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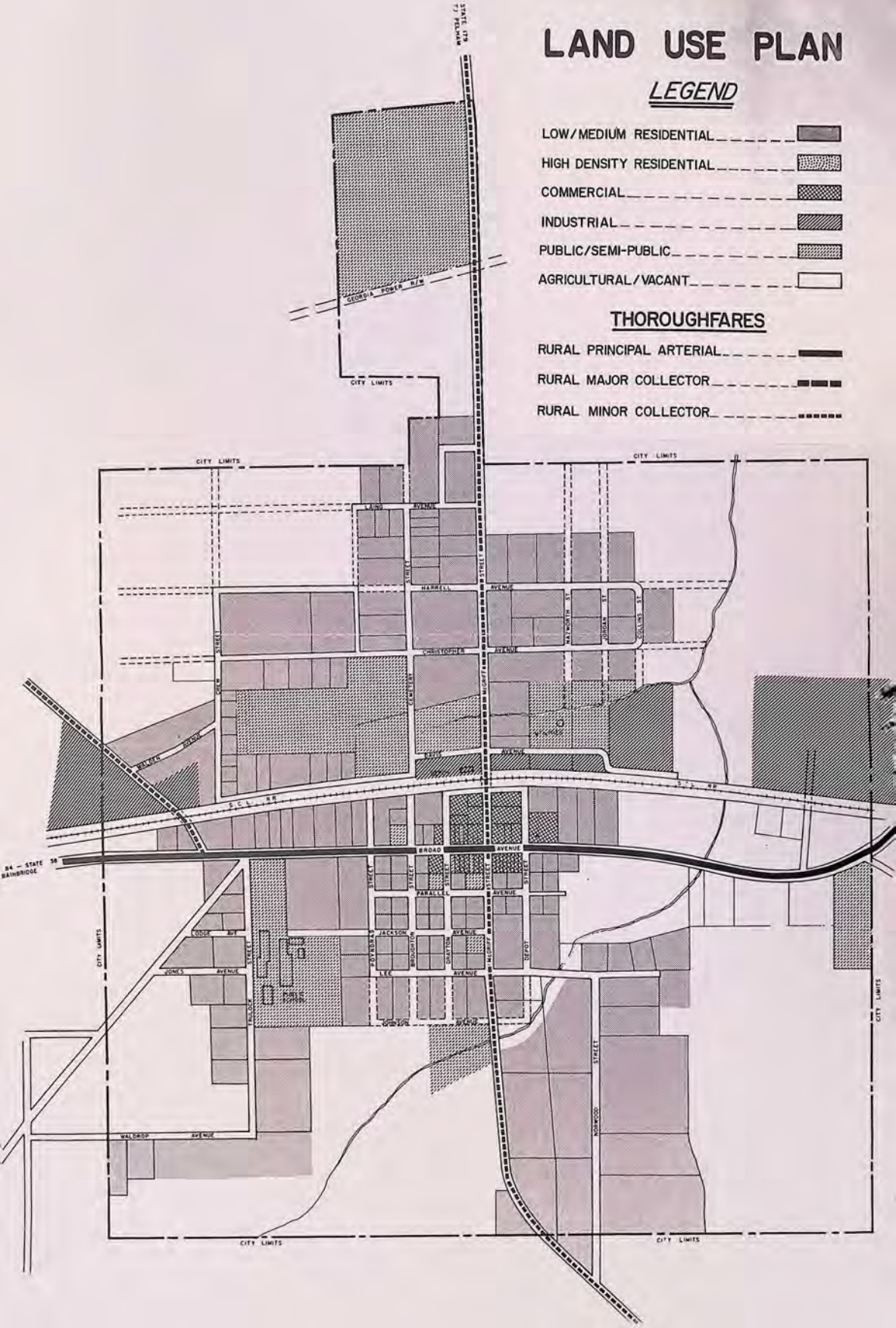
# LAND USE PLAN

## LEGEND

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MAP OF PROPERTY  
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OWNED BY  
The SUBURBAN REALTY & AUCTION CO.  
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SURVEYED & PLATTED BY  
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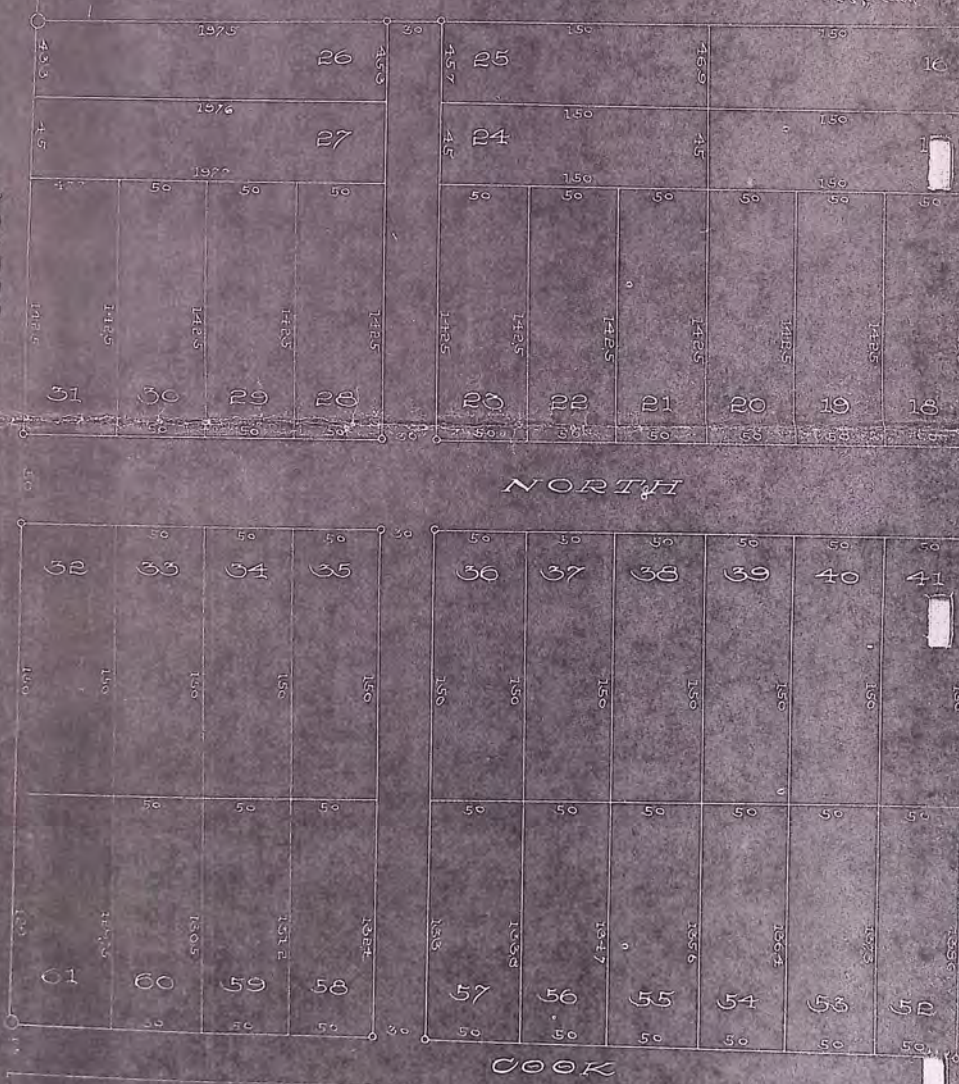
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# TOWN OF WHIGHAM, GA., BOND ELECTION.

