advertised the Georgia House of Thomasville with the following rates; Board and lodging, a month, \$25; board and lodging per month by the year, \$20; board without lodging per month, by the year, \$15; board and lodging per week, \$8; man per day, \$1.50; man per night, \$1; dinner, \$0.50; supper, \$0.37; breakfast, \$0.37; lodging, \$0.25; ser-

vants and children half price; persons without baggage required to pay in advance.

An editorial appeared boosting the Fourth of July celebration.

The delegates to the Milledgeville State Convention, from the First Congressional District, nominated Hon. Jas. L. Seward as candidate for Congress of the Democratic party.

A majority of delegates from the First Congressional District to the Union Whig meeting desired Hon. T. T. Long as candidate of this party for Congress, from the First Congressional District but, on account of the small attendance at the convention, Mr. Long declined to take the responsibility of becoming candidate.

Mr. James W. Roberts was announced as the Democratic candidate for the Legislature from Thomas County.

The next issue of the Watchman in existence is dated June 21, 1854, and the name Murdock McIntosh, written in ink on the margin of the first page, and a speech of Congressman J. L. Seward on the front page on Nebraska and Kansas bill indicates that Mr. McIntosh preserved the paper on account of the speech.

In this issue it appeared that a portion of the Georgia Stockholders of the Brunswick & Florida R. R. had assembled at the courthouse in Thomasville on June, 19, 1854. Col. Michael Young was chairman and F. W. Johnson secretary of the meeting.

On motion of Gen. L. J. Knight of Lowndes county committee composed of Gen. L. J. Knight, Randall Folsom, Angus Morrison and Henry Radford of Lowndes; Col. W. M. Nichols of Clinch; Dr. R. McDonald of Ware; Col. W. W. Collier of Doroughty; Hon. P. E. Love, Maj. Remer Young, Col. A. T. MacIntyre, P. Sheffield, James McDonald, Gen. T. E. Blackshear, Judge A. H. Hansell and Dr. T. B. Winn of Thomas was appointed to prepare business for the meeting.

The committee reported that the directors of the railroad, at their meeting in New York, had decided to sell bonds in the railroad, to be disposed of at not more than fifty per cent discount. The committee also reported a resolution to the effect that the Georgia Stockholders wished to take bonds on the same terms as others and pay same upon any notes which might be due for stock.

The resolution passed and a copy of same was forwarded to the Board of Directors in New York.

It was also resolved by the meeting that they adjourn

subject to be called by the chairman at any time in Troupville.

In this issue we notice that Dr. T. B. Winn had given the editor some figs of an English species, weighing four ounces apiece.

We also notice that Maj. Alex A. Allen of Bainbridge, Commissioner on the part of Georgia to settle the dispute about the Florida line, and James R. Butts, the surveyor, had passed through Thomasville to meet the Florida commissioner and surveyor.

The next issue that we have of the Watchman was dated July 19, 1854. In it we notice that the value of Thomasville property subject to tax is as follows: Real estate, \$159,140; personal property \$77,111; goods, wares and merchandise. \$79,121; slaves, \$139,116; total \$454,492; number of slaves 245; number of lawyers 14; number of doctors 5.

In this issue we notice that for the year 1853-1854 Fletcher Institute had one hundred forty-one pupils—seventy-four males and sixty-seven females. All were from Ga. except twelve from Florida, four from Alabama and one from Texas.

The term began on the first Monday in October and ended on the last Thursday in July.

Rev. R. H. Lucky was Principal and the teachers were as follows: Rev. T. S. Wood, Mr. F. F. Brandon, Miss A. L. Eno, Miss F. B. Matthews and Mrs. A. R. Simmons.

The next and last issue of the Watchman that we can find is dated Nov. 21, 1855. Mr. F. Walker Johnson had sold the paper to Mr. Leonoreon D. DeLyon who now appeared as editor and proprietor.

In this issue we notice the "Democratic and Anti-Nothing" nominations for county officers to be as follows: For Ordinary, H. R. Seward; for Clerk of the Superior Court, Jared Everett; for Sheriff Jared I. Whiddon; for Deputy sheriff, Scott Vann; for Tax receiver, William Bryan, for Tax collector, B. G. Stephens.

It appears that W. M. Russell Esq. is about to launch the Bainbridge Argus.

Advertisements of the Waculla Iron Works at Newport, Fla., the St. Marks, Newport & Cedar Keys Boat Line, the Monticello and Troupville Hack Line and of D. Ladd of Newport, storer and forwarder, appear.

CHAPTER 18

The Wiregrass Reporter

The Wiregrass Reporter succeeded the Watchman Sept 15, 1857, Judge Peter E. Love and Mr. William H. Hail being proprietors and editors of the paper. They were succeeded by Love and Kline, who were succeeded by Wm. Kline.

In politics, the paper was Democratic and violently opposed to its No-Nothing neighbor, the Southern Enterprise.

Very few copies of the Wiregrass Reporter are in existence. The paper seems to have carried the legal advertisements and was as emphatic and sarcastic about politics as was the Enterprise.

In the issue of Saturday, Jan. 8, 1858, it appears that the sales agents of the paper were as follows: New York, S. M. Pettengill & Co.; Duncanville, Henry T. Mash; Dry Lake, R. A. Kemp; Troupville, Joshua Griffith; Irwinville, B. B. Bransome; Jacksonville, Telfair County, Thomas Wilcox; Nashville, W. H. Overstreet; Mill Town, A. J. Liles; Griffin's Mills, W. J. Madre; Ava, R. N. Parrish; and Waresboro, John C. Nichols.

In the issue of May 5, 1858, we notice that in Thomasville green apples were worth 50 cents a dozen and dried apples 12 1-2 cents a lb.; bagging was worth 20 cents a yd.; rope, 18 cents per pound; candles, 25 cents per lb.; coffee, 16 cents per lb.; feathers, 50 cents a lb.; corn, \$1 per bu.; salt mackerel, \$17 per bbl.; flour \$7.50 bbl.; lime \$5 per bbl.; linseed oil, \$1.50 per gal.; mutton, 50 cents per quarter; bacon, 15 cents per lb.; butter, 20 cents a lb.; whiskey, 50 cents per gal.; sugar, 12 1-2 cents per lb.; rice, 8 cents per lb. and hides, 7 cents per lb.

In the issue of Sept. 1 1858, there appears an editorial in which the South Georgia Watchman, of Troupville, seems to be much wrought up because of the indifference of the Thomasville paper to the railroad going by Troupville. It seems the Troupville paper was threatening an injunction proceeding which the Reporter described as rascality. The Thomasville paper said that it hoped to see all of the neighboring towns grow but asked the question, "But outside of the worthiness of the citizens, and Smith's Hotel, what else have you that we could brag about.?"

In the issue of Dec. 8, 1858, it appears that the Democratic members of the Legislature in the First Congressional District, Hon. Alexander Atkinson of Camden presiding met in the Capitol and called a convention to meet at Waresboro on the second Wednesday in July to nominate the candi-

dates for Congress from the first district. The members of the Legislature from Thomas county at the time were Messrs. J. C. Browning and J. J. Everett; from Berrien, S. G. Williams and B. T. McDonald; Colquitt, Amos Turner; Lowndes J. West and J. Carter.

In the issue of Dec. 15, 1858, we notice that Hon. Charles J. Harris, of Thomasville, had been elected Secretary of the State Senate in place of Mr. Terhune who had become ill.

In the same issue, we notice the continuation of the discussion as to the railroad missing Troupville; also that the store of J. M. Cliett, of Cliettsville, had been destroyed by fire.

The Democratic convention of Thomas County met on Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1858, Hon. James McDonald presiding and E. J. Oliveros acting as secretary. The delegates were as follows: 17th, J. J. Regan, N. Singletary, J. Singletary, Sr., B. C. Bower, Isaac Alderman; Swains, James McDonald, John W. Strickland, Abram Strickland, Joseph Yates, Samuel Johnson; Thomasville, A. F. Everett, J. W. Walker, David T. Owens, Ormand James and H. N. Chastain; Duncanville, Caswell Braswell, Henry Dickey, Henry Copeland, James M. Horn and John Slater; Grooverville, Allan Hagan, H. W. Williams and H. R. Oliveros.

The convention nominated Wyley Massey for Tax Receiver; John G. Lindsey, Tax-Collector, and J. G. Pittman, County Treasurer.

We notice in the issue of Feb. 4, 1860, that H. Wolfe & Bro. have opened up a new drygoods store.

In the issue of Jan. 8, 1859, we notice that the Legislature had created the new county of Echols from Lowndes and Clinch; the new county of Brooks from Lowndes and Thomas; and among others, the new county of "Nelson" from a portion of Gordon.

CHAPTER 19

The Southern Enterprise.

The Southern Enterprise began its existence Tuesday evening June 12, 1855, Messrs Fulton and Bryan being editors at the time.

We notice in the first issue that Mr. Jared I. Whiddon raised some excellent wheat, and that the negroes of the Ponder estate were sold the Tuesday before, one Flipper bringing \$1,810.00.

The Grand Jury presentments are printed in which it is

stated that the courthouse is in an unsafe condition by reason of the storm two years before and it is recommended that a new courthouse be built.

The Grand Jury was composed of Thomas E. Blackshear, Foreman, Thomas B. Winn, Thomas Jones, Elsy Thompson, Moses Anderson, Ephram G. Ponder, John A. McIntosh, William E. Hayes, Sheldon Swift, Charles Mertz, James H. Hayes, James Adams, Donald N. McAuley, William G. Mitchell, Abraham Strickland, Curtis Carol, Edward B. Colson, Lucien R. Rains, Henry Miller, W. N. Howard, W. Howard, John H. Murphy.

