## BROOKS COUNTY

Few counties in the state will compare with Brooks in its rich history and traditions. The history of this county is the record of a progressive, enlightened and patriotic people.

It begins with the creation of Irwin County from Indian lands ceded to Georgia in 1818. From Irwin, later emerged Lowndes and Thomas counties and ultimately Brooks County. Brooks County, itself, was created by an Act of the General Assembly on December 11, 1859.

The earliest known inhabitants of this area were the Apalachee Indians, followed by a time when the Creek Indians gained control of the territory. The first white inhabitants were thought to have moved in about the year of 1570, but by 1822 settlers began arriving more rapidly, homes were being established and businesses set up.

Homes of exceptionally fine architecture were constructed particularly in the early 1800's. Some of these fine structures are still standing today. One such example is the house at Eudora Plantation near Quitman. Of Greek revival architecture, it has been accepted by the National Register of Historic Places, thus bringing more prestige and recognition to Brooks County. Many of these beautiful old places, and other landmarks, as well are reminiscent of the times and characters of these people in the past.

