



This is a copy of a portrait of Button Gwinnett, one of the three Georgia signers of the Declaration of Independence and for whom Gwinnett County was named.



P. O. Box 261  
Lawrenceville, Georgia 30246



Gwinnett County was born in this picturesque old house. It was the home of Elisha Winn. The first elections and sessions of Inferior Court were held in Mr. Winn's house in 1818.

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### "FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY"

Janis Sawyer, past secretary of GHS, and prime mover and shaker to restore the Wynne-Russell house of Lilburn, will address our meeting Monday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. at GHS headquarters.

"Faith, hope and charity---that's what it took(to restore the house built ca. 1830)" Janis said. She had fought to rescue the house from demolition, talked the Lilburn City Council into buying the property, did the research and paper work to get it put on the National Register of Historic Places, and finally rounded up enough carpenters, painters and others to help her put the finishing touches on the house. The downstairs rooms are now rented out for local meetings and receptions.

One side of the house's interior has been scraped and sanded down to its original 12-inch wide wall and ceiling boards. The other side, including kitchen and parlor and one bedroom upstairs, have been painted in pale colonial colors. Warm and welcoming for the 1980 Christmas Tour of Homes, the house was outfitted with antiques, including a hope chest made in 1847 by James Russell for his daughter Martha Anne who married Thomas Wynne. The chest is owned by a descendant, Harriet Boozer, also a GHS member.

Janis will tell the good and bad aspects of restoring an old house. Labor began on a cold day in January 1978, and every day until it was completed, Janis awakened to review what needed to be done on the structure that day. Visitors will be welcome to hear this talk.



Janis Sawyer

### WINN HOUSE ROOF GETS REPLACED

At press time, Alice Ray, treasurer of the Elisha Winn house fund, reported that J. P. Wallis was expected to begin replacing the old leaky Winn roof with new wide cedar shingles. The final payment to architect Lane Greene (\$6750) has been made; one half of this amount will be reimbursed by the state grant from Dept. of Interior, Heritage Conservation Service, through Dept. of Natural Resources.

Lane Greene had presented to DNR a complete set of drawings of each level of the Winn house with every board and brick documented, photos of all sides, details of doors, windows, elevations, etc. Copies of the plan have been given to the Winn restoration committee and the GHS office.

After consultation with a top-notch archeologist who viewed the site, Lane suggested to GHS that restoration be done in this order:

1. Front (oldest) part- restore in authentic period restoration with no heat, a/c and limited electric in front two rooms.
2. Back part- make into comfortable living quarters for caretakers.
3. Take out kitchen and tear off back porch. Put in bath and add small back porch.
4. Take out storage room, make it a kitchen and dining room. Furnish a hot water heater.
5. Put "L" on side porch, as it once was.

#### Upstairs

6. Front rooms- pure restoration to 1812 era.
7. New roof over bedrooms and new porch.
8. Pressed metal shingles on newer roof; can be cleaned and repainted. (He found a source of metal shingles in business in Atlanta since 1873; shingles are the same as used on the original addition or newer part of the house.)
9. Put wooden shingles on old part, after removing roll roofing.
10. Remove one-story shed porch, built in 1945, which replaced two-story swinging porch.
11. Replace with central two-story portico (width and slope based on facts uncovered by archeologist) as it was originally. Support with three round pole columns at each corner, repeating what was used since 1918. (No evidence to indicate type of original columns.)
12. Install new plumbing and heating, an electrical system on ground floor.
13. Commissary building which blew down in winter of 1979, could be reconstructed because pieces were saved and its location known.
14. Barn where first courts were held: Original location found by archeologist. Some timbers (framing members) of original barn were incorporated in the present barn built in 1945. From the description -of Amos Hutchins, caretaker, who helped take down the old barn, it was unlike any barn of today, Greene said. It was floored, had two stories and one door. We don't know if it was originally built as a barn or for the first sessions of Inferior Court. Lane suggests stabilizing the barn to deter further deterioration. Then, at a later time, do a thorough investigation to see what it was like in 1818 and someday reconstruct it as it was then. There is still about 15% of the original barn left.
15. Jail will be hard to recreate. Although Amos remembers approximate site, no foundations could be found except one wall, which is where Amos said it was. Lane suggests we install four permanent markers and a plaque to show it was the first county jail site.

## MORE ON WINN HOUSE.....

Regarding the jail, Lane says it is possible GHS might find one of similar vintage and move it on to the site.

The commissary well is not the original one.

### QUOTE FROM GWINNETT JOURNAL of 12/9/1903

Mr. James Smith died. A former citizen of this place, he died at home in Atlanta and was interred here. He was 90 years old. Several years ago, he resided on the spot where J. A. Ambrose's house now stands.

GHS ed.'s note: Could this be another family who resided in the Elisha Winn house?

## 10-12-1980 Norcross Granted Historical Status

All the hard work toward recognition of Norcross as a national historical site is complete. Now all that can be done is to wait.

"And how fast they (Washington) move, I do not know," Norcross Mayor Lillian Webb said.

The old business section of Norcross, in addition to some residences, was recognized at the state level as a historical site by the Department of Natural Resources in mid-September.