In the issue of June 19, 1855, among other advertisements, is that of the Jasper County Academy Lottery.

In the issue of June 26, 1855, Ansel Dekle, C. H. Remington, John D. Dekle and James H. Hayes, Judges of the Inferior Court advertised the old jail for sale, the purchaser to remove same from the jail lot.

In the issue of Tuesday, July 21, 1855, R. H. Hardaway, E. R. Young, E. Sexis and W. J. Parnell, the committee appointed by the Inferior Court, report the old courthouse as being unsafe and recommend the building of a new one.

A committee, composed of E. Sexis, M. B. Jones Noah Parramore, James L. Seward and William G. Ponder, was appointed to pass upon plans for a new courthouse.

The Southern Enterprise was a strong advocate of the American or No-nothing party, whose state ticket in 1855 was: For Governor, Garnett Andrews of Wilkes County; for Congress, first district, S. M. Varnedoe of Liberty; second, W. A. Hankins of Sumter; third, R. P. Tripp of Monroe; fourth, B. H. Hill of Troop; fifth, Louis Tumlin of Cass (now Bartow); sixth, Y. L. G. Harris of Clarke; seventh, N. G. Forster of Morgan; for State senator, H. A. H. Hansell; for Representative of Thomas County, J. H. Alderman.

In the issue of Sept. 18, 1855, appears an editorial calling upon people to vote against Herschell V. Johnson, Democratic candidate for governor, unless they wanted the Capitol removed to Atlanta.

Another editorial contends that, while Johnson was going around making speeches for re-election as governor, the sheriff was advertising and selling the railroad cars on State road to satisfy damages created by the carelessness or neglect of the appointed agents.

In the next issue, John McPherson Berrien has a long,

but not very partisan, article in favor of the American party.

In the same issue, the editor blamed the local Democratic party for not joining with the American party and selecting a man from both sides to insure state support for the Brunswick R. R.

There also appears a statement from the editor that H. L. Wells, Esq. has purchased one hundred miles of iron for the Road, which was considered cheery news.

There was a long editorial claiming that the Democratic party was opposed to state aid for the Brunswick road.

There is a card from Judge Augustan H. Hansell, candidate for the State Senate from the American party, stating that his only interest in becoming a candidate was to assist Thomas County in getting a railroad. He also took occasion to deny the reports being circulated that he was in favor of One thousand Dollars property qualifications for suffrage or that he was in favor of the Maine prohibition law. Especially did the judge resent the charge that he was a prohibitionist.

In the state election of 1855 the question of removing the capitol from Milledgeville to Atlanta was submitted and resulted as follows:

No removal	48,476
Removal to Atlanta	29,335
Removal to Macon	3,428
No place designated	948
Scattering for removal	678
TOTAL	82,865
Majority for no-removal	14,087

In Thomas County the total vote was 1059, of whom all voted against removal except 4 for Macon, 5 for Atlanta, 1 for Thomasville and 1 not voting on this issue.

The Democrats carried Thomas County by a slight majority, the candidates being Johnson for Governor, Seward for Congress, W. G. Ponder for State senate, and J. C. Browning for the House.

In the state, Johnson, Democratic candidate for Governor, got 54,023 votes; Andrews, American candidate, got 42,548. In the State Senate there were 75 Democrats and 36 Americans; in the House, 96 Democrats and 56 Americans.

The American successes were mostly in middle Georgia, Decatur County being a South Georgia exception.

The Democratic candidates for Congress who were elect-

ed were Seward, Crawford, Smith, Warner, Tumlin, Cobb and Stevens; and the American candidates who were defeated were Varnedoe, Hawkins, Tripp, Hill, Jones, Franklin and Foster.

In the issue of Nov. 13, 1855, of the Enterprise, there appears an emphatic editorial urging that a bank be established in Thomasville. The editor states that one has to go to Tallahassee to buy a check of any sort; and, in addition to the regular exchange, is put to eight dollars transportation expenses in making the trip, which required two days.

In the issue of Nov. 20, 1855, there is a very sarcastic and emphatic editorial against Messrs. Toombs and Stevens for joining the Democratic party.

In the election for county officers, Jared Everett was elected clerk; H. H. Took defeated A. R. Seward for Ordinary; J. I. Whiddon defeated W. A. Ivey, and W. H. Henry for Sheriff; B. G. Stevens defeated David Singletary for Tax-collector; and W. J. Bryan defeated Isaac Alderman for Tax-receiver.

Party lines do not seem to have been strictly drawn in the election for county officers.

Upon the passage of a bill giving state aid to the Brunswick & Florida R. R. the vote in the House was, Yeas, 50; Nays, 48.

On Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1856, the Florida M. E. Conference met at Bainbridge, Ga., The conference was composed of the Tallahassee, Madison, Jacksonville and Tampa districts in Florida and the Bainbridge, Thomasville and St. Mary's districts in Georgia.

Bishop Andrew presided and the assignments to the Thomasville district were: P. P. Smith, Presiding Elder; Thomasville, F. R. C. Ellis; Duncanville, Milton C. Smith; Grooverville, C. Raford; Troupville, R. J. McCook; Grand Bay, A. Davis; Allapaha, C. P. Murdock; Ochlocknee (Mission), J. W. Jackson; Flint River, T. J. Johnson; Fletcher Institute, R. H. Lucky.

It seems, from the report of both the Georgia and Florida Conference, that missions for colored people were customary.

In the issue of April 15, 1856, it appears that Capt. Casey, Indian agent of Florida, offered a per capita reward for live Indians, as follows:

For each warrior, from \$250 to \$500.

For each woman, from \$150 to \$200.

For boys over ten years, from \$100 to \$200.

A good many were figuring on hunting Indians.

In the issue of June 30, 1857, the Grooverville Academy under the charge of Mr. W. H. McMurray, advertised for pupils. There were also several lottery advertisements. Every institution wanting to raise money was at liberty to start a lottery.

In the issue of Aug. 11, 1857, there appears a notice, signed by business men of Thomasville, that they will not accept as currency Tallahassee R. R. change bills after Oct. 1. except in cases where a merchant might be indebted to the Tallahassee R. R. Co.

Those signing the card were Edward Remington, H. W. Sharpe, W. F. Sanford, John Stark, E. Sexies, Ross & Hubert John G. Pittman, Thomas Avera, T. B. Little, Baum & Shiff, James M. Gray, McIntosh & Cave, R. R. Evans, R. H. Hardaway, T. J. Lightfoot, James H. Hayes & Co., John T. Arnold, Donald McLean, Thomas Simmons, G. G. McLendon, William H. Hill, H. H. Took, John Miller, R. J. Bruce, J. C. Pasley, J. A. McLendon, William C. Mitchell, James M. Savage, L. C. Bryan, R. R. Reveau, G. M. McDonald, A. V. McCardell, William McLendon, Thomas Barrett, T. B. Davis, S. B. Spencer, A. P. Wright, William J. Young, Otto Lange, A. H. Hansell, Joseph Jerger, B. F. Fudge and L. D. DeLyon.

Beginning with the same issue, and appearing in the upper left-hand of the editorial page under the title "Cardinal Maxims", were the following:

1. The Federal Union must be maintained.
2. The reserve rights of the states must be respected.
3. The decisions of the Supreme Court must be enforced.
4. A union of Church and State must be prevented.
5. The rights of conscience must be guaranteed.
6. American interests must be promoted.
7. An American national must be cherished.
8. Sectional agitation must be terminated.
9. Foreign paupers and criminals must be excluded.
10. The naturalization laws must be amended.
11. "Squatter Sovereignty" must be repudiated.
12. Americans must rule America.

Underneath these maxims appears the American ticket for Governor and Congressman.

On Aug. 4, 1857, a large and enthusiastic convention of the American party was held at the courthouse in Troopville. Randall Folsom was Chairman and S. W. Baker Secretary.

The cardinal principles of the party were enumerated. Senator Toombs was condemned; Senator Iverson was com-

plimented for rising superior to party prejudice; B. H. Hill, the party candidate for Governor, was endorsed and invited to address the people of Lowndes County; L. Stanley was nominated for the Senate and Reuben Roberts for the House of Representatives.

In this issue of the Enterprise appeared the announcement of T. B. Davies, Esq., as Independent candidate for the Legislature.

A news item shows that two prisoners, imprisoned for debt in the Thomas County jail, escaped on the night of the 14th inst. by removing brick from the back of the chimney of the debtors' room. One of them, Eaton, was from Lowndes County, being imprisoned in Thomasville for safekeeping.

There also appears a long editorial criticising Maj. E. R. Young for having consented for the Main Trunk line of the Brunswick and Florida R. R. to pass North of Thomasville, going through Ailapaha and a spur track to be built to Thomasville from the main line.

We also find a communication from E. L. Anderson, tax receiver of Thomas County, showing that the tax returns for the last year show a \$700,000 increase. The tabulation is as follows:

Polls -----	928
Professions -----	32
Free persons of color -----	20
Dentists -----	3
Slaves -----	6,842
Value of slaves -----	\$3,773,634.00
Value of lands -----	2,199,335.47
Value of town property -----	239,465.00
Money in debt -----	1,296,481.95
Capital invested in stocks -----	26,475.00
Merchandise -----	118,651.87
Furniture -----	30,509.45
Other property -----	565,966.39
TOTAL -----	\$8,252,510.13

It is interesting to note that it took the county approximately fifty years after the Civil War to again show as large a total tax return.

In the issue of March 18, 1858, we find that Messrs. Moore and Homan have established a variety works in Thomasville, the machinery being operated by steam.