Miss Alma Dixon, of Panama City, Fla. is visiting Mrs. H. M. Evans.

To the People—the Qualified Voters—of the Town of Whigham:

Notice is hereby given that, by an ordinance passed by the Mayor and Council of the said town, approved November 24th, 1911, a copy of which is published herewith, an election has been called to be held at the only voting or election precinct in said town, namely: At the court house of the 720 District, G. M. of said county of Grady, on the 28th day of December, 1911, under the same rules and regulations that elections for officers of said town are held, and in accordance with Section 440 et sequitur of the Code of Georgia, and the Charter of said town to determine the question whether bonds shall be issued by the said town of Whigham, the amount of said bonds to be \$12,000, said bonds being twenty-four in number, of the denomination of \$500 each; each of said bonds to bear interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum from date of issuance, payable annually beginning with the 1st day of May 1913, and to be sold at not less than par; said bonds to be issued for the purpose of raising said sum to be used as follows: Eight thousand dollars to be used in erecting, establishing and equipping an electric light plant for said town; two thousand dollars to be used opening up new streets and repairing streets in said town; two thousand dollars to be used in repairing waterworks machinery of said town and extending the mains to said waterworks system. The principal of said bonds shall be paid on the first day of November, 1931 (1931), principal and interest to be payable in gold coin of the United States of America of present standard weight and fineness or its equivalent, payable at any bank or banker's office in New York, N. Y. The principal and interest to be paid off in full on the first day of November, 1931.

At said election none but duly registered voters of the town of Whigham shall be permitted to vote and those favoring the issue of said bonds shall endorse on their tickets the words "FOR BONDS" and those opposing the issue of said bonds shall have endorsed on their tickets the words "AGAINST BONDS."

If the issue of said bonds is voted by the requisite two-thirds of the qualified voters of said town, then, and before the proposed debt is incurred, an ordinance shall be passed providing for the issue and sale thereof and making provision at the same time for the assessment and collection of annual taxes sufficient in amount to pay the principal and interest of said debt within twenty years from date of issuance.

Witness our official signature this the 9th day of November, 1911.

A. Harrell, Mayor,  
D. C. McNair,  
G. W. Clark,  
I. P. Chapman,  
H. A. Logue,  
S. P. Swicord.

Councilmen Town of Whigham, Georgia.

## BOND ORDINANCE

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the town of Whigham, Grady County, Georgia, and is hereby ordained by the authority of the same that an election be and the same is hereby called to be held on the 28th day of December, 1911, at the only voting or election precinct in said town, namely: at the City Hall, the same being also the place for holding Justice Court for the 720 District, G. M. of said County of Grady, in the manner and under the same rules and regulations that elections are now held for officers of said town in accordance with section 440 et

The 'old man' gave thanks in an unusual manner this year owing to the extreme kindness of a highly appreciated friend donating some rich butter milk to go with our bread. Thanks.

Attention is called to a "Call For Bond Election" by the Mayor and Councilmen of Whigham, Ga.

Major Christopher is again in Cairo where he will spend some time with his family and many friends.

## "BEST ON EARTH"

This is the verdict of E. J. Tracy, O., who bought Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for his wife. Her case was the I have ever seen, and looked like a sure case of consumption. Her lungs were sore and she coughed almost incessantly and her voice was hoarse and weak. Foley's Honey and Tar Compound brought relief at once and less than three bottles effected a complete cure." Grady Pharmacy.

## Capel Comments.

Miss Lella Swann who has been teaching at Pine Hill is at home this week.

Mr. Bragg Barrett and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dixon Saturday and Sunday.

Lumber for the erection of the new church at Capel is being laid down this week.

Miss Lella Swann and Mr. Marshal Hester attended services at Long Branch Sunday.

The gypsies have been camping at Capel this week. Guess all the ladies around in the settlement have a supply of lace, and the men-folks are stocked with old broke down mules and horses.

Several Capelites attended the sing at Pleasant Grove Sunday.

Mr. G. B. Barrett will sing at Pleasant Hill next Sunday. Every body invited.

Mr. Leo Prince and son were selling syrup in Cairo last week.

Misses Lella Swann and Sallie Lindsay, made a pop call to Whigham last Monday.