"In most cases where a historical site is recognized by the state, it is approved in Washington. We're just hoping it holds true for us," Webb said.

Recognition — even at the state level — was not an easy task.

The Norcross Community Association, in conjunction with the city's Business Association, worked on the project for about a year and a half. Narratives had to be written and pictures compiled before the state would review the request.

Designation as a historical site is important to Norcross, Webb said, because it would help to preserve the historical section of the community.

"We would receive federal grants (for) restoring and stabilizing the historical area," she said.

In addition, homeowners in the designated area could apply for low-interest loans for home restoration. However, the work done on the home must be in accordance with the particular time period stated by the historical society.

"In other words, a homeowner in the historical area couldn't just rip out everything in the house and modernize it with the grant money," Webb said.

### COURT HOUSE DAY SET FOR APRIL 25 IN LAWRENCEVILLE

Lawrenceville Jr. Woman's Club is sponsoring the first "Court House Day" to be held on Lawrenceville Square April 25. Arts will be on the courthouse lawn, crafts and children's games at city park (east), antiques (shown by Business & Professional Women) will be at City Recreation Bldg. Annie Frances Flanigan, representative for GHS at the fair, is rounding up members to conduct walking tours around the square, with historical commentary. The Female Seminary will be open and a slide show presented there. Mary Kay Jordan, JWC chairman, said GHS is welcome to put on any money-making event at the fair--especially if it appeals to children.

### ORIGIN OF ELDREDGE ROAD

Eldredge Rd., running N and S, connecting GA 120 and Sweetwater Rd., was named for the family of Bob Eldredge of Norcross Lumber Co.

Michael P. Eldredge wrote GHS asking about the road. We referred him to a few people and he kindly called back to let us know the above result of his inquiry.

### A Brief Guide to S.C. Genealogical Research and Records. . . \$5.95

This booklet gives a brief guide to the main series of records in the South Carolina Archives and to county records as well as other sources in the state. To further clarify difficult-to-understand boundary changes, a set of 8 maps is included. You cannot be without this helpful booklet.

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## Party Caps Two-Year Effort On History Book

By KAREN MARSHALL  
News Staff Writer

"It's a dream come true."

The phrase was repeated several times Sunday afternoon at the publication party for "Gwinnett County, Georgia Families, 1818-1968."

A run of 2,000 copies of the book was compared to a birth two years in the making, as more than 300 family genealogy manuscripts were converted from 1,300 typed and edited pages into a 640-page hardbound book by the Gwinnett Historical Society. The society estimated that more than 5,000 hours were required to solicit the genealogies, promote, edit, type, rewrite, proofread, index and mail the book.

More than 300 people attended the publication party in the auditorium of Lawrenceville Elementary School where pre-ordered books were handed out. About 1,100 copies were sold before the two-ton shipment of books arrived Dec. 23, and remaining copies are being sold for \$30 through the society.

The historical society's efforts were hailed Sunday by several county dignitaries and by William B. Williford, president of Cherokee Publishing Company of Covington, which published the volume.

Williford called the book "comprehensive... a tribute and a monument to the Gwinnett Historical Society."

W. Dorsey Stancil, president of the society, noted that "Families" will be "a valuable research tool in the future."

Gwinnett County Commission Chairman Charles Ashworth said he was excited that the county historical society existed and is "so interested in preserving the history of the county that will be so vital to our future."

Copies of the historical society's work will be in the libraries of the county schools, said Gwinnett Superintendent Dr. Alton Crews. During his comments at the publication party, Crews also asked society members to help the school system contribute toward preserving the history of Gwinnett.

Much of the praise for the publication was heaped on Alice McCabe, who edited the many manuscripts submitted by Nov. 30, 1979. Family genealogies, written histories of Gwinnett's first 150 yrs., and a detailed index all came together under her direction.

McCabe took time during the ceremonies to single out people who edited, typed, indexed, proofread and documented the facts included in the book.

It was two years ago when society members combined a desire to publish such a work — which arose from the number of inquiries the organization receives from people all over the country who are looking for information on their backgrounds — and a decision to "practice what we preach," explained Edith Green, who chaired the book committee.

### GWINNETT FAMILIES REVIEWED IN THOMAS COLUMN

"Gwinnett County, Georgia, Families, 1818-1968," edited by Alice Smythe McCabe and compiled by the Gwinnett County Historical Society, is the other recently published volume. This book is an outgrowth of genealogical queries in the society's newsletter and its ancestor file.

The information included was submitted along a structured guideline system, resulting in 321 families being included. The only stipulation is the family must have lived in Gwinnett County before 1968 to be included. In this work, as in all others, it is important to read the foreword to understand the limitations of the book.

The families are arranged alphabetically and in many cases sources are named in great detail — something rarely found in

similar volumes or county histories. The compilers of each family history are also cited and their names and addresses are given at the end of the volume — a valuable source for future researchers. The book also has a superb all-name index.

Published by the Cherokee Publishing Co., the book is available for \$30 plus \$1 postage and handling from the Gwinnett County Historical Society, Box 261, Lawrenceville, Ga. 30246.