The editor describes the sash and molding machine, the improved scroll saw, cylinder planing machine, the mortising machine, the cut-off sawing machine, the splitting saw,

the boring machine and the turning lathe in detail and with much enthusiasm.

There was also put into operation about the same time the carriage, buggy and wagon factory of Mr. John Lowry all the above named articles being completely made and equipped in Thomasville.

In the issue of April 1, 1858, we notice that Mr. Kenneth McKinnon had completed the building of a new bridge over the Aucilla River, on the Troupville Road; that Mayor Holland had had both streets worked and had had both of the streets to Fletcherville put in repair; that the courthouse in Starksville, Lee County, burned on the 19th inst.; that Olive Church, on the Thomasville road, was being removed three miles further down on the same road; and that Fletcher Institute was in a thriving condition with one hundred ten pupils, the officers being Milton Wilder, Principal, and Charles S. Rockwell, Assisant, in the male department; Miss Cornelia Hansell, Principal, and Miss Addie B. Armstrong, Assistant, in the female department.

In the issue of April 10, appears the notice of the Southern Georgian, just beginning its existence as a newspaper at Bainbridge, edited by Messrs. Wimberly and Murphy.

The Bainbridge Argus was already in existence, edited by B. H. Russell.

In the issue of April 17 appears a copy of a communication from the Washington correspondent of the Wiregrass Reporter, successor to the Watchman, with strong criticism from the editor of the Enterprise who contended that the correspondent was none other than Congressman James L. Seward.

It also appears that Col. H. G. Wheeler and Col. Schlatter of the Brunswick & Florida R. R., were in Thomasville giving optimistic reports about the early completion of the railroad to Thomasville.

There also appeared a notice that at the beginning of the next issue of the Southern Enterprise would be edited in both Thomasville and Troupville, the third page being devoted to editorials and news from Troopville, with Hon. W. B. Bennett editor in Troupville and Mr. Lucian C. Bryan in Thomasville.

In the April 24 issue, being the first in which Mr. Bennett's editorials appear, we find an editorial on Thomasville in which he describes the neatness of the town and devotes special attention to the streets, to the courthouse, and to the new Presbyterian Church.

In the May 15 issue of the Enterprise, we find that

Editor W. B. Bennett had recently attended Berrien Superior Court. He states that attorneys and others attending court were entertained by Mr. Peoples, Mr. Overstreet and Mrs. Kirby.

The crops were fine and the editor described the country as the Promised Land and Nashville as a beautiful and progressive town.

In the issue of May 22, 1858 we notice that the wheat and oats were being affected with rust; that the City Tax Digest and Census showed a total population of 1,458, of whom 911 were white, the taxable property of all kind being \$1,628,120.46 and the gross amount of taxes collected being \$4,520.20; that Billie Bowlegs, with one hundred sixty-five other Florida Indians had surrendered but that Sam Jones and his followers had taken to the Everglades.

In the issue of June 9, 1858, we find a considerable agitation in Thomasville in behalf of a new and fine hotel.

We also notice that on the 10th inst. Mr. Sutton, Overseer for Mr. J. J. Mash, at Duncanville, heard a cur dog barking near the negro quarter and, upon investigation, found that the canine had treed a panther. Mr. Sutton, having no experience in panther shooting, got Dr. Robert Copeland to attend to this detail and Mr. James T. Hall, Esq., sent one of the paws of the dead panther to the editor of the paper.

We notice in the issue of June 26 that the courthouse at Troupville burned on the Wednesday before, while Judge Love was holding court. Practically all the public records of Lowndes County were destroyed.

Court was continued at the Academy, insofar as it was possible in view of the lost records.

We learn from the issue of July 3 that Col. Platt of Troupville was engaged in compiling all of the statute laws and rules of the court of the state of Georgia.

Beginning about this time, there is considerable discussion as to the route that the Main Trunk line shall run through Lowndes County. One survey went north of Troupville; one through Troupville; and one going south through the present site of Valdosta. The people of Troupville were very much disconcerted by the survey of the three routes.

The issue of July 24 was the last of the paper published under the double arrangement of having a page and editor devoted to Troupville. Maj. William Kline succeeded Mr. W. B. Bennett as Associate Editor but his residence was in

Thomasville, the Troupville feature being discontinued

In the issue of Aug. 7, 1858, we find the tabulation of the wealth of Thomas County, by districts, as follows:

District	No. of Acres	Value of Land	Value of Whole Property
Thomasville ----	275,558	\$833,662.00	\$3,962,142.00
Duncanville ----	61,279	348,378.00	1,347,602.00
14th -----	41,619	231,188.00	731,651.00
Grooverville ----	97,869	525,525.00	1,665,334.00
Swains -----	33,479	96,840.00	308,678.00
17th -----	58,462	178,879.00	538,640.00

TOTALS ---- 572,152 \$2,214,472.00 \$8,594,100.00

In the issue of Aug. 14, we find that Col. E. Remington had something which the editor said few people in the county had ever seen—a banana plant which was attracting the attention of all of our citizens.

There was also a very bitter editorial against those opposed to the American or No-Nothing party. Among other things, the editor said: “If Democratic skill can purify and regenerate such men as Van Buren, Bob Toombs, and ‘to come nearer home among the small fry’, James L. Seward, it certainly can invent a panacea for the ‘Giant’ of the West “The ‘Giant’, of course, referred to Mr. Douglas.

In the same issue we notice that Col. Tift, of Albany, had sold the Albany Patriot to Mr. A. J. McCarthy who succeeded as editor.

On Aug. 2, 1858, a convention met at Troupville to make recommendations as to the dividing line between what would remain in Lowndes County and the new county of Brooks.

The delegates to the convention were as follows: Morven District, Dr. L. Stanley, William A. Lane, William G. Lane, George Folsom; Peacocks District, Dr. Stegall, William F. Speight, James Burnett, Nicholas Reddick, Robert Peacock; 15th District, John W. Spain, Thomas Hardee, M. Jones, William Smith, Charles Davis; Capt. Martin’s District, William C. Knight, Reuben Roberts, John Cracker, John Harrell, Stephen Martin; 16th District, M. M. Brinson, Dr. Newson, J. M. Clyatt, H. Strickland, D. P. Gibson; Troupville District, S. Griffith, Jordan Tucker, M. Smith, William Bradford, Isiah Tillman; Ganness District, George Carter, William Carter, B. C. Ganness, George Mitchell, Dennis Wetherington; Capt. Prine’s District, Capt. Prine, N. W. Copeland, D. McLoud, James Copeland and Joseph Copeland.

Col. James West explained the dividing line under consideration by the last session of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. John Scruggs, Col. G. R. Stapler was made chairman and M. J. Culpepper secretary. The convention recommended a dividing line which is now the line between Brooks and Lowndes Counties.

On Aug. 18, 1858, citizens of Lowndes and Berrien Counties met in convention at the Hahira Academy in Lowndes County, with S. G. Williams of Berrien as chairman and J. T. Webb of Lowndes as secretary. Mr. E. C. Morgan, explained the object of the meeting and Messrs. Martin Shaw Ezekial Paris and David Matthews, of Berrien, and James Rountree and James Folsom, of Lowndes County, were appointed a resolutions committee to draw up a protest against the Main Trunk line of the railroad being built along the southern edge of the county, leaving Troopville and the country north so far from the railroad.

Suitable resolutions of protest were passed and published in the Georgia Watchman at Troupville, in the Southern Enterprise and the Wiregrass Reporter of Thomasville, and in the Bainbridge Argus.

There is editorial correspondence in the issue of Sept. 11 from Newport, Fla., in which the editor says he came within three miles of Newport by railroad from five miles of Monticello. "Who would have thought it twelve months ago, and a most excellent railroad it is?"

He writes of a visit to the U. S. Marine Hospital, situated upon a small eminence at the very junction of the St. Marks and Wauculla Rivers about a half mile from the Wharf at St. Marks. St. Marks and Newport were evidently flourishing towns at that date.

There is an editorial in the issue of Sept. 18 criticising Congressman Seward for procuring the removal of E. L. Anderson and substituting Mr. Chastain as Postmaster of Thomasville.

On Sept. 25, 1858, the whole community was excited by a comet which was intruding upon the peace of the happy inhabitants.

In the issue of Oct. 9, there is some discussion as to the proper location for the depot which the editor believes will soon be needed. The citizens did not want the depot too near the cemetery.

On the 12th of Oct. there was a big wedding in Thomasville. Miss Henrieta Vickers, of Thomasville, became the bride of Lieut. A. R. Armstrong of the U. S. Navy, Rev. A. Graham officiating.

In the issue of Oct. 23, it seems that the depot site had

been agreed upon. The only trouble was that there were no trains.

In the issue of Nov. 27, 1858, there appears an account of the death of Thomas Adams, Esq., one of the original settlers of Thomas County, Rev. Benjamin Manning preaching the funeral sermon at the Parramore's Church.

In the same issue is the announcement of the death of ex-Governor Schley.

There was a write-up of a ball given the Tuesday before in Thomasville. Leon County, Fla., and Dougherty County, Ga., were well represented. The dancing teacher was Prof. Titas.

In the the issue of Dec. 4, we notice that the bill in the Legislature to give the state aid to the Macon & Brunswick R. R. had been indefinitely postponed but its advocates were preparing to support a general scheme to aid all railroads within the state.

A municipal ticket for the town of Thomasville was announced, signed by "Many Voters," as follows: For Mayor, Hon. A. H. Hansell; for Alderman, Col. A. P. Wright, Maj. J. D. Edwards, E. L. Anderson, C. H. Remington, Dr. P. S. Bower, and Dr. Edward Sexis.