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## A TERRIBLE BLUNDER

to neglect liver trouble. Never do it. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills on the first sight of constipation, biliousness or inactive bowels and prevent virtual indigestion, jaundice or gall stones. They regulate liver, stomach and bowels.

WJ, Mar 5, 1909.

South Carolina sends her greetings to The Whigham Journal and wishes her a prosperous voyage as she launches her bark upon the treacherous sea of Journalism.

W. E. WIGGINS.

### From One Who Knows.

We are in receipt of the following complimentary letter from our good friend, Mr. W. Joseph Hubbard, foreman of the job printing department of Foote & Davies Co., of Atlanta, where some of the finest specimens of artistic printing are produced. Mr. Hubbard was for several years an "ad" compositor on the Saturday Evening Post and Ladies' Home Journal, published at Philadelphia, and we are especially gratified at receiving his letter, because he knows what it takes to make an A-1 paper.

Atlanta, Ga. Feb. 21, 1909.

Mr. J. Roy McNeil

Editor Whigham Journal

One Foote, Mass.

Dear Mr. McNeil: Your initial number would put to shame some of the older and larger publications.

Think you have used good judgment in your selection of type for headings and advertisements, and altogether you have produced an A-1 weekly publication.

Here's wishing you lots of financial success, not to mention the fame and honor in your new undertaking, from myself and all the boys. Kind regards to Mr. Driscoll.

Very truly,

W. JOSEPH HUBBARD.

### From a Former Partner.

Our bachelor friend, Editor Joe S. Hames, publisher of The Interstate Herald, at West Point, with whom we were at one time associated in publishing The Herald, writes us the letter published below.

He sees some of the disadvantages of a life of "single blessedness" too

When in Whigham Stop at the

# Magnolia Hotel

The Best Service

## DIRECTORY

### City

Mayor, A. Harrell.

Alderman, T. J. Mills, D. G. McNair, E. S. Jordan, H. A. Logue, S. Harrell.

Clerk, E. M. Thomas.

Treasurer, I. F. Chapman.

Council meets on 1st Friday night in each month.

### School

Trustees, A. Harrell, Chairman; T. J. Mills, Secretary and Treasurer; J. E. Cobb, B. A. Parker, John Sellers.

Trustees meet in City Hall 1st Monday night in each month.

## CHURCHES

### Methodist

Rev. V. P. Scoville, Pastor.

Preaching every 2nd and 4th Sundays, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Sunday school meets at 8 p. m.

B. A. Parker, Supt., with D. M. Jordan, Secretary.

Mid-week service, Thursday evening, at 7 p. m., conducted by laymen of the church, under the direction of pastor.

Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society meets on Monday afternoon, at 3 p. m., after second Sunday. Miss Lucy McNair, President.

# Whigham club serious about service

By PATTI WARD  
Times-Enterprise Staff Writer

WHIGHAM — Seemingly simple, little things join the grander gestures performed by Whigham Community Club members for their fellowmen.

The martin houses that pepper Whigham residential and business lawns and the nearby countryside are the result of a Whigham Community Club project. A charter member wanted the city to have a means to attract the mosquito-eating birds, so he ordered a supply of the houses and sold them to townspeople at cost.

Although other longtime club members agreed the mosquito population doesn't seem to have dwindled, they concurred that club members who really deserve a pat on the back in the effort are those who clean out the houses each year.

In what club members described as one of its most heart-warming endeavors, the organization recently sent All-American basketball player Stacy Butler's mother, a Whigham resident, to Kansas City, Mo., to see her son play in games that led to a national championship. The gesture gave club members a good, warm feeling inside.

Julius "J.J." Newberry, 76, a charter club member, said one of the club's recent contributions was to the Whigham Volunteer Fire Department. The club has given about \$1,200 to the cause and allowed the unit to sponsor and reap proceeds from this year's basketball game staged during the club-sponsored Rattlesnake Roundup.

"They're young, and they're good," said Newberry of volunteer firefighters.

Newberry, who had the martin house brainstorm and has served as club president "at least twice," said the club sold a Whigham building and gave the proceeds of \$30,000 for seating in the new Whigham School gymnasium.

The Whigham Community Club was founded about 1948 by M.J. Perkins, a former Whigham School principal, whose idea turned into the organization's charter.

Charter members today describe Perkins as "a public-spirited sort of man." They aren't certain why he came up with the club idea, but agree it was a good one.

The club is comprised of the best fish cookers in the South, Newberry said. The club, which also cooks for other groups, has no special way of preparing fish.

"We just cook 'em," said member James Cox, a 62-year-old retired Whigham postmaster and two-time club president.

"We make the best doughboys around," said Newberry, a former newspaperman, nursing home operator and banker, who, with a journalism degree, writes a weekly column for The Cairo Messenger. He described how dough is spread, then sliced and deep-fried.

The nursing home at Whigham is an "offshoot" of the club, said Cox, as is the "sewing factory." Whigham having a bank today and the city retaining its high school until four years ago also resulted from Whigham Community Club efforts, he added.

The organization helps burned-out families in "the Whigham area," which includes the entire county, and members were quick to point out that club members come from all sectors of the county.

Cox said the organization has been approached about affiliating with a national group, "but we want to keep our money local."

In the 1950s, the club built a clinic and recruited a physician. It later sold the facility and used proceeds to establish a recreation park, that remains in full swing today.

A room at Grady General Hospital at Cairo was furnished by the club.

If the organization had kept track of donations, "it would be a pile of money," said Newberry. Cuy Harrell Jr., 74, a farmer and charter club member and former vice president, said he never served in the presidency. "I ain't much of a speaker," he explained.