### Book Worms Gwinnett Daily News

The Gwinnett Historical Society had a full slate of activities to inaugurate its "Gwinnett Families" history book Sunday, but more attention was being paid to the book itself than to the ceremonies at least by these two audience members.

The party Sunday afternoon culminated a two-year effort to compile, type, edit and publish the genealogy book. Story, page 8. (Staff photo by Karen Marshall)

### Book Review

Wednesday, January 21, 1981 5

Lawrenceville Home Weekly

## 'Families' Belongs In Gwinnett Homes

by Jay Smith  
Managing Editor

At the first glance through the Gwinnett Historical Society's recently published book, *Gwinnett County Families, 1818-1968*, one can only be impressed by the enormous amount of dedicated, tedious and loving labor that went into this 653-page volume about the many good people who helped make Gwinnett County what it

is today.

From the Aarons through the Zimmermans, *Families* will tell the interested reader or the researcher a concise chronicle of the folks who were here when Gwinnett was chartered in 1818 and those who came later. The stories of 300 families are told in this important book.

The preface by editor Alice McCabe describes how and why the book

came into being, and notes, "We are proud that the book includes a cross-section of Gwinnett people—not just the politically active, the wealthy or community leaders, but also everyday farmers and businessmen."

*Families* also includes a concise eight-page history of Gwinnett's first 150 years, penned by Joyce Rovetta.

Dozens of photographs of people and of their

homes helps keep the reader in perspective of the times he is studying, and the map of districts, communities and cemeteries permits a quick geographic reference to the locations mentioned in the most important part, the stories of the families.

Those who want further information need only to check the back of the book, where the names and addresses of the book's compilers and

sketchers is published.

An index of some eighty pages makes *Families* a genealogical tool which can be used with unbelievable ease.

*Gwinnett County Families, 1818-1968* is a book that belongs in the home of everyone interested in the history of Gwinnett County.

Copies of the book are available from the Gwinnett Historical Society at \$25 each.

**BOOK SALES BRISK!** As this newsletter goes to press, John Hood, treasurer of the book fund, says that 1300 have been sold. Loans of \$500 from Gwinnett Federal Savings & Loan and \$1500 from Gwinnett Trust Co. Bank have been repaid. Books will be available at city hall in Lilburn, Snellville and Norcross, at water park in Buford, at Tanner-Ford Hardware, 2505 Second Ave, Dacula, and Brownlee Antique Auto Parts, 281 Pike St. NW, Lawrenceville, in addition to GHS headquarters when it is open.

COMMENTS ON BOOK, GWINNETT FAMILIES 1818-1968

"Your book is great!  
We are proud to have it."  
Dorris Wightman, director,  
Kinchafoonee Regional Library  
Dawson, GA.

".. quite interesting and informative."  
Dan Walker  
Pine Bluff, Ark.

"What a tremendous undertaking!"  
Louise G. Baer  
Oceanside, CA

"I forgot about the freezing temperature and became lost in the Gwinnett County Families (book). What a monumental work and what a treasure for coming generations! The pictures are priceless and so clear!"

Nancy Crockett  
Lancaster, SC

"The book is a masterpiece! Congratulations and a million thanks for your superb job."

Jackie Cannon  
Dunwoody, GA

"Have been enjoying it very much. The general makeup and photos are quite good."

Mary Clarke  
Ft. Stockton, TX

"Congratulations! 'S WONDERFUL!!! I have already written to another contributor about Moore ancestors in Gwinnett."

Nell Free Clanton  
Garland, TX

"My family is quite pleased."

Hovie R. Clack, Esq.  
Atlanta, GA

"You did a superb job. (Book launching) program deserved better coverage by the News Media for it was most timely."

Thelma B. Whiting  
Buford, GA

"Splendid work. I could not wait to devour all the contents and wish (the editor) to know that I am proud to own a copy."

Helen L. Hood Bostock  
Tulsa, OK

"Many, many thanks to all in the (Gwinnett Historical) Society who devoted the thousands of hours to publication."

Joyce P. Poole  
Augusta, GA

"I want to compliment you...I have been able to trace several of my ancestors through its pages."

Winton Teagle  
Cumming, GA

"I am very pleased with (the book). Certainly, the Historical Society has every reason to be proud."

Ruby T. Huber  
Conyers, GA

"..a job well done. I am enjoying reading about..the county where I was born."

Neil F. Holcombe  
Avondale Estates, GA.

"It is priceless to me and my family. May many blessings be bestowed on you because of your timeless effort."

Gwen Knight  
Mission Viejo, CA

"Congratulations on a well planned and well executed book of valuable information."

James J. Jordan  
Richmond, VA

To order GWINNETT FAMILIES 1818-1968,  
send your name, address and phone, along with a check for \$31 to:  
GWINNETT HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
P.O. Box 261, Lawrenceville, GA 30246

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1981 COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Winn House Restoration Herman Tanner, chm. (listed above), Mildred Martin, treas. of fund Alice Ray (listed above), Fraser Duke, Lane Greene, Dewey Melton, Annie F. Flanigan and John Chatham.

Publications & Newsletter Alice McCabe, chm. (listed above) with Paula Bagwell, Barbara Hicks, Randy Moore, Lois Walker, Annette O'Kelley.

Publicity Fraser Duke (listed above).

Cemetery Blue Bagwell 963-3363; office 963-7181  
P.O. Box 42, Lawrenceville, GA 30246  
(Those who'd like to copy tombstones, or who have completed inscribing family, church or town cemeteries, please advise him.)

Library Co-chairmen Susan Bagwell (listed above) and Marcia LeRoux  
208 Craig Dr., Lawrenceville, GA 30245  
(They are cleaning and cataloguing books in GHS collection. Call them if you can help.)

Museum June Kent 446-4056 (June has displayed her own collection of old photos and will have others at future meetings.)  
2562 Rosebud-Centerville Rd.  
Loganville, GA 30249

Welcoming John Hood, chm. (listed above) assisted by Evelyn Green, Faith Brooks, Dorothy Haynes and Evelyn Wilkerson.

Refreshments Co-chm.: Jane Edwards 963-7725 and Jerri Majors (see above).  
(Members are asked to sign up to bring goodies to one meeting.)

Staff & Office Frances Johnson (Mrs. G. R.) 963-7022  
317 Craig Dr., Lawrenceville, GA 30245  
(New post. Frances is in charge of keeping the office staffed.)



Gwinnett Daily News  
12/18/1980

### Historical Society Officers

Gwinnett County Historical Society has installed officers for 1981. They are (back row, L-R) Fraser Duke, assistant treasurer; Dorsey Stancil, president; (front row, L-R) Charles Pentecost, treasurer; Alice McCabe, corresponding secretary; Susan Bagwell, recording secretary; Alice Ray, vice president; and Jerri Majors, historian. Installing officer was Rev. Kirk Nesbit, chaplain. Membership in the society is open to anyone interested in preserving and recording local

history. Dues, payable Jan. 1, entitle members to four 16-page newsletters with free genealogical queries. Members also receive a discount on the society's new book, "Gwinnett Families 1818-1968", which will be ready for distribution at a party Jan. 11. Others can order the book by sending a check for \$25 plus \$1 mailing fee to the society, P.O. Box 261, Lawrenceville, 30246.

### 1981 COMMITTEES (cont.)

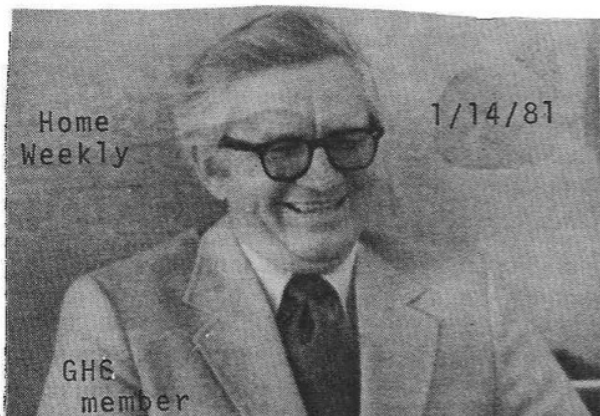
Volunteers work 9:30- 1:30 p.m. at GHS office, 221 N. Crogan St.  
Scheduled are:

Mon. Barbara Hicks 945-8549 Tues. Loretta Roberts 945-5928  
Wed. Annette O'Kelley 963-9984 Thurs. Frances Johnson 963-7022  
Fri. Alice McCabe 963-9584 Sat. Larry Mabrey 962-2897.

Historic Sites Bill Baughman, chm. 972-4412 off: 962-1480  
2654 Shaywen Cr. (This committee offers names to  
Snellville, GA 30278 county for new schools, etc.)

Membership Joyce Pickens  
4548 Lawrenceville Hwy. 963-2481 office  
Lilburn, GA 30247 921-0674 home

(Joyce keeps the membership print-out up to date, logs in new members, etc.)



Randy Moore is now writing a regular history column for The Home Weekly and This Week Publications. His first article is inside this edition. Moore, a retired Naval officer, is a Snellville insurance man.

### ELISHA WINN FAIR DATE SET: OCT. 3

The GHS Executive Council decided to set the annual Elisha Winn Fair of 1812 on the first weekend of October every year. This will eliminate conflict with other county events.

Anyone with ideas for old-time crafts, entertainment or other events should call Dorsey Stancil, pres., 945-9949, until chairmen have been announced.



## REPORTS OF RECENT PROGRAMS

Dec. 1980 featured a verbal and pictorial tour of the Atlanta Zoo, located off I-20 East in Grant Park. Doyle Mote of Tucker, management training teacher for Southern Bell Tel., showed slides and told about his "adopted" female cheetah. (Anyone can adopt one of the zoo's animals by sending from \$35-1000 for their upkeep at the zoo. (The largest amount is for Willie B., a lowland gorilla.) Atlanta Zoological Society members welcome new members who can also serve in their docent program, giving tours of the zoo. The zoo is laid out so that one can take a mini-tour of the world of animals; that is, those from Africa are grouped together, Asia is in another section, etc. The number one priority of the AZS is to establish an animal clinic. There is also a \$30 million plan to renovate the present facility.