In the issue of Dec. 11, 1858, there appears an editorial on an article appearing in the Wiregrass Reporter, signed by Hon. Peter E. Love. Judge Love had written in answer to an article published in the Bainbridge South Georgian charging that Col. Seward and Judge Love were opposing the southern route for the Trunk Line R. R. because the former intended to run for Governor and the latter for Congress.

In the issue of Dec. 18, there is given a fair way to estimate the value of a negro. It is claimed that a negro should be worth \$100 for every cent a pound of the value of cotton. At that time cotton was worth from ten to twelve cents per pound and a negro should have been worth from \$1,000 to \$1,200.

In the issue of Dec. 25, there appears another municipal ticket as follows: For Mayor, Hon. A. H. Hansell; for Alderman, Col. A. P. Wright, Sheldon Swift, R. R. Evans, C. H. Remington, Dr. P. S. Bower, Dr. D. S. Brandon.

It appears that the citizens of the new county of Brooks had just nominated the following county officers: For Sheriff, John Hobson, for Ordinary, William A. Lane, for Tax receiver, John Dekle; Tax collector, G. Alderman; Treasurer, R. A. Durham; Coroner, John Duvan; for Judges of the Inferior Court, James Mullen and Charles E. Groover.

In the issue of Jan. 8, 1859, there appears still another municipal ticket, to wit: For Mayor, Hon. A. H. Hansell; for Aldermen, William McLendon, Jared Everett, Sheldon Swift, Milton C. Smith, J. S. Merrill and William L. Holland.

In the same issue, it appears that in the general election the vote in Thomas County was as follows:

Judge of the Supreme Court—Love, 542.

Solicitor General—Spencer, 306; Harris, 190; Sheftall, 333; McLendon, 56.

Tax Assessor—W. Massey, 246; Tarqual McAuley, 300.

Tax Collector—J. G. Lindsey, 280; W. A. Cone, 278.

Treasurer—John Pittman, 267.

In the same issue appears the announcements of the Florida Conference. The Thomasville district was given S. Woodbury for the Presiding Elder and the Pastors were as follows: Thomasville, David Holmes; Grooverville, O. B. Stanley; Flint River Mission, S. G. Childs and W. A. Dyall; Baker and Calhoun, W. J. Duvall and W. A. Harris; Baker Colored Mission, T. C. Coleman; Alapaha Mission, W. P. O'Caine; Irwin Mission, C. P. Murdock; Ocmulgee Mission, to be supplied; Grand Bay, R. F. Lanier; Albany, William Griffin; Agent American Bible Society, R. H. Lucky.

In the same issue appears an advertisement of Gen. Thomas E. Blackshear offering everything on his plantation in the Duncanville District for sale which could not conveniently be moved to his plantation in Texas.

It also appears that the election in Brooks County resulted as follows: Justices of the Inferior Court, James McMullen and C. E. Groover; Sheriff, E. H. Pike; Ordinary, Angus Morrison; Tax receiver, John Dekle; Tax collector, George Alderman, County Treasurer, W. Speight; Surveyor, Jerry Wilson, Coroner, J. T. Duvan.

In the election for Solicitor General in the southern circuit, the vote was as follows: Spencer, 1060; Harris, 1,037; Sheftall, 564; McLendon, 489.

On Thursday night, after the election, the citizens of Thomasville gave a torch light procession in honor of the Solicitor General-elect.

It appears, in the issue of Jan. 22, that Mr. Simmons, for many years postmaster of Thomasville, had moved to Monticello, Fla., and with Mr. Chas. Blackburn, would open up a first-class hotel.

In the issue of Jan. 29, we find that mail went from Thomasville, by Duncanville and Centerville, to Tallahassee, thirty-seven miles and back twice a week; from Thomasville, by Arabia, Tired Creek and Cairo, to Bainbridge, forty

miles and back, once a week; from Grooverville, by station, to Monticello, Fla., once a week; from Troupville, by Piscola, Nanken and Cherry Lake, thirty-three miles and back, once a week.

It seems, in the issue of Jan. 22, that a great discussion is in progress between the Bainbridge Georgian and the Southern Enterprise as to whether the New York-New Orleans mail, which had been passing through Thomasville, Tallahassee and St. Marks, should be shifted through Bainbridge and Appalachicola from Albany.

The Thomasville editor had great curiosity to know what the Bainbridge editor would do with New York Mail if he had it.

In the issue of Feb. 26, the editor agrees with the Milledgeville Recorder in that entirely too many new counties were being created in Georgia.

In the issue of March 19, there appears a notice of the death of Mr. Hardy Bryan, Sr., formerly of Thomasville but, at the time of his death, a resident of Louisiana.

In the issue of March 26, 1859, of the Southern Enterprise appears professional cards from W. B. Bennett, Attorney at Law, near Quitman, Brooks County, Ga.; J. R. Alexander, attorney, Thomasville, Ga.; P. B. Bedford, attorney, Waresboro, Ga.; John M. Dyson, attorney, Thomasville; G. H. Daniel, attorney, Savannah; Eugene L. Hines attorney, Thomasville. Other attorneys, whose cards appeared, were L. C. Bryan, Thomasville; Harris & Harris, Thomasville; John B. Miller, Mill Town; E. C. Morgan, Nashville; J. B. McGuire, Macon; H. T. Peoples, Nashville; Samuel B. Spencer, Thomasville; M. T. Ware, Nashville, James C. Ross, Thomasville.

S. S. Adams and S. R. Williams announce that they have formed a copartnership and they tender their professional services. It is not shown what sort of professional services they have in mind.

Here are professional cards from Drs. Bruce & Eaton, Dr. P. S. Bower, Dr. Brandon, Dr. W. H. Hall, Drs. H. B. and E. O. Arnold and Dr. William Eaton, the latter three being dentists.

Dr. P. S. Bower had opened up a new drug store.

Peter Lindsey and John P. Arnold advertised themselves as tailors; James M. Gray showed himself to be a jeweler; Mrs. Fisher advertised the Tocwatton Academy to open the third Monday in January; Jared Everett advertised a stock of merchandise at R. R. Evan's old stand.

There were advertisements from John H. Lowry, car-

riage maker; Benjamin Hubert, merchant; E. Remington, merchant; Moore & Homan, variety works, L. B. Brockett, merchant; John N. McKinnon, merchant; John Stark, merchant; John W. Dekle, grist mill.

Williams & T. J. Bottoms adverstised a new cotton press.

James H. Rawls advertised that the firm of James H. Hayes & Co., had been dissolved and that the books of account and notes of the firm would be found at the store of Hayes & Holloway.

Mr. George W. Turner, of Miccosukee, advertised that his horse had been stolen from the lot of Mr. Josiah Drew on the Monticello road.

It appears that S. Swann & Co., lottery agents of Augusta, had sold out to Wood, Eddy & Co., of Augusta, Atlanta and Wilmington, Del., who were advertising a lottery.

There was also an advertisement of a scheme, in the nature of a lottery, known as the "New York Weekly Golden Prize." Everyone subscribing got a weekly periodical and from 50c to \$500 in gold.

Winn & Neely advertised a blacksmith shop.

Mrs. A. L. Little advertised the McBain Hotel and Mr. F. W. Johnson published rates at the Bryan House, board and lodging being \$1.00 per day; \$4.50 per week; and \$15.00 per month.

Mr. J. T. Byington, of Albany, advertised the Byington Hotel in which was located the stage office for stages running from Albany to Thomasville, Bainbridge, Quincy and Tallahassee.

T. P. Little had an advertisement in the nature of a poem in which it seems that Mr. Little was a combination of a dentist and druggist.

C. H. Remington adverstised sewing machines at from \$25 to \$50.

Under the cartion "Bound for the West," John S. Ferrill advertised his plantation, nine miles southwest of Thomasville, for sale.

It appears from the legal advertisements that Richard Ramsey was administrator of the estate of Obediah Moyer; that Thomas Adams, Jr., was administrator of the estate of Thomas Adams, Sr., that W. G. Ponder was executor of the estate of J. M. Vickers; that Duncan S. Ray wanted to be guardian of Sarah M. Dowry; that John N. McKinnon was administrator of the estate of Neel McKinnon; that Richard Ramsey and William S. Ramsey were administrators of the

estate of William H. Ramsey; that Edward Sexias was administrator of the estate of Theodisus B. Davies; that Thomas J. Bottoms was administrator of the estate of James C. Lewis; that John W. Barwick was administrator of the estate of Gabriel Kellam; that Dixon Cowl was administrator of the estate of James Cowl; that Tarquall McAulay was administrator of the estate of William Tyson.

D. N. McNeill, sheriff of Lowndes County, advertised certain lands for sale.

Robert Ivey had lost two notes, one signed by William J. Heard and the other by William McAulay, which he wanted returned.

M. D. Dekle & Co., of Griffins Mill, Berrien County, were advertised for mercantile business.

Charles J. Harris, Esq., was trying to collect everything owing to Ephram Ponder.

Judge A. H. Hansell was advertising for sale the place, including about three hundred forty-five acres, formerly occupied by John Miller.

The next issue of the Southern Enterprise which I am able to find is that of Oct. 3, 1860, in which we notice that Mr. R. R. Reneau has bought one-half interest in the paper which will be published in future by Messrs. Bryan and Reneau, Mr. L. C. Bryan to continue as editor.

The paper carries the Bell and Everett Presidential ticket.

The elector from the first Congressional district was Samuel B. Spencer of Thomas.

In this issue we notice that the editor, together with Judge Hayes, had examined the work on the main trunk line which had been completed to within one and one-half miles of Thomasville by Messrs. Hayes and Jones.