The club literally poured money into the school when it housed a high school. It continues to donate to Whigham School,



Lafe Perkins, 4, joins his father Sammy Perkins, (R), 1989-90 Whigham Community Club president, and Cuy Harrell Jr., charter club member, on lawn of clubhouse prior to bimonthly meeting of organization



Billy Jowers prepares country-fried steak and gravy for fellow club members



Supper's simmering, friends gathering as community club members gather L-R: Front row, Tom Walker, Evan "Sonny" Shockley, Billy Jowers, Cuy Harrell Jr., Frank Pritchett, Julius "J.J." Newberry; back row, Claude Kilgore and Spencer Duncan

which houses kindergarten through eighth grade since the high school consolidated with Cairo High School in 1986.

The Whigham Community Club made a donation toward decorative street lights that are to be installed along Broad Street, Whigham's main drag, interjected Evan "Sonny" Shockley, 63, a former Whigham mayor and owner of a Whigham vehicle repair shop. Shockley is the club's rattlesnake chef. He batters and deep-fries snake meat during the organization's largest fundraiser, the Whigham Rattlesnake Roundup held each January.

A Times-Enterprise story in the early 1980s about Shockley's serpent-cooking talents was picked up by wire services and published nationwide. Much to the surprise of Shockley, a bachelor, he received a box of homemade cookies, a letter decorated with hearts and a telephone number from a northern woman.

"She was looking for a husband. I never did call her," he said. The roundup originated three decades ago at Whigham's old canning plant, said Herman Taylor, 71, a Whigham farmer and club member. The idea came, said Newberry, when one of his favorite

dogs and some others' canines and two local people died from rattlesnake bites within a short time. Club members considered a roundup as a means to rid the community of some of its rattler population, while raising money in the process.

Newberry, described by fellow club members as the clubhouse janitor, said the building, which is several blocks south of U.S. 84 in a residential section of the city, is rented for community use for \$25 — "just enough to pay for the lights and water."

"The only thing we ask is you leave it like you got it," said Shockley.

Harrell said an architect has been recruited for clubhouse renovation and an addition.

According to Shockley, Newberry was the club's sergeant at arms "until he got too old." Newberry agreed, saying he also used to do public relations work for the club until he had to handle live rattlesnakes on television.

Not only has Newberry done it all in the club, said Harrell, he is a highly decorated World War II hero, who prefers not to talk about his valiant military service.

A means by which the club raised money for clubhouse-



Color Photos — Greg Bryant

Twilight on five-lane Broad Street in downtown Whigham. Whigham Community Club purchased some of decorative street lights

tipkeep was Newberry's idea. The fundraiser, an auction held after each meeting, has fallen by the wayside. The feeding committee, the group that cooks for a meeting, provided items to be auctioned.

"You can't beat a 100 percent profit," said Harrell. "I've seen a

roll of toilet paper go for 12 bucks!"

With 47 members and an average of 36 attending each meeting, club members pay annual dues of \$40. Harrell said there's no time for meeting agendas.

"It's just kinda catch as catch can," said Shockley of meetings,

which take place first and third Mondays of each month.

Harrell, who not unlike fellow club members, is proud of the club's standing in — and donations to — the community, said. "It's the backbone of community. . . . Nobody's ever tried to drag it down."

# Many stars played at Whigham High School

By BLAIR DICKINSON  
Times-Enterprise Sports Editor

WHIGHAM — Whigham High no longer exists, having been swallowed up by a much larger institution, University of Central Florida head women's basketball coach Beverly Knight and Birmingham Southern University basketball player Stacy Butler are two of the last stars to play for Whigham High. Last year the old gymnasium burned, destroying the centerpiece of a small town tradition now washed away with the sands of time.



Beverly Knight



Stacy Butler

But like the lost continent of Atlantis, the basketball civilization of Whigham High School once flourished amid a great deal of success. Under Coach Aaron Todd, the Braves won their region in 1965-66 and then fashioned a 25-6 record in 1966-67, earning a second consecutive trip to the state playoffs. In 1968, they captured the whole ball of wax, defeating the Lanier County Bulldogs by an 85-55 score in the state Class C championship game to close out a 27-2 season.

Among the team's stars in those years was a 6-foot-1 forward named Tommy Taylor who averaged better than 20 points per game for his career. He later signed a scholarship offer with none other than Georgia Tech and played for the Yellow Jackets from 1970 to 1972.

A young man whom many term the greatest pure shooter in these parts played for Whigham. Mike Baggett was a 5-8 guard whose exploits from the late 1960s are legendary, but a lack of height kept him out of the big time college game.

Another standout from the early 1960s is Bobby Miller who averaged 24 points per game in his senior season (1965). Miller now lives in Cairo, owns a business called the Real Estate Shop, is a scratch golfer, and regularly attends every Cairo High basketball game he can reach.



Bobby Miller

"We had a strong basketball tradition at Whigham," Miller explained. "The gymnasium was usually packed, and for games against our really big rivals like Climax and Atapulgus, you could not get into the gymnasium. We really got a lot of support from the fans."

"When I started playing basketball at the high school, the program was kind of down. The first game I ever started was against a school called Jakin when I was a freshman. There were four seniors and me in the starting lineup that night, but I got 19 points in that game and ended up the leading scorer. The really good teams came right after I



Construction workers in process of rebuilding Whigham High gymnasium

Staff Photo — Greg Bryant



Staff Photo Greg Bryant

Whigham High press box

graduated."

Those would have included the "Big Four" of Taylor, 6-5 big man Terry Parker, Emmett Brock, and Larry Jowers. In the 1967 season, Taylor averaged around 21 points per game, Brock around 18, Parker 14 points, and Jowers 11.

The Braves were a powerful squad that year, defeating such teams as Central of Thomas County (75-48) and Bainbridge (60-49). They were beaten out of the Region 1-C title by Lanier County and then lost in the first round of the state playoffs by a 64-63 score.

How did Whigham do against Cairo that year?