Jan. 1981 presented a lively talk and chart sketches by Diane Dieterle, founder and director of Genealogical Center Library, 15 Dunwoody Park Rd. Suite 130, Atlanta 30338. (Ph: 393-9777). She suggested that we keep notes in a standard 8½ x 11 spiral notebook, in black ink, when visiting a library or archives. Put the family name being researched in upper right corner. Note what book you are researching and what page(s) you found information on. Also, be sure to note if nothing was found. (This will help you to avoid wasting time going through books you have already searched.) Diane says that, in spite of everyone's good intentions to type information after they get home, no one does. Therefore, she merely tears out the spiral notebook sheet and inserts it in the family folder. It is handy, too, to make photo copies for others who write. She advises that one not carry around file folders while researching in archives; just carry your pedigree sheet and family group sheet--and of course, notebook and black pen.

Filing at home: If more than 100 pages per family, put pedigree chart first, family group sheets (begin with oldest ancestor) next, and each man's children in alphabetical order behind his family group sheet. Or you can put tabs for each surname. If it is that large, you also need an index. If less than 100 sheets, you can put pedigree chart, followed by family group sheets, filed alphabetically under husbands' names. If typing pedigree or family group sheets, don't use carbon ribbon as it bleeds through. If someone in a courthouse won't let you see records, just "stand there," Diane says. "Don't be intimidated in the first five minutes." She also reminded the group that many records were not created for genealogists, but for other reasons. Also, never change official records--even if you know they are wrong.

"Genealogical Center Library really wants you to come!" Diane said.

Feb. 1981. Sherry Konter, director of the Vanishing Georgia photo project of Atlanta's Georgia Archives, showed slides of typical photos they are looking for. They need not be old, just so they are representative of something that is not common today. Something unusual, such as a pie-eating contest at a fair, would make a good picture for the project. The Vanishing Georgia van with equipment to rephotograph any picture (not newspaper clipping) up to size 16 x 20 will be in Gwinnett on the following days:

Wed. 10-6 pm, March 18 at Lilburn's Wynne-Russell house on Old Highway 29.

Thurs. March 19, 10-6 pm at Buford's Water Park Museum on Waterworks Rd., off Peachtree Industrial.

Fri. March 20, 10-6 pm at Lawrenceville's Gwinnett Historical Society, 221 N. Clayton St. (½ block north of court house).



### MECHANICSVILLE SCHOOL ON NATIONAL REGISTER

Mrs. Elizabeth Gardner Gorman, president of Mechanicsville Community Association, who lives at 4620 Kingsdown Court, Atlanta 30338, was notified last November that Mechanicsville School, Norcross, has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The area was called Peachtree City in Gwinnett records. Mrs. Dorothy Lackland is doing research on the school and has some school census records. (Those recorded children eligible to attend school, not necessarily those who attended.) The school was abandoned after consolidation in 1939 and has since been used as a Sunday School, home demo club, B.S. troop house and now is being fixed up for a community building.



MECHANICSVILLE SCHOOL in 1923

Teachers: Miss Alma Ramey, Miss Lou Burns.

Location: Norcross  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles east; Glover  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles southeast; Doraville (DeKalb County)  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles southwest; Tilly 3 miles west.

Grounds: Area, 1 acre; titles in trustees; poor condition; water from well; insufficient playgrounds; no gardens; no toilets.

Building: Value, \$800.00; two rooms; cloak rooms; improperly and insufficiently lighted; in good condition; well kept; unpainted inside; painted outside.

Equipment: Single patent desks; hyloplate blackboards; maps; charts; pictures; a library; a reference dictionary.

Organization: Two teachers; seven grades; 87 enrolled; 42 present; no program posted; no industrial work; no clubs;  $6\frac{1}{2}$  months school year.

Maintenance: \$150.00 per month from local tax and State funds.

### WEST CENTRAL GEORGIA HAS GENEALOGY COLUMN

"History and Your Family" is a weekly genealogy column, written by Martha Anderson for the LaGrange Daily News. The paper has a circulation in most of west Georgia and east Alabama. The LaGrange Memorial Library has given West Central Genealogical Society a set of shelves for genealogical publications from other societies. Books, etc. can be sent to WCGS, P.O. Box 2291, LaGrange, GA 30241.

### LAKE LANIER REGIONAL LIBRARY PROVIDES SHELVES FOR GHS.

John Shelton, director of our regional library, has arranged for GHS to pick up several bookcases, a desk and tables for our headquarters.

AN OLD SETTLER  
(From 1881 Atlanta Evening Journal)  
GEORGIA PIONEER WITH WAYS OF HIS OWN  
AND HE KNOWS SUCKERS DON'T BITE

The oldest farmer in Gwinnett County interviews a fishing party - what led to it - a tramp in the woods and fields, etc.

"Where you've been?"

The woods fairly echoed with the salutation and we all turned hastily to see who owned the thundering voice.

An old man stood by the side of the road - a kindly faced old man - and he made a picture as he stood there leaning upon a heavy hickory stick, his left foot raised from the ground and placed against the side of his right knee: He was clean shaven: heavy white eyebrows hung over his small keen eyes, which needed no glasses; and his white hair escaped from beneath a broad brimmed hat pushed far back on his head.