The editor said that there were about fifty hands at work and the road would soon be completed into town.

The next issue of the Enterprise in existence is that of Wednesday, May 15, 1861.

President Davis had convened the Confederate Congress in Montgomery in extraordinary session and his official message appears.

Some of the legal advertisements bear the caption "Republic of Georgia, Thomas County."

The Ochlocknee Light Infantry, with Capt. Young and Sergeant McGlashan, and the Thomasville Guards, with Capt. Rockwell, had been organized and were drilling. The ladies of the town were assisting the soldiers by sewing and raising funds.

A list of contributors is published by the committee

raising funds to equip the two companies by the Treasurer, James H. Hayes, who could be found at the store of R. R. Evans.

The list is as follows: James L. Seward, A. P. Wright, John Hurst, William McLendon, Henry C. McLendon, Wm. Stegall, J. I. Whiddon, R. H. Eaton, I. Kubitshek & Bro., J. W. H. Mitchell, C. Braswell, John A. Lane, Josiah J. Everett, R. H. Hardaway, William C. Dodd, John D. Edwards, James Millen, J. Schiff & Bro., T. L. Parker, D. C. Peacock, John Futch, William Cline, S. Samuel Adams, M. J. J. Bryan, Joseph S. Neely, Thomas E. Blackshear, Henry Mitchell, Sheldon Swift, H. Wolff & Bro., H. H. Tooke, David Ward, Wolfsohn Kapp & Co., E. Thompson, J. G. Pitman, J. W. Dekle, Donald McLean, Thomas Adams, J. H. Whaley, R. R. Evans, Charles Mertz, David Harrell, John N. McKinnon, M. C. Smith, K. Braswell, W. B. Cochran, Edward Remington, N. Cochran, T. W. Cochran, Edward Sexias, D. J. Holloway, H. Quin, Abel Johnson, J. H. Murphy, Jeffers, John Martin, Dudley J. Cox, Donald McAuley, Randolph Pearson, Thomas Pugh, Littleton Wyche, R. W. Heath, James L. Ross, P. N. Vickers, D. S. Brandon, H. A. Hubert, P. S. Bower, R. S. Burch, J. R. Reid, James T. Hayes, J. R. Evans, P. E. Love, Robert Tuggle, Henry Wyche, J. R. Alexander, I. W. Mitchell, W. and T. C. Mitchell, J. R. Maddox, T. J. Young, A. F. Everett, John G. Lindsey, W. P. Smith, D. F. Pearce, W. G. Ponder, Moses Anderson, William P. Flanagan, Simon D. Hudley, Joshua Carroll, Richard Thomas, Robert Roddenbury, A. H. Hansell, Thomas Jones, Thomas Wyche, Giles Price (colored), Merida Braswell, G. W. Brown, John C. Browning, William J. Heard, M. Wilder, Thomas Steel, R. J. Bruce, J. L. Johnson, C. H. Young, Josiah Drew, William Howard and J. G. Miller.

A notice appears that the Confederate government will receive no more twelve months' enlistments but that soldiers must be taken for the duration of the war.

After the issue of May 8, 1861, there seems to be no copy of the Southern Enterprise in existence prior to the Civil War except the front page of the issue of Dec. 1861.

From this, we learn that Fletcher Institute will continue as before.

Robert Fleming announces himself as a candidate "to take the returns and collect the taxes of Thomas County" and turn over the emoluments of the office to the Judges of the Inferior Court for the benefit of the families of volunteers.

M. E. Clisby, Secretary of the Soldiers' Aid Society, ac-

knowledges receipt of \$372.25 from the young ladies of Thomasville for the society.

St. John the Baptist Lodge A. F. M. of Valdosta elected the following officers: S. A. Smith, Jr., W. M.; S. W. Baker, J. W.; W. D. Howell, J. W.; J. M. Howell, Treasurer; Charles McKinnon, Secretary; R. T. Roberds, S. D.; Willis Allen, J. D.; and H. P. Morris, Tyler.

The Thomas Reserves were called to meet and drill on Jan. 1, at 10:00 a. m.

H. M. Hearst, J. P. Turner and Aaron Daniel were candidates for sheriff; John G. Pittman, John R. Maddox, J. H. J. Brock, H. R. McRee and James L. Everett were candidates for tax receiver and collector.

The Florida Conference had just finished its session in Quincy and the assignments to the Thomasville district were as follows: R. H. Lucky, P. E.; Thomasville, W. F. Easton; Albany and Liberty Chapel, to be supplied by J. B. Jackson; Newton, F. R. C. Ellis; Calhoun, J. A. W. Johnson; Camilla, J. L. Williams; Moultrie Mission, J. W. Jackson; Grooverville, R. H. Howren; Quitman, J. J. Giles; Valdosta, N. B. Ousley; Nashville Mission, A. W. Harris; Irwin Mission, J. Henderson; Ocmulgee, R. W. Flournoy.

The presentments of the Grand Jury were published but nothing was said about the military situation except a recommendation that the patrol laws be enforced.

The Grand Jury was composed of the following: John G. Dekle, Foreman; Levi Bole, James P. Turner, Samuel Meek, Hamilton Williams, James A. Slater, Robert B. Mardre, James B. Singletary, Charles Mertz, John R. Maddox, James A. Bulloch, William Howard, Caleb Carroll, James M. Hurst, Jesse J. Maddox, James A. McLendon, John A. Lane, Richard J. Wheeler, Robert Raines and James Millen.

The editor announces that on account of the critical situation the newspaper was suspended but that he would undertake to get job printing done until his services were needed on the battle field.

CHAPTER 20

Heads of Families in Lowndes County in 1830.

Henry Albritton	Wm. Cotter
Wm. C. Alderman	Cannon Cason
Sarah Adams	Wm. Carlisle
James Allen	Silas Cason
Matthew Albritton	Henry Colson
James Albritton	Sarah Coward
James Anderson	Henry Clifton
Wm. G. Akins	Harmon Crum
Frances Akins	Jesse Carter
Wm. Albritton	Thomas Crawford
John Bryan	Hugh Chancey
Thos. Brown	George Carter
Joshia Browning	John Carter
Lewis Blackshear	Wm. Carter
Joshua Browning	Isaac Carter
Jno. Browning	Samuel Carter
Samuel Barker	Wm. B. Coward
Jno. Blackshear	Elizabeth Chaney
Elijah Beasley	Ben Cornelius
Wm. Burman	Reuben Crawford
Alford Belote	Gideon Crawford
Wm. Blair	Jesse Carter, Jr.
James Beasley	Samuel M. Clyatt
James Burnette	Ann Cummings
Daniel Burnette	Enoch Collins
James Bird	Isaac B. Carlton
Thomas Brannon	James Crawford
Mosley Burnette	Elijah Cutts
David Blanton	Henry Castleberry
John Bennett	Henry Dean
Adin Boyd	Elijah Deike
Bane L. Boyd	Benjamin Devane
George Boon	Wm. Dampeer
Burton Branch	Jno. G. Davis
David R. Bryan	Wm. Dregors
Willson Bates	Jno. Dees
James M. Bates	Moses Dees
Fleming Bates	Wm. Dees
Jno. Bennett	Lenard Dees
James Bozeman	Wm. Dooling
Cama Burman	Nancy Dukes
Alexander Campbell	John Dampeer
Bozel Cornege	Dennis Dooling
	John Edmonson

Cornelius English	Lewis Harrell
George Easters	Jno. Hall
Love English	Sion Hall
James English	Nathan Hodges
Amos Emanuel	Henry Hulette
James Edmondson	Samuel T. Henderson
David Fender	Winney Henderson
Wm. Fletcher	Green Hill
Israel Folsom	Jno. Hill
Thomas Folsom	Benj. Holland
Zach Fletcher	Wm. Hill
Pennewell Folsom	Henry H. Hightower
Wright Flowers	Daniel Humphrey
Randall Folsom	Wm. Hancock
Thomas Futch	Cadar Hancock
Jno. Folsom	Jeremiah Hancock
James Faulkour	James E. Henary
Lawrence Folsom	John Hendry
Elijah Folsom	John Howell
Joseph Gates	Jno. Hightower
Thos. Giddens	H. John Harper
Abner Griffin	Durham Hancock
Rebecca Godwin	Jaret Johnson
Hardy Godwin	Isaac Johnson
Nancy Griffin	John Jordan
Bryan Glisson	Wm. Jones
Simon Gay	Jno. Jones Sr.
James Goff	Jno. Jones Jr.
Wm. C. Goff	Abner Jones
Jessa Goodman	Clayton Jones
Nathan Gornto	John Johnson
David Gornto	David Johnson
William Gay	Wash. Joyce
Jobin Giddens	Jas. I. Joyce
John Gutery	Joshua Kemp
George Glover	Jno. Kinsey
Aquilla Green	Jonathan Knight
Lovick Green	Levi. J. Knight
James Gill	John Knight
Thomas Gray	Wm. A. Knight
Emanuel Griner	Wm. C. Knight
Fisher Gaskins	Thos. Kelly
Jno. Gaskins	John Kelly
Jas. Hunter	Sam Knight
Williams Hendry	Dan Kinard
Henry Hamons	Wm. Kirby

Willis King
 Wm. Knight
 Nathan Lindsey
 Wm. Lofton
 Jno. Lankford Sr.
 Jno. Lankford Jr.
 Joshua Lee
 Jones Lexington
 Seaborn Lastinger
 John Lindsay
 Robt. Lindsay
 David Lovette
 Hester Lindsay
 Jno. Lawson
 Thomas Mathis
 Thos. Masstewwhite
 K. C. Morrison
 Jno. Mixon
 Aaron Maddox
 David Mathis
 Jno. Mathis Sr.
 Jno. Moore
 Tyre Mathis
 Sarah Moore
 Edmund Mathis
 Jno. Moore Jr.
 Roderick Morrison
 Jerusha Monk
 Jas. Mathis
 Malon Monk
 Richard Maulden
 Mary Morrison
 Bunyan Merritt
 Judith McFail
 Jno. S. McLeod
 Isaac McMullen
 Hannah MacIntyre
 Isaac McFail
 James McMullen
 Miley McLeod
 James McDowell
 Elizabeth McCall
 Wm. McMullan
 Ben. McDaniel
 Dan. McCraney
 Jno. McCraney Sr.

Jno. McCraney Jr.
 Duncan McMillan
 Malcolm McCraney
 Robt. McCall
 Margaret McDermit
 Thomas Newbern
 Dread Newborn
 James M. Norman
 Willis Newman
 Wm. Newbern
 James M. Pattern
 Alexander Patterson
 Robt. N. Parrish
 Ansel A. Parrish
 Henry Parrish
 Wm. Peters
 Daniel Polk
 Moses Prescott
 Joseph Powers
 Ashford N. Parker
 Samuel Paulk
 John S. Pinkton
 Peter Platt
 David Platt
 Jno. Pike
 Joshua Platt
 Jno. Platt
 Asahol Renfroe
 Jno. Roberts Sr.
 Nichabod Rollerson
 John C. Roberts Jr.
 Francis Rountree
 Wm. Rowell
 Sebron Raney
 David Rowell
 Thos. Ramsey
 Wm. P. Roberts
 James Rountree
 Lewis Roberts
 Jno. Roden
 Jacob Roden
 Sam Register
 Martin Shaw
 Simpson Strickland
 Ezekiel Selph
 Hansel Singleton

Arc. Strickland
 Sam Straughter
 Jno. Straughter
 Arch Smith
 Wm. Smith
 Thos. Selph
 H. W. Sharpe
 Wm. W. Sanders
 John Stewart
 Riley Sapp
 Wm. Stokely
 Aly Sapp
 Bryant Sasser
 Jno. Sweat
 Wm. Sherly
 Ben Sirman
 Joseph Sirman
 Henry Sapp
 Wm. Sapp
 Abner Sirman
 Sam E. Swilley
 Joshua Stephens
 Henry Stephens
 Reason Swilley
 James D. Shanks
 Ivey Simmons
 David Stanford
 Levi Starling
 William Starling
 Nathan Smith
 Jno. Suttan
 Moses Slaughter

Jonathan Sirman
 Elias Skipper
 Jno. Sellers
 Jno. Studstill
 A. B. Shehe
 Joshiah Sellers
 Melus Thigpen
 Jno. Tillman
 Jeremiah Tillman
 Joshua Tillman
 Emily Turner
 Jno. Tomlinson
 Wm. Tomlinson
 Austin Thompson
 Allen Townsend
 Jno. Townsend
 Wm. Taitor
 Jesse Townsend
 James Touchstone
 Jemima Tucker
 Moses Tomlinson
 Henry Tucker
 John J. Underwood
 Drew Vikers
 Jesse Vickers
 James Wade
 Wm. Wood
 Jno. S. Whitfield
 James Walker
 Peter Wetherington
 Curtis Wetherington
 Dennis Wetherington

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Heads of Families in Decatur County in 1830.

Hiram Atkinson
 Henry Arline
 Wright Alligood
 Jesse Asley
 William Bolen
 Isaac Brock
 Isaac Boyet
 Walter Bell
 Newton Brain
 Elisha Butler
 James Barnes
 Littlebury Bostwick

James T. Brescoat
 Bennet Batchalder
 John Bucklow
 Soloman D. Belton
 Levi C. Bostwick
 Edward Ballard
 Soloman Betton
 Daniel Belcher
 James Brown
 Abner Bishop
 John Blewed

Samuel Bishop
 Margaret Bell
 George Boyce
 Philip Boyed
 James Brown Sr.
 John G. Barr
 Thomas G. Barr
 James Bird
 Daniel Brian
 William Brown
 Asa Barber
 Joshua Boon
 Theophilus Botsford
 Isham Baley
 Margaret Buie
 John Buie
 Vincent D. Bodiford
 Martha Brock
 Daniel Brock
 Alexander Burkit
 George Bishop
 William Brown
 Jeremiah Bell
 Mary Burvis
 James Blanset
 Duncan Bell
 Abner Belcher
 William Bryan
 Elender Jane Bryan
 John Brewton
 Elisha Bennit
 James Buts
 Hardy Crawford
 Asa Chamblin
 Milton Crawford
 Johnson Cook
 Joel Cook
 John Clewis
 Stephen Castlelow
 Lilpha Cloud
 Bud Cursey
 William L. Colwell
 John Chason
 Bennit Crawford
 William L. Colwell
 Duncan Curry

Reuben Chason
 James Clary
 William H. Castler
 Reuben Cloud
 Samuel Churry
 Dawson Croff
 John Cloud
 Michael Carter
 William Chandler
 John Canniday
 Robert I. Chisam
 Willis Conner
 Jesse Collins
 James Cartledge
 Abel Chester
 Willis Cook
 John Cook
 Abner Chester
 John J. Collier
 Ezekiel Colens
 William Colens
 Joshua Cravy
 Isaiah Dykes
 Jesse H. Davis
 John Degraffinreid
 William Donaldson, Sr.
 William Donaldson, Jr.
 Joseph Davis
 Jesse Davis
 James Donaldson
 Francis Dickenson
 Daniel B. Duglas
 Joel Darsey
 Reuben Deborce
 Anna Donaldson
 Jonathan Donaldson
 Jno. Donaldson
 Samuel Debrough
 Nancy Donaldson
 Alexander Duglass
 Josiah Everitt
 John Elkins
 Young Elkins
 William Elkins
 David Emanuel
 Jno. Emanuel

Willis Ellice
 James Evans
 Caswell Emanuel
 Frederick Farior
 Elija Fenn
 Thomas Fain, Sr.
 George W. Finkley
 John Faircloth
 John Freeman
 Thomas P. Fain
 James Forde
 James Freeman
 Thomas H. Freeman
 Mary Fairchiles
 Joseph Guyton
 Geo. G. Gains
 Mincha A Gray
 Dreury Glover
 Jesse Glover
 Daniel George
 Andrew Graham
 Jesse Gideons
 Henry Gilbord
 Jephtha Gilbert
 Sylvanus C. Gibson
 Isaac Gideons
 Chas. G. Gowen
 Hugh T. Gamble
 Benjamin Griffin
 James Griffin
 David Gray
 Lenn Griffin
 John H. Gray
 Micaja Griffin
 Eli George
 Isiah George
 Alexandria Godden
 Stephen Godden
 William Griffin
 Jobe D. Gibson
 Henry E. Horne
 Jacob Hoge
 Moses Harrel
 Ralph Hicks
 John Harrel
 Elias O. Hawthorne

John Hesters
 Stephen Hagan
 Thomas Hesters
 James Hagans
 George Harnedge
 Thomas Harrison
 Benjamin Harrison
 Anthony Hutchens
 Jacob Harriel
 John Harriel
 Edmund Harren
 Dempsey Harriel
 Starling Hines
 Howel Harren
 John Hasard
 Silas Hilyard
 Davis Hays
 James M. Handly
 Gideon Holten
 John Hutchenson
 Hanah Hill
 Jonathan Hawthorne
 William Hawthorne
 Wiley Horne
 Nathaniel Hicks
 Elisha Hodge
 Isaac Harrel
 Elija Harrel
 Wm. D. Harrel
 John Hicks
 Arthur Howel
 Marten Harden
 Elija Hair
 Thomas Hines
 John Hargreaves
 Asa Hutchens
 Nathaniel Hawthorne
 Thomas C. Hair
 Edmond Hair
 William Hair
 Jno. Harris
 William Ingram
 Hugh Ingram
 John Ingram
 John Israel
 Robert Jones

Matthew Jones
 Sarah Jones
 Hiram Johnson
 Jacob Johnson
 Alvis Jones
 Timothy Johnson
 John Johnson
 William Johnson
 Samuel Johnson
 John Jones
 David Justice
 Josiah Jones
 Williams P. Jackson
 Jesse Johnson
 Michael Joice
 Abslom Johnson
 Daniel B. Johnson
 James Kallahand
 Malakier Kelly
 Thomas King
 William Kent
 Jones Kelly
 Samuel Knettles
 John W. Keith
 John Kemp
 William W. Kelly
 George W. Kemp
 William Killin
 Elias Kemp
 William Kelly
 John Lunn
 Ebenezer Lee
 William C. Lester
 James Lambert
 Wiley Lewis
 Squier Lanam
 Thomas B. Lewis
 Islam Lamb
 Noah Lambert
 John Lee
 Isaac Lester
 George Lawrence
 Mary Lassiler
 William Lewis
 Thomas More
 John McCrelys

Duncan Morgan
 Reuben Morgan, Sr.
 Reuben Morgan, Jr.
 William Mansfield
 Frederick Mansfield
 William Montgomery
 McClendon Megainey
 William Melone
 John Melone
 James Mathis
 John Maloy
 Jacob Miller
 John Miller
 John McKinis
 Floria McSwain
 Daniel McDaniel
 John McDaniel
 Daniel McKenzy
 Ebenezer G. Miller
 James I. Miller
 Anthony McGowen
 Alexandria McGowen
 Thomas Maples
 Daniel McNair
 Hiram Murfey
 David May
 Joseph McGower
 Reddic Magana
 Daniel Mobley
 Jonathan Miller
 Levi W. More
 Matthew R. More
 Littlebury Mills
 John B. Mills
 William McElvy
 William Martin
 Robert Malone
 Jacob McGowan
 Reuben Meek
 William Miller
 Buckner McDaniel
 John W. Man
 Frances A. Martin
 John Morgan
 Herman Nell
 Sarah Newbury

Elender Newsome
 John Newbury
 William Nobles
 Duncan Nicholson
 James T. Neel
 Arch T. Obrien
 David Obrian
 Stephen Pitts
 Wyatt Parice
 William Powell
 George C. Pound
 Lewis Obrian
 Lott Owens
 Whitman Owens
 William Owens
 William M. Owens
 Thomas Oliver
 Levi Owens
 Daniel Oneel
 Jno. G. Portervint
 Jason Plant
 Isaac Philipps
 Joseph R. Price
 Charley Pate
 Nathanel Pope
 Matthew Parice
 John Powers
 Ransom Parham
 James Powell
 Wiley Pierce
 Charles Parmer
 John Pollock
 Wm. H. Pike
 Harris Ricks
 Daniel Regans
 Chas. Regans
 William Runnels
 Benjamin Rawls
 John Rawls
 Nathan Rackley
 Joseph Rawls
 Jane Rials
 John Roberson
 Ephraigh Rigdon
 John Ricks
 Noah Roberson

Isham Reeves
 David Rankins
 John Rankins
 Josiah Robertson
 Roberson Regan
 Sarah Rich
 Jno. Rich
 Stephen Rich
 George W. Rich
 John G. Sapp
 Allan Sloan
 Lyman Shepherd
 William Scott
 John L. W. Sphers
 Jeremiah Shaw
 Daniel K. Shaw
 Stiring Scarborough
 Michael Smith
 Mordica Sansbury
 Isaac Shores
 William Sapp
 Chas Sewel
 David Swicord
 William Spell
 Jeremiah Slade
 William Sanders
 Reuben Strickland
 Neel Strickland
 Logan Sanders
 Edmond Smart
 Adam Spooner
 James Sadler
 Henry Smith
 Francis Smallwood
 Margaret Sapp
 James Sapp
 Jacob Scott
 John Sims
 Wright Sanders
 Lewis St. John
 Samuel Sellers
 John Stoubt
 John Spann
 Elizabeth Sutton
 John Sanders
 James St. John

Bartholomew Taylor	George Waters
Barna Tucker	William Woodruff
Sarah Tate	Birch Walls
Rachel Thomas	John White
Sutton H. Truluck	Mahaley Windham
Asa Travis	Isaac Williams
Eson Tison	William West
James H. Trulock	William Whigham
Richard Tootle	Nathan Williams
Thomas Tredway	Samuel Williams
Nelson Thompson	Henry White
Benjamin Tipton	David Waters
Jeremiah H. Taylor	William Williams
Green Tinsley	Marten Walden
James Thompson	John Whiddon
Stephen Touchstone	William Whiddon
William Taylor	Mathew Whiddon
Lewis Thomas	William Wenzer
Hezikiah Thomas	Elias Wester
Bud C. Thomas	William Williford
Dempsey Taylor	William Young
John Umphrey	Joseph Yarbrough
Eli Vickery	Isaac Yawn
Jesse Vickery	Patrick Yawn
Peter Van Landingham Sr.	Martin Yawn
Peter Van Landingham Jr.	Elijah R. Young
Benjamin Van Landingham	John Yawn
Thomas Whigham	Isrel Zegler
Eli Whiddon	

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Heads of Families According to Census of Thomas County Thomasville District 1840

(t) resident of Thomasville

Thomas Adams	Lousianne W. A. Bryan (t)
Abel Adams	Sarah Bennett (t)
Fabian Adams	Isaac P. Brooks (t)
Ezekial Abbott	S. W. Barrington (t)
Tobitha Alderman	Aquilla Benton
John Atkinson	John Beland
Moses Anderson	Daniel Bowen
Dennis Allen	Charles A. Berryhill
Samuel Alderman	Ann Bryant
William Alderman	Simeon Braswell
Joseph Anderson	Edward Bryan

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David Alderman
 Shadrack Atkinson (t)
 Elizabeth Averitt (t)
 James Bryan, Jr. (t)
 Isaac Butler
 Thomas Bivens
 John H. Brock
 Lucy Braswell
 Jason Brinson
 William Baldy
 Uriah Braswell
 Zachariah Carter
 Raney Chastain
 Wm. C. W. Clark
 Claborne Carroll
 Joseph Cone
 Ezekiel Carter
 Calvin Carroll
 John Coggins
 Hardy Carlton
 Jesse Chestnutt
 Levi Carter
 Thomas H. Chastain
 Stephen W. Cone
 Stephen Carroll
 Joseph Carroll
 Thomas B. Clark
 Calob Carroll
 Curtis Carroll
 Siloo Carter
 Manson Carroll
 John Cone
 John Clewis
 James Carter
 Maginty Colman
 Isaac N. Cook
 Mary Cone
 Solloman Carter
 Stephen Carlton
 Jno. B. F. Dixon
 William Drugger
 William G. Dekle
 Edward Dekle
 Thomas Dekle
 Hugh Donaldson
 John Donaldson

Amos Davis
 Mary Davis
 Oliver Dudley (t)
 Joel B. Dukes (t)
 Robert Donaldson (t)
 John R. Duke (t)
 Shellman Fullford
 Daniel Ferguson
 Elizabeth Freeman
 Jordan Fullford
 Isaac Futch
 Moses Futch
 Isaac Futch, Jr.
 John Fuquay
 Lewis L. Gregory
 Wiley Groom
 Michael Gilliard
 John Gray
 Wainright Griffin
 Eli Graves
 Prof. W. Gandy
 Berry H. Gandy (t)
 John Gauley (t)
 Rebecca House (t)
 Major Hardy
 John Hurst
 Simon D. Hadley
 John Huggins
 John Hicks
 Wm. N. H. Harrell
 Hanse W. Harrison (t)
 John W. Hurst
 Thomas Harvey (t)
 Sarena Hurst
 Wm. Hunnewell (t)
 Auri. G. Horne
 John Hambleton
 Daniel Hambleton
 James Hancock, Sr.
 John Hancock
 Benjamin Humphre
 Thomas I. Johnson
 Wm. A. Jenkins
 Mary Johnson
 John Kelly
 David Knapp

George W. Knapp	Thomas McGattin
Gabrill Kellum	Mary McKinnon
Sterling Kingsley	Malcolm McKinnon
Peter Kemp	John McDaniel
Daniel Kornegay	Neill McKinnon
John Lunday	John McKinnon
Benjamin Mumphre	Malcolm McKinnon, Jr.
Samuel Hines	Elizabeth McMurran (t)
Jno. I. A. Harroll	Thomas J. McBaine (t)
Henry Smith	Ewen McLean (t)
John R. Irwin	Elijah Neel
Robt. Ivey	Richard V. Newman (t)
Henry Jackson	William Owens
Sarah Johnson	David T. Owens
Thomas Jones	James Piric (t)
Isaac G. Jordan	John Parramore
John Jordan	Redden W. Parramore
John Jackson	Pugh Pollard
Orman James	Jesse E. H. Pugh
Shadrack J. Long	Wm. Powell
William Lester	George W. Poole
Matthew Lunday	Thomas Pugh
Henry Long (t)	Ollen Rackley
Peter Lawton (t)	Sarah Rice
Horace Lawton (t)	John Rushin
Benjamin Meryman (t)	Duncan Ray
Isaac W. Mitchell (t)	John W. Reeves
James D. Martin (t)	Richard Roddenberry
Eliza Methzler (t)	Sampson Roddenberry
Elendar Mallard (t)	Edward Remington (t)
Andrew Mirack	Chas. H. Remington (t)
Edward Minchen	Martha Ragan (t)
John R. Miller	Jesse Slater
Absolam Martin	James W. Smith (t)
Nathaniel R. Mitchell	Simeon Smith (t)
Hilery Murphey	Hansel R. Seward (t)
David Murphy	Robt. M. Simmons (t)
Wm. Montford	James L. Seward (t)
David Mims	Edward Seixas (t)
Thomas G. Mitchell	Nicholas Street (t)
Hollin McRae	S. Alex Smith (t)
Andrew McMath	Mary Stokes
Murdock McIntosh	Pliney Sheffield
Archibald McMillan	William Smith
Phillipp McMath	John Smith
Angus B. McKinnon	Boaz Stanaland

Rebecca Sweetman
 Francis Shepard
 Henry H. Took (t)
 Nancy Thompson (t)
 Nathaniel Turner
 Lewis A. Thomas
 James D. Thomas
 John K. Vann
 James M. Vickers
 Thomas Walker
 John White
 William Ward
 Lott Wheeler
 Thomas B. Winn
 Thomas Williams
 Henry Walker
 Dennis Williams
 Elizabeth White
 William Wyche

Allen Wilson
 Jared I. Whiddon
 Bryant Watkins
 John Williams
 Henry Wyche
 James Wincey
 William Wood
 Hampton Whiddon
 Aaron White
 Thomas White
 James White
 Isaac Wheeler
 S. Walsingham (t)
 Catherine Wetherington (t)
 Thomas C. Wyche
 Michael Young
 Elijah Remer Young
 James M. Youman

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 Grooverville District 1840.**

William Albritton
 James B. Albritton
 Henry Anderson
 Isaac Allen
 William Armstrong
 Augustus W. Archer
 Allen Brown
 Moses Beasley
 William T. Barnes
 John G. Barrow
 Zachariah Beall
 John Brown
 Daniel Browning
 Mark Corley
 James Cone
 Albert M. Duke
 Moses Daniel
 John Dugger
 Edward C. Dukes
 William Dugger
 James Davis
 George W. Donaldson
 John Eason
 Josiah J. Everitt

John Faglie
 Sarah Futch
 Book A. Gandy
 Malachi Groover
 John M. Groover
 James S. Gill
 Joshua S. Groover
 William W. Groover
 Solloman Groover
 Abner Groover
 Green B. Gandy
 James Groover
 John Groover
 John A. Hallman
 Allan Hagin
 James Hendry
 George L. Heard
 Allen Jones
 Thomas P. Jordan
 Malachi Jones
 Adam Jones
 Thomas F. Jones
 Jason B. Kemp
 John Lee

Joshua Lovett
 Robert Lunday
 Aaron B. Lovett
 James Lovett
 Benjamin Limberger
 Moses W. Linton
 Reuben C. Martin
 Nathaniel Milton
 James Milton
 Rice Mathis
 Malcolm Monroe
 Josiah Mallard
 John P. Markey
 Roberson Milton
 Ben L. B. Milton
 Jno. A. Martin
 Henry Milton
 Wm. McCall
 Alex McLeoud
 John McLeoud
 John A. McIntosh
 Christian McIntosh
 James G. McCall
 Norman McLeoud
 Roderick McIntosh
 Archibald McLeoud
 Daniel MacIntyre
 Auly McAuley
 Wiott McDonald
 Hugh McCann
 Jno. McAuley
 David McCall
 Joshua McCann
 John W. Newman
 Starlin Parker

Tillman D. Purifoy
 Adam B. Parramore
 William Platt
 Jno. Phillipps
 Matthew E. Parramore
 William H. Ramsey
 John Roddenberry
 George Roddenberry
 Rawlins L. Reeves
 John F. Reddin
 Solloman Reeves
 Sterlin Sims
 Washington Sanders
 Richard T. Stannaland
 Wm. P. Smith
 William Shuman
 John Stewart
 Jno. Sheffield, Sr
 Jno. Sheffield Jr.
 Isham Sheffield
 Jno. O. B. Stanaland
 Richard O. Stancel
 Elisha P. Smith
 Bazzeal G. Stephens
 Noah Tison
 Nancy Tison
 Leonard Tuggle
 Isham Walker
 James E. Whitfield
 Lewis Ward
 Jesse Ward
 Wm. Wollis
 Willis A. Wood
 Luther P. Wrede
 Harris Youmans

Heads of Families in Thomas County in 1840.
Duncanville District.

Samuel Adkins
 Nancy Adams
 James Atkinson
 Dennis Adams
 Henry Atkinson
 Daniel Atkinson
 Wm. W. Abbott
 Thomas E. Blackshear

John Bole
 Samuel Braswell Sr.
 James Barnes
 Simpson Browning
 Kindred Braswell
 Samuel Braswell Jr.
 James J. Blackshear
 Lewis Bailon

Stephen Bryan
 Levi Bole
 Marada Braswell
 Daniel Browning
 Joseph Barker
 John C. Browning
 William Browning
 Alfred Bryan
 George W. Brown
 Simeon A. Braswell
 Manning Colman
 George B. Corbett
 Edward Crosby
 Ann Crawford
 James Chapman
 Shadrick E. Dickey
 Richard B. Forbes
 Ansel Ferrell
 Abraham Faircloth
 Joshua Faircloth
 Eldred Faircloth
 Hutchens Ferrell
 Wm. I. Forson
 Jacob Faircloth
 Major C. Grace
 Solloman Granard
 William N. Harvin
 Hardy C. Hopson

Warren A. Hopson
 Lewis L. Hadley
 William E. Hayes
 Nelson Singletary
 Richard W. Singletary
 Simeon Sellers
 Isaac Spence
 Wm. C. Sanders
 Wm. Spears
 Allen Spears
 Wm. I. Singletary
 Jno. Slade
 David Singletary
 Joseph Singletary
 James B. Singletary
 Wright Sellers
 Burrell Taylor
 Joseph Taylor
 Jeremiah Wilson
 Benjamin Womack
 Jno. Waters
 Benjamin Ward
 George Waters
 Wm. H. Walsingham
 Richard Welch
 George Yearby
 Wm. Yearby

Swains District, (Vicinity of Pavo.)

Lacy Adams
 James Alderman
 Bennett Abbott
 Darias Barber
 Francis Brice
 Peter W. Branch
 George W. Bryan
 Isaac Carlton
 George Crocby
 Alderman Carlton
 Wm. Drew
 Brinkley Gandy
 Jno. Humphries
 Wm. Holloway Jr.
 Wm. Holloway Sr.
 Jacob Houk

James Holloway
 Charles H. Johnson
 Andrew Lastinger
 Nathaniel Lovett
 George Alderman
 George Antley
 Wm. W. Batey
 Wilson McMullen
 Wm. McMullen
 James McDonald
 Wm. McLeoud
 Elander Neesmith
 Chas. Neesmith
 Amos Newton
 Elias Roberts
 John Smith

Stephen Swain
 Tarlton Swain
 William Tison
 William Waley

Redden Wooten
 Luke M. Weekes
 Joseph Yeats

8th District, (now Colquitt County.)

William Ayres
 Hardy H. Akridge
 Thomas Bennett
 Mary Bowen
 John Burk
 James Bryan
 Douglas Black
 Emanuel Burk
 David Burney
 Wm. B. Crawford
 Ezekiel Crawford
 Elisha Cutts
 Wm. P. Cutts
 Robt. Crawford
 Jesse Carlton
 Peter Crosby
 Canon Cason
 Daniel Davis
 Wright Douglas
 Catherine Eason
 Baxtor Floyd
 Wright Flowers
 John Gregory
 Simon Gay
 Sarah Gregory
 Robt. Hendry
 Nathaniel Hand
 Henry W. Hancock
 Jeremiah Hancock
 Lewis Harroll
 Henry Haymons
 Pheby Highsmith
 Thomas Jordan
 Murphy Lanier
 Nathan Land
 Henry Murphey
 Holmes Mauldin
 Colan Merse
 James McLendon
 James A. Newman

Artaxerxes B. Norman
 James Newton
 James M. Norman
 Sarah Richardson
 William Sloan
 Levi Sapp
 John Sloan
 John Sellers
 Daniel Sloan
 Henry C. Tucker
 John Tillman
 James Vick
 James P. Vick
 Joseph Watson
 Leuben Wilson
 Medick Watson
 Hadrack Wells
 William Watson
 James M. Horne
 Thomas Hall
 Kindred Hall
 Wm. Hancock
 Allan Hancock
 James Hancock
 Ignatious Hall
 Jordan Hall
 John Hart
 James Hall
 Samuel H. Hadley
 George Hayes
 James T. Hayes
 Wm. I. Hopson
 Thos. J. Hurst
 George W. Jones
 Henry H. Jones
 Humphrey Jemison
 William Jackson
 John B. Lacy
 Henry Mash
 Jackson J. Mash

Richard Mitchell
 Taylor H. Mitchell
 Robert Mardre
 Angus Morrison
 Neill McKoy
 Daniel MacIntyre
 Daniel McKinnon
 Mary McKinnon
 Sylvanus Pumphrey
 Robert H. Raines
 Robert Roddenberry
 Lucien H. Raines
 Randolph Revill
 Isaac Shores
 James D. Saules
 Elisha Strickland
 Isham Strickland
 William H. Smith

Thomas M. Stow
 John Slater
 Daniel Stringer
 Stephen Smith
 Alsey Strickland
 Fleming B. Tanner
 Barbara Thomas
 James Taylor
 John Took
 And. Trulock
 Rich Taylor
 James J. Vickers
 Brinson Wheeler
 James Wilson
 Alpin Worsham
 Mitchell Worsham
 Samuel C. White

Heads of Families in Thomas County in 1840.
Jones District (Vicinity of Cairo and North thereof)

Thomas Adams
 Wm. A. Black
 Peter J. Baggett
 Wm. Bryan
 James J. Braswell
 Elisha Butler
 Robert Bullock
 Nathaniel Bryan
 Wm. J. Bryan
 William Collins
 John Carlton
 John Chastain
 Lewis J. Cooper
 John J. Cooper
 Azariah Cumbey
 Elizabeth Cumbey
 Edward Crutchfield
 James C. Gumbey
 Peter P. Dubose
 Benjamin Elwell
 Wm. Elkins
 Stark Frazzer
 Dennis Grady
 Dempsey Griffin
 Shadrack Griffin

John Griffin
 Mary Harvin
 John Henderson
 Thomas Hesters
 Levi Hart
 Levi Johnson
 John Jones
 Laney Jernigan
 Elizabeth Jones
 Prior Lewis
 George W. Long
 Wiley Merritt
 Thomas McCrone
 Malcolm McCaulay
 Eliza McLendon
 William McDaniel
 Isaac Newberry
 Mark A. Porter
 Alexander Peacock
 James Peacock
 Synthia Proctor
 Zacheus Pate
 Shadrack Posey
 Presley Prevatt
 David Ridley

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Jacob Grider
Major Griffin
Stephen Godding
Lewis Griffin
Burrell Griffin
William Saper
William Sellers
Philemon Smith

William H. Rawls
Philip Ragan
Shadrack Smith
Seth D. Smith
John Simmons
Wm. Shepard
Brayton Singletary
Henry Singletary