"Our rivalries with Climax and Atapulgus were strong in that we didn't like them and they didn't like us," Miller stated. "But it was downright hatred where Cairo was involved back then. The county school board decided not to even let us play each other. It stemmed from an incident back in 1958 or 1959. We didn't start playing them again until around 1970. So we never got to play against Bill Stanfill and those teams that won state championships for Cairo."

Miller was asked about the make-up of Region 1-C back then.

"A lot of the teams we played then most people haven't even heard of today. There was Doerun, Hopeful, Sale City, Jakin, Baker County, and a school called West Bainbridge High. I remember them because they were the Pirates. Once we beat them 100-65 at our place and then went

over there two weeks later and got beat 61-55 by the exact same team."

Miller also reminisced about other players like Larry Brinson and Delna Duncan and Bill Harrison. He also spoke of some outstanding girl players from back in the 1960s, like Patsy Gibbs and Jane Ulmer, both of whom often scored as many as 40 points in a game.

Miller allowed that he had once set the boys record of 43 points in a single game against Lee County, Fla., but that Baggett came along and topped that mark several times, once totaling 57 points in a 1970 state playoff game.

The season of 1967-68 was the team's high water mark, when Taylor was a senior, Parker a junior, and Baggett just a sophomore. The Braves lost only two games that year, to Albany in an Albany Christmas tournament and to Bainbridge by one point. Revenge was later exacted on the Bearcats by a 77-72 score when Parker, who was leading the team in rebounding for a third consecutive year, scored 30 points and hauled down 14 rebounds.

Whigham was ranked No. 1 by the Atlanta Journal for much of the season, and the newspaper also picked Taylor as the No. 6 prospect in the state that season. The Braves won their last 16 games of the season and, in their final regular season game, destroyed Thomasville High School by a 69-43 score.

They beat Georgia Christian 75-51 and then scraped by Lanier County 62-59 to win the region tournament. At state, Whigham defeated Duluth (80-33), Putnam Co (62-36), and Stratford Academy (71-52), before annihilating opponent Lanier County by 30 points in the finals. Taylor had 29 points

and 10 rebounds in the title game. Parker added 26 points and had 14 rebounds in the championship game. Now all that remains playing the game of basketball from Whigham is

alumnus Stacy Butler, a 6-4 junior forward who averaged 17.6 points and 7.3 rebounds who won the Mr. Inspirational Award for a 16-12 Birmingham Southern College team (NAIA) this past winter.



Staff Photo — Greg Bryant

The Whigham High School track



**HAIRITAGE BEAUTY SALON IS NOW OPEN IN WHIGHAM** where owner Emily Singletary cares for customers. The salon is located at 111 West Broad Street, downtown Whigham, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Walk-in customers are welcome or appointments may be made by calling the salon at 762-4070. Mrs. Singletary is a 2007 graduate of Cairo High School and 2010 graduate of cosmetology school at Southwest Georgia Technical College. She and her husband, Joel, are the parents of 5-year-old Morgan and 8-month-old Alayna. The Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce helped Mrs. Singletary celebrate the opening of her business with family and friends with a recent ribbon cutting. Pictured, from left: Whigham Mayor Jimmie Laing, Whigham City Clerk Lisa Calhoun, Chamber Executive Vice President Jennifer Majors, Rep. Gene Maddox, Jessica Kines, Joel Singletary holding Alayna, Lynwood Collins, Morgan Singletary, LaRue Davis, Mary Ann Collins, Emily Singletary, Whigham City Councilman Jim Sellers, Megan Akridge, Jimmy Womble and Jane Trulock.

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# Whigham 'resilience' keeps town alive

By GAYLE HAYES  
Times-Enterprise Staff Writer

**WHIGHAM** — The city of Whigham has suffered disaster, destruction and division, but the town won't go down for the count.

In the past three years, the second largest community in Grady County has lost its high school to consolidation, its school gym to fire and the middle of its downtown to the state Department of Transportation.

The Quality Basic Education Act and the facilities study brought about the very emotional, community-wrenching school closing, merging Whigham students in the ninth through 12th grade with Cairo High School.

Last November, fire raged through the gym, reducing the building to smoldering rubble.

"That was devastating to us," said Lisa Calhoun, assistant to Whigham City Clerk Elizabeth Grose. "The citizens of Whigham raised the money to build that gym, there was no school board money in it," she said.

However, construction on a new gym — with school board money — and a new library is to begin soon with the buildings ready for school opening in August, weather permitting.

The latest major change in the community is the five-lane highway down the center of town. Broad Avenue lives up to its name and is "very, very broad now — we have a hard time crossing the street," Calhoun said.

Broad Avenue, the main street of town, is also U.S. 84 and the widening project was met with mixed feelings. "Some citizens felt if the highway was not widened, it might kill the town. Others felt if it were widened, it would kill the town," she said.

The project took away the angle parking and left instead, parallel parking spaces. And, the thoroughfare still has just one traffic signal.

"Life goes by pretty fast here," Calhoun said, referring to City Hall's spot on the main street, with a window looking out onto the whizzing traffic. "Keeps our police officers pretty busy," she mused.

According to the 1980 census, Whigham had 501 residents. The 1990 census is yet to be taken, but the population remains fairly stable.

Whigham's main drawing card, "now that the high school is gone," is its status as a small community, with a low crime rate, reasonable utilities — city water works and electric power from the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, of which Whigham is one of the 49 members in the co-op.

The town was chartered in 1896,



Broad Street — U.S. 84 — five-laning completed in Whigham downtown



Whigham Baptist Church — the old (R) and new sit serenely a block from downtown

but it had its beginnings in 1867, when it was known as "Station No. 21 on the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad.

Whigham's Victorian heritage is evident in many of its homes and buildings. City Hall, built around the turn of the century, was originally a bank. The high ceilings are covered with pressed tin tiles, a work of art that almost died in the early 1900s, but it being revived. The ceiling also features a skylight.

Holding their places in the economy and the business sector is a hardware store, a flower shop, a dry cleaning establishment and the First National Bank of Grady County.

There are two beauty shops — one is on the main street and one is not. The community has no grocery store, but it does have three convenience stores along 84. The post office is across the street from City Hall.

Larkin's Farm Supply is over there, Farmers Peanut Co. is down the street, Miss Hallie Boyles' "Lampighter Antiques" is a long-time business and there are two day-care centers.

The police and fire departments also are right downtown as is Myrtle's Coffee Shop, an institution in Whigham for the past 22 years. Proprietress Myrtle Pritchett has been serving coffee and table d'hôte while the customers use the shop as a forum, a meeting place, a common ground and an anchor.

Farther down the street is My Place, an old house that has been restored and reopened as a restaurant and drawing customers from miles away.

Whigham is dry, except for beer. Some citizens indulge, others don't. Or at least, not in their home town.

There's a doctor in town, for a couple mornings a week, anyway. Dr. Robert Insley sees patients at his Whigham clinic on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

A look over there shows a tire service and an auto supply store, and around the corner is one of two garages. Ithaca has a plant in Whigham.

The town has a 135-bed nursing home. The United Methodist Church and the Whigham Baptist Church

are in town, with some other churches outside the city limits.

Oh, yes, the city is one mile square, from city limits to city limits, Calhoun said.

Whigham has a mayor-council government, but with an unusual twist — three of the five council members are women. Each member serves a two-year term.

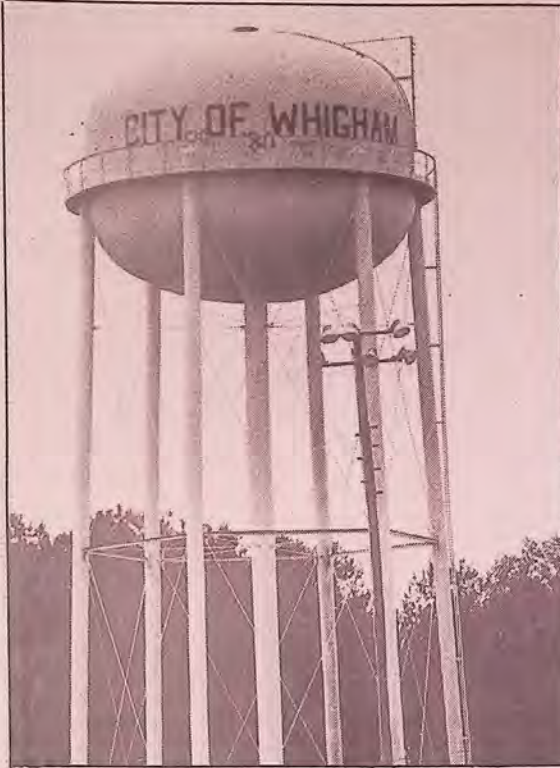
The council has recently passed a zoning ordinance and has been studying the possibilities of a city sewer system.

And one thing that puts the town on the map one weekend each winter is the annual Rattlesnake Roundup, under the aegis of Whigham Community Club.

The roundup will celebrate its 30th anniversary in 1990.

Mostly, Whigham residents work elsewhere, in larger towns nearby.

But the town retains the certain elements of charm and serenity that larger towns can never have. Things like walking or driving down the street, knowing by name just about everybody that passes by or at least by face and waving hello.



Staff Photo — Greg Bryant

Whigham High is gone, but students' graffiti remains on water tank



Myrtle's Coffee Shop local gathering spot sports glider, bench, for Whighamites

# "Little Free Library" opened in Whigham Monday

Macy Thrower  
Summer Intern

Whigham residents gathered across from the post office there on Monday for the opening of Grady County's first "Little Free Library."

Located in Whigham, the small collection of free books is one of several that library committee members hope to install in various locations in Grady County.

Lois Duncan, a trustee of Roddenbery Memorial Library, says she saw an article in a magazine about a Little Free Library and felt inspired to take on the project. Mrs. Duncan, along with Roddenbery Memorial Library Director Pamela Grigg and other Grady County locals, decided to begin working on a book collection for Whigham.

The idea for the project is simple; the books within the container are free for everyone, and people who take a book are encouraged to leave one. Libraries from around the globe are registered and shown on the Little Free Library website.

The community was very supportive of the program, according to Mrs. Duncan. Grady County residents Richard Stoop and Dollye Brewer created an outline for the library container and cut the wood. Mr. David Coleman and Dr. Zeric Clinton, teachers at Cairo High School, then encouraged their students to design and decorate the wooden box that holds the books.

Whigham's Little Free Library, located just outside of the city's museum, holds a



**WHIGHAM MAYOR GEORGE TRULOCK** cut the ribbon at the ceremony celebrating the installation of Grady County's first Little Free Library. Along with the mayor, city council members, Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Chadd Mathis and Whigham citizens gathered for the ceremony.

diverse selection of books for all age groups. A bench is located across from the small library so that locals can enjoy a book while seated in the shade.

Mrs. Grigg recently re-

ceived a grant to purchase four more libraries for Grady County and hopes to involve the community in building and decorating Little Free Libraries to be placed around the county.



**CITY OF WHIGHAM EMPLOYEES** put the finishing touches on the Little Free Library. Pictured, l-r, are Josh



**ARRANGING BOOKS** in Whigham's new Little Free Library are three of its biggest advocates, l-r: Margie Eubanks, caretaker for the Little Free Library; Louis Duncan, Roddenbery Memorial Library Trustee; and Pamela Grigg, director of Roddenbery Memorial Library.



# Whigham postmaster taking on the retirement route

Mesha Wind  
Staff Writer

After more than 34 years on the job, Whigham's postmaster has sold her last stamp and posted her final package. Pat Brinson retired officially on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, although her last day in the Post Office was Friday, June 27.

She may not be on the job, but Mrs. Brinson, a 63-year-old widow, says she looks forward to the next chapter in her life. "It's a sad time in my life, but it's a happy time, too. I'm leaving what I know, my day to day rut, but, I'm ready for something new, maybe something exciting! Who knows where my life will go from now?"

Since 1980, her life at work has revolved around the Whigham Post Office. Brinson started out as a PTE, part-time flexible, hourly employee when James Cox was postmaster. When Mr. Cox went on sick leave in September 1987, Brinson took over operations of the office until Cox retired, she says. In March 1989, Brinson was named postmaster.

Through the years, operations in the postal service have changed, she says. "When I started, we sorted



**THE WHIGHAM COMMUNITY** and friends gave Postmaster Pat Brinson a big sendoff into retirement Sunday afternoon with a reception held at L 3 Gifts at Bond's. More than 130 people were on hand for the farewell.

every piece of mail by hand. Now, it comes in presorted to the route."

She says Internet shopping has drastically increased the number of

packages coming through the post office.

A particular delivery one time caused Brinson to take pause, she says, "The first time I ever got anything in

the mail that was kind of scary was human ashes. That was kind of eerie, but that's part of the job."

One part of the job that she particularly enjoyed, she says, was the time she shared with customers. "You get close to people. I've seen them raise their babies, then marry their children off, and some bury their children, or their husband or wife."

When one of her favorite customers, Carolyn Crew, stopped by the post office to bring her a hand-crocheted afghan blanket on June 17, Brinson says she was overwhelmed, "It just hit my heart. You just get to love your customers like they're your family."

The now former postmaster is the widow of Charles Brinson, who passed away five years ago, and they are the parents of twin daughters, Stacy and Tracy, both 1991 honor graduates of Cairo High School.

Civil service must have appealed to Stacy Brinson, who is now the postmaster in Destin, Fla.

Tracy and her husband, Adam George, met while serving in the U.S. Air Force and are the parents of 13-year-old Megan and 14-year-old Ian. They reside in



**SELLING HER LAST STAMP** to frequent customer Alice Bond, Pat Brinson says she doesn't think it's "hit" her yet that she won't come back to work.

**POSTMASTER PAT BRINSON**, right, turned over the office keys to Interim Postmaster Romanza Dawson on Friday. Ms. Dawson is a supervisor posted from the Thomasville office, and was once the postmaster in Meigs, according to Brinson.



Beaver Creek, Ohio.

A postal service supervisor from Thomasville, Romanza Dawson, will operate the Whigham Post Office until a permanent replace-

ment is hired, according to Brinson. The Whigham Post Office serves customers in Whigham and Climax and is responsible for five routes.

# Volunteers making a difference you can actually see in Whigham

**Mesha C. Wind**  
Staff Writer

It is getting colorful in Whigham where community volunteers have worked together to beautify their city with flower-filled pots and banners along Broad Avenue to painted fire hydrants and bird houses. The focus on downtown is a result of volunteers who have met monthly for only the last nine months.

One of the highlights of their efforts happened this week when the first of 20 banners promoting the town and the nearby Trout Lily preserve, was hung. Soon, Whigham's Broad Avenue will be lined with the pennants.

The banners are just one of many projects taken on by the volunteers. Within weeks of their first meeting last August, signs of progress were visible.

"The first thing we did was repotted the planters downtown thanks to assistance from Flowerwood Nursery," says Lisa Calhoun, Whigham city clerk. Mrs. Calhoun says Carole Booth, a member of the Whigham City Council, worked with a city crewman to breathe life back into the



**DALMATIANS** are often associated with firefighters. This Dalmatian hydrant is mascot for Whigham's Fire Station.

large flower pots.

Soon, suggestions to paint the Purple Martin birdhouses scattered throughout the downtown were met with painting parties held over two October weekends. Among the brightened bird houses is one painted green and gold after the Whigham

School colors and another patriotic one with red, white and blue. The volunteers hope to eventually paint all of the Martin houses.

By Christmas, the committee had collaborated with the Whigham School band. The city closed Drayton Street where the music stu-

dents performed their Christmas Band Concert outdoors and the downtown businesses stayed open for the evening, holiday event.

Now, even the city's fire hydrants are getting into the spirit. Several have been painted, including one at the fire station painted to look like a Dalmatian dog; another with patriotic colors near the U.S. Post Office; a student and "Oscar the Grouch" are on Trulock Street near Whigham School; and at Dollar General is the character "Olaf" from the movie "Frozen." At least two other hydrants are in the process of being painted, Mrs. Calhoun says.

The energy for downtown Whigham is continuing with plans for a public safety awareness event aimed at informing children and families this fall. Another project in the planning stages is to design a city seal for Whigham.

The community volunteers meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Whigham council chambers. Mrs. Calhoun says the group is "open to anyone who has an interest in revitalizing Whigham."



**OSCAR THE GROUCH** can be found on Trulock Street near Whigham School.



**THIS YOUNG STUDENT** stands sentry near Whigham School.



**THIS FIRE HYDRANT** looks a lot like the popular children's movie character, "Olaf."



**SHOWING ITS PATRIOTIC PRIDE** is this fire hydrant near the U.S. Post Office in Whigham.

## WHIGHAM

The origin of Whigham can be traced back to the mid 1820's when the southwestern part of Georgia was first opened for settlement by non-Indians. The Creek Indians had been defeated and driven out, and the State of Georgia granted the newly acquired land to citizens by the Land Lottery of 1820. Immigration began almost immediately as settlers moved in to claim their new land grants, or by settlers who purchased acreage in the area from the lottery's fortunate drawers who didn't want to relocate. The earliest inhabitants of the new frontier moved in via the Federal Road, a military route from Milledgeville to Ft. Scott (Bainbridge), and by the Hawthorn Trail, which was a cutoff from the Federal Road to the Tallahassee-St. Marks area of Florida. Most of the early settlers came from middle Georgia, nearly all of them having previously resided in the Carolinas and Virginia.

The site of Whigham was in the 19<sup>th</sup> District of the original 1818 survey of Early County, but in 1823, the 19<sup>th</sup> District was transferred to the newly created county of Decatur. It remained in Decatur County until 1905, when an eastern portion of Decatur and a western portion of Thomas Counties were used to create Grady County. By the 1830's a small village had begun developing which would eventually become Whigham. It was located on the old Stage Line from Thomasville to Bainbridge and it, along with 1250 surrounding acres were owned by Thomas Whigham, who operated a store and an inn within the village. Thomas Whigham retained ownership of the area until 1868 when it was sold to W. W. and John T. Harrell, except 51 acres (within the Whigham site) which had recently been sold to Edmund Davis for the purpose of building a hotel and livery stable. Upon acquiring the remaining property, the two Harrell men had the village surveyed and laid out in blocks. The streets were named, and the same year the

U.S. Postal Service established the first post office there, naming it Harrell, GA.

Immediately after the Civil War the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad resumed construction on its line, originally intended to provide rail service across south Georgia. The railroad had been finished from Savannah to Thomasville when the War broke out, but its completion to Bainbridge was interrupted while the South was at war. Upon its completion in the late 1860's, the village of Harrell grew rapidly, but, for reasons not readily apparent, the name began to shift from "Harrell" to "Whigham." The "Whigham" name was legitimized about 1880, when the U.S. Postal Service made the name change from Harrell, GA to Whigham, GA official. The town of Whigham was first incorporated in 1888, and on December 23, 1896, its first charter was approved by the State Legislature. Whigham experienced its greatest growth around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. At that time, the town included an assemblage of drygoods and hardware stores, hotels, saloons, livery stables, barber shops, a bank, millinery and shoe shops, a drugstore, a sawmill and brickyard, along with the practice of several doctors, lawyers, and dentists. A number of both passenger and freight trains served the town daily, and in this period Whigham boasted of telephone service and one of the finest academies for educating its young people. It was a prosperous trade center surrounded by some of the finest farming area of the state. Because of Whigham's equal size and growing prosperity at the time, much resentment developed locally when Cairo was proposed as the county seat of Grady County, which was in the process of formation. After a bitter fight over the matter and considerable, influential, political maneuvering, Cairo was finally chosen rather than Whigham.

Whigham, however, continued to grow and prosper and received a big boost to its economy by the location of Boyd Lumber Company, from Alabama, two miles west in 1913. The community that developed there, consisting of the lumber mill and its supporting shops, housing

and commissary, became known as Boydville. It was never incorporated but was considered a part of the greater Whigham area. Perhaps stimulated by friends who accompanied the relocation of Boyd Lumber Company, and certainly by the devastation caused by the boll weevil to the cotton monoculture in Alabama, there was an immigration of numerous families from east central Alabama to Whigham and the surrounding area between 1913 and 1918. Many of the surnames common in the Whigham area today can be traced back to that immigration.

Whigham is located in the longleaf pine-wiregrass ecosystem of the Upper Coastal Plain of Georgia, actually in the northern-most part of the Tallahassee Red Hills region of the greater pinelands ecosystem. Whigham's elevation above sea level is 270 feet. The surrounding terrain consists of rolling hills drained by numerous streams. The land is rich and when cleared produces prime, loamy farmland. Although much of the original ecosystem has been destroyed by farming and development practices, there is yet a great diversity and abundance of the natural flora and fauna that exist. Ecologically, Whigham is located near the northern limits of typically subtropical ranging species, like Spanish Moss, Southern Magnolia, Live Oak, Cabbage Palmetto, etc., and near the southern limits of more northern ranging boreal species, like American Beech, Sourwood, Hornbeam, Trillium, certain Maples, and the like. These combinations of geologic, topographic, and climatic factors account for the enormous diversity in the area's flora and fauna, and is the underlying reason why the surrounding region has been promoted as "The Greatest Diversified Farming Area of America."

Two world wars, especially World War II and the technology it generated, completely revolutionized America. Whigham, too, has been affected by the revolutionization. It has not grown like many other cities having a similar origin, but neither has it died and become a ghost town. It is still a great place to live, rear a family, and enjoy the natural beauty and leisure the

area affords. Whigham appreciates your visit, and welcomes you to enjoy all the festivities associated with the annual Rattlesnake Roundup.

Wayne R. Faircloth

Acknowledgments: *History of Whigham* by Elizabeth Grose, 1974.  
*U.S. Geologic Survey; Whigham Quadrangle*

Atkasutkas = 310  
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## HISTORY OF WHIGHAM

Georgia is unique in that no other state granted its land in the same manner. The State of Georgia was one of the thirteen colonies and as such did not contain any of the Federal or Public Land Survey or Homesteads.

The first system for settling the undeveloped areas of the state was the "headright" system. This name is derived from a specific act passed by the legislature in 1780, "an act for opening a land office and for the better settling and strengthening the state." Each man would be entitled to 200 acres as his own headright, plus an additional 50 acres for his wife and each slave, not to exceed 1000 acres. This method proved unsatisfactory because very little surveying was done and there were many disputes over boundary lines.

The Act of 1785 by the legislature set the machinery in motion for the six land lotteries held in the state, namely in 1805, 1807, 1820, 1821, 1827, and 1832.

When the first Indian Cession west of the Oconee River took place in 1802, the land was surveyed into numbered land districts, and the districts further surveyed into numbered land lots. Citizens of Georgia who qualified under the provisions of the act registered in their respective counties for the purpose of drawing the numbered land lots. Names of registrants and the lot numbers were taken to the capitol and placed in separate drums, from which appointed commissioners drew simultaneously. Since the names of those seeking land far exceeded the number of lots to be granted, some blank slips were placed in the second drum, which meant that not all citizens were fortunