



## Name Origins of Counties Neighboring Lowndes

**Colquitt County** is named for Sen. Walter T. Colquitt (1799-1855) who owned 34 slaves in 1850 (60 years to 4 months old)

**Berrien County** named for Sen. John Macpherson Berrien (1781-1856) who owned 142 slaves in 1850 (66 years to one year old).

**Clinch County** named for Gen. Duncan Lamont Clinch (1787-1849) responsible for killing hundreds of fugitive slaves and Seminoles at the Battle of Negro Fort (1816).

**Brooks County** is named for Sen. Preston S. Brooks who owned 18 slaves (ages 1 to 33) in 1850. In 1856, Brooks attacked and nearly beat abolitionist Sen. Charles Sumner to death with a cane on the floor of the U.S. Senate. It took Sumner three years to recover from the brain injury and return to the Senate.

**Echols County** is named for Rep. Robert M. Echols (1798-1847) who in 1830 owned 12 slaves.

**Lowndes County** was established in 1825 from what was then Irwin County. In 1830, sixty-three (3%) of the 2,114 white residents were slave owners and they owned a combined total of 335 people.

Lowndes County is named for South Carolina congressman William J. Lowndes, who owned slaves, opposed the end of the slave trade, and thought enslavement of Africans to be in the slaves' best interests.