I was one of a fishing party which had been over to Suwanee Creek and we were on our way back to the Strickland Spring hotel where we were stopping. There were five of us and we had enjoyed the ride over rough roads in a farm wagon. We had caught a few fish, but while at the creek I came across a fish trap, well stocked and I appropriated quite a string of fish among which was a "sucker". Suckers don't bite at this season of the year but I knew nothing of this.

The old man on the side of the road awaited an answer to his question, and I replied -

"We have been fishing"

"Any luck?"

The words were fairly yelled. The old man was not deaf and we were not either. It was only a habit of his to speak loud.

"Oh yes plenty of luck": I replied as I held up the string of fish. The old man eyed them a moment and asked: "Where'd you get that sucker?"

"Caught him"

"How'd you catch him?"

"With a hook and line".

"Say that's my fish trap you have been in".

We owned up and the old man turned to me and asked:

"Aint you the newspaper fellow that stopping at the spring?"

I replied that I was and asked whose fish trap I had had the pleasure of robbing.

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"My name's Henry Strickland. He was the oldest farmer in Gwinnett County and a Georgia pioneer. He was born in Madison Co. on March 8, 1808 and moved to Gwinnett Co. more than 60 years ago. He was married in 1830 and had 13 children 10 of whom are living and numerous grandchildren. He owns eighteen hundred acres of the best land in the county, and is third to the largest taxpayer. On one of his many acres is a notable spring of iron water for which an Atlanta syndicate once offered 10 thousand dollars.

I wanted to see the spring and asked the old farmer if he would take me to it.

"come tomorrow and we will have a jaunt" was his answer.

Next morning found me at his house. The old man's home is on the spur of the Blue Ridge.

"When you pour water out my front door it goes to the Atlantic ocean, and when you pour it out the back door it goes to the Gulf of Mexico", is the way the old man put it.

We went to the spring and had a drink of the best water that ever bubbled out of the ground. And then I had a tramp through the woods and fields. I think I walked 10 miles and I was getting tired. Ahead of me the old Gwinnett farmer trudged along with all the energy of a young man. I never complained. I would have lain down and let the great dissolution act take place on a bed of pine straw and oak leaves before I would have let an old man 80 years old know he had walked me down. Tired as I was I never once lost interest in my guide. He had ways of his own. At every house we passed he stopped and asked in tones so loud the squirrels ran for their holes.

"How are you?"

"Only tolerable" was the invariable answer.

"When do you think it will rain?"

"In a few days, for I hear limbs falling in the woods".

"How are the grass killers getting along?"

"Putting in good work".

I asked the old man if he wanted to sell any of his land and he replied, "not an acre". He had enough children to take care of it.

I asked him how he managed to accumulate so much land and he said, "I started life a poor young man. I worked hard and when I had saved a few dollars I bought a few acres of land. I continued to lay by a little money and as fast as possible I bought more land. The more land I had the more money I made and I soon began to buy large tracts. I made it a rule to always buy land adjoining what I already owned and now I have eighteen hundred acres in one tract.

"The land is worth at least \$20.00 an acre". I asked the old farmer in the eighty years of his life what was the greatest difficulties he had encountered. I wanted a lesson in life. His reply was, "toting babies and watermelons".

I left the old settler where a country road crossed the air-line railroad intending to walk down the track to the hotel. I enquired how far it was to Strickland Springs and he replied about two miles. "Two country miles, which means three miles", I said. "Young man we can't lie about railroad miles - the mile boards are against us". If ever you are in Duluth - don't forget to call on old man Henry Strickland. If you desire to meet a nice old farmer who will entertain you well and walk you to death if you will let him.

G.N.H.

\* Henry Strickland m Annie B. Lenoir  
(March 8, 1808 -1904) (Oct. 10, 1815 - 1891)

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NEW PEOPLE JOIN GHS. LAST YEAR'S NEW MEMBERS TOTALED 113

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Miss June Still P.O. Box 390 Fernandina Beach, FL 32034	Aleene Venable 213 Abbey Lane DeSoto, TX 75115
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# GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

1. Mary Cofer Angle, 32 Ash St., Rome, GA 30161: John COFER m Sarah Ann DALTON. Their issue: Marcenah b 1839 and James Alfred b 6/17/1842. John d in Gwinnett and the family moved to Floyd Co. Was John's father Thomas Cofer who res. next door to John in Gwinnett in 1840 census? Who were Sarah's parents? Her bro. was James Randolph DALTON.  
1-a. V.C. Angle, same address: William W. TAYLOR of Ireland m Lucinda HASELTINE and had several children b in GA, one of which was Pamela Elizabeth TAYLOR b 2/13/1843. All moved to Cherokee Co., AL. Like to correspond with others with TAYLOR connections.
2. Helen Bostock, 1547 S. Indianapolis, Tulsa, OK 74112: Seek info on Mary Ann RAMBO who m #1 Cyreus RAMBO and then 16 yrs. later (1877) m #2 Newton BANKSTON. Mary Ann d ca. 1880--where is she buried?
3. Mary J. Baker, PO Box 20412, El Cajon, CA 92021: John BAKER and family res. Gwinnett Co. 1822-1840. Littleton BAKER m Martha Adaline MORGAN, daughter of Irby MORGAN. Need to learn more about Adaline's parents.
4. Gertrude W. Buice, 204 School Dr., Buford, GA 30518, 945-9528: Before 1868, Dr. Charles WILDMAN was in Gwinnett, associated with Dr. Philo HALL. Most of his children were b in CT; he went to GA was struck by yellow fever in 1854, went to FL. Where is he buried?
5. Dell O. Crosland, 479 E. Paces Ferry Rd. NE Apt. 805, Atlanta, GA 30305: Looking for death date and burial of Lorenzo Dow OWEN. He probably d between 1855 and 1860. One of his sons was William Wiley OWEN of Buford; his only dau. was Margaret who m George ROBERTS of Buford.
6. Jan Cutsinger, 3804 Opal Dr., St. Charles, MO 63301: Seek info on James and Elizabeth PEDEN whose dau. Smiria Zenobia was b 1851 in or near Atlanta.  
Ans: May have come from Fountain Inn, Laurens Co., SC.
7. Zula Flanagan Duckworth, Rt. 1 Box 149B, Norwood, GA 30821: Alexander FLANAGAN was b 1806 in Jackson Co., m Abigail Britton TIPPEN and they were in Gwinnett for the 1830 census. Exchange info on FLANAGANS.  
Ans: GHS member, Miss Annie Frances Flanigan, res. 255 Pike St. NW, Lawrenceville, GA 30245. (She also sells J.C. Flanigan's History of Gwinnett Co., Vol. 1, @ \$16.)
8. Shirley Bogart Harper, 4873 Butternut Hollow Ln, Bonita, CA 92002: Seek connection of Richard McDANIEL who m 1840 Blount Co., TN, to Nancy STEEL with the Gwinnett Co. families of those names.
9. Leon L. Johnson, 3210 W. 134th Ave., Broomfield, CO 80020: Looking for death dates and burials of Adaline McDANIEL (June 1833- ?) who m 1850 Henry JOHNSON (ca. 1815- ca. 1876) Adaline was last known living with Elizabeth MITCHELL and should be bur. in Lawrenceville.
10. Laura Layton, Rt. 1, Box 139-B2, Elk, WA 99009: John WINN and wife Mahala (MOORE) WINN were in Gwinnett 1842-1850 (at least). Their issue, all b in GA: Nancy A. b 1842, John V. b 1844, Eliza J. b 1846, Zachariay Taylor b 1847, Joseph b 1850.

# GENEALOGICAL QUERIES (cont.)

11. Carol McClaskey, 545 Hansen #7, Idaho Falls, ID 83401: Please check any McCLASKEY information in your area.

Ans: David McClaskey is mentioned on p. 29 of our new book, Gwinnett Families 1818-1968.

12. John L. McMullen, 205 Houston Av. SW, Live Oak, FL 32060: Looking for more info on my gf Charnic W. McMULLEN and wife Jo Ella DILDA whose son (my father) John Anderson McMULLEN was b in Gwinnett 6/24/1880.

Charnic had bros. John Eaton and William, and sister Altho.

13. Lucy Morton Morgan, 1474 Scott Rd., Switzerland Rte., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043: Am tracing MORTON and McGEHEE families of Gwinnett, Fulton and DeKalb counties.

14. Dr. Donald E. O'Rourke, PO Box 344, Gallipolis, OH 45631: What event ca. 1850 would have brought a 39-year-old bachelor Irishman to Suwanee, where he would marry, settle down and farm until his death 1881? (In the 1860 census, he was still the sole Irishman in the county.)

Ans: Could be Elizabeth COLLINS was the attraction. Patrick O'ROURKE m her 11/4/1852 (C.M. Lindsey, minister). My guess is he knew the family --or some family--in the area. Don't know why you believe he was the only Irishman in Gwinnett in 1860. According to our information, about half of Gwinnett's early settlers originated in Ireland (N. Ire.)

15. Gladys Phillips, 400 Birch St., Waynesville, MO 65583: Researching Dr. James GARMANY and his son, Henry Clay GARMANY, plus families of TAYLOR, DUNLAP and KYLE. Anxious to exchange information.

16. Virginia W. Russell, 12 W. Kennedy St., Statesboro, GA 30458: Does anyone know where Jacob Marquis Ambrose's first wife (Florinda H. SNELLINGS Ambrose) is buried? She was mother of my gm Martha Virginia AMBROSE.

17. Carolyn June Still, PO Box 390, Fernandina Bch, FL 32034: Last year, I attended "Still Family Reunion" at Sweetwater Community Center, Lawrenceville, toured old homes and cemeteries. My father, Clark Hutchins STILL left GA to work in CCC camp in NE GA, married there and settled in Fernandina Bch. His parents lived in Snellville before their deaths. They were: Marshall Lumkin STILL and Alma HUTCHINS.

18. Winton Teagle, Rt. 9, Box 353, Beaver Ruin Rd., Cumming, GA 30130: Need death and marriage records for my BRADFORD, DAVIS, TEAGLE, HANNAH and CHESSER families. Were any saved from the 1871 court house fire?

Ans: Probate Judge has marriage records beginning 1835 to present for all except 1839. We found your families:

Wm. T. TEAGLE m 1890 Mattie BRADFORD; Tom BRADFORD m 1875 Susan TAYLOR  
Jeff BRADFORD m 1855 Martha JACOBS; Owen G. DAVIS m 1874 Lucinda CHESSER.

19. Aleene Venable, 213 Abbey Lane, DeSoto, TX 75115: Who were parents of Phillip WACASTER b in NC ca. 1820, who m ca. 1845 Charlotte BUREL, dau. of Lewis BUREL who settled in Hog Mt. district of Gwinnett 1832? Also, parents of Webb B. WHITE b 1861 in GA, m in GA 1885 Drucilla WACASTER, dau of Phillip and Charlotte?

20. Mrs. Malcolm E. Turner, 1734 Tecumseh Tr., Pelham, AL 35124: Thomas WHALEY drowned in Yellow River 1889-90. Who has the old Coroner's records? Where is Thomas buried?



GENEALOGICAL QUERIES (cont.)

21. Mrs. Deanna Wishon, 17813 E. 26 St., Independence, MO 64057: Researching DEFUR (DEFOOR or DEFIR) family who came to GA from SC early 1800s. What records do you have that are available to me?

Ans: 1830 census shows James DeFUR in Gwinnett (p. 361) and John DeFUR on p. 347, plus five more in other counties. It is best to check printed census index in local libraries to zero in on most likely county of an ancestor's residence. The name is not found in Gwinnett marriages up to 1900. However, they don't start until 1835.

22. Dee Willett, 1930 Lucky St., Bakersfield, CA 93307: Want info on John DRUMMOND b 1804 SC, who came with parents to Gwinnett ca. 1805, then went to St. Clair Co., AL, where he m 1829 Nancy OLIVER. From there, he went to Tippah Co., MS. Need his parents names, b and d dates.

Ans: We hope you have found some answers through your perusal of our book, GWINNETT FAMILIES 1818-1968, or through correspondence with others who submitted manuscripts for it. But, does anyone else have info?

## GEORGIA **AGRIRAMA**

Georgia Agrirama, which recreates 1870-1899 farm and rural life of South Georgia, offers school children "Living History Workshops." The students spend a day, participating in life as it was 100 years ago, such as cooking on wood stoves, working in the fields, shoveling sawdust in the sawmill, etc. As part of the program, Agrirama dresses them in costumes of the day. They currently need to copy photos of examples of children's clothing of the 1890s. They do not want to collect the clothing, just copy the designs in order to make reproductions.

Anyone who can help should contact Geraldine Walters of the costume department Georgia Agrirama, P.O. Box Q., Tifton, GA 31794. Ph: (912) 386-3344.

### NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WILL HOLD ATLANTA WORKSHOPS

#### ATLANTA CONFERENCE PLANS

The planning for the first NGS Conference in the States in Atlanta 7-9 May 1981 is well in hand. The Atlanta Conference will be locally hosted by the Georgia Genealogical Society.

Individuals may register early by letter, without a form. Advance registration fees are \$50 (full) and \$30 (Saturday only). Full registration covers attendance at any open special meetings of various national organizations held on Thursday, 7 May, the light buffet reception on Thursday evening, two days of lectures, panels, and workshops on Friday and Saturday, mid-morning coffee, a sandwich bar luncheon on Friday, and the noon banquet luncheon on Saturday. Late registration fees will be \$60 and \$35.

Room rates at the Century Center Hotel will be \$36 single and \$42 double. Early Conference registration is encouraged. Registrations should be sent to: ATLANTA CONFERENCE, c/o Mrs. Marie Sheram, 105 Finchley Court NW, Atlanta, GA 30328.

Hotel reservations can be made by letter or telephone to: CENTURY CENTER HOTEL, 2000 Century Boulevard NE, Atlanta, GA 30345; phone (404) 325-0000.

When sending in your registration, you are invited to send names and addresses of friends and relatives you would like to have invited to attend the Conference. Also please send names and addresses of potential exhibitors.

BOOKS FOR SALE

PIONEER HISTORY OF FORSYTH COUNTY, GA. (Vol. I). Special Pre-Publication Offer: \$30 + \$2 per copy postage, mailing. Publication Date: Spring 1981. Send orders or inquiries to: DON SHADBURN, PUBLICATIONS CHAIRMAN Forsyth County Historical & Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 762, Cumming, Ga. 30130. More than 40 chapters of pioneer family histories, plus extensive county, state and Federal records vital to researchers.

ACQUISITIONS & DONATIONS

GENEALOGY OF THE BANKSTON FAMILY, compiled 1947 by Edna Robertson Vacher, was donated to G.H.S. by Ilah Fleming via another member, Len Humphries of Indiana. Len writes: "I enjoyed my visit with her (Ilah). She is a very sweet person. She gave me lots of information on the Bankston/Lanier families and also taught me how to keep records of information which I have collected." The book does not trace the Bankstons that remained in Georgia.

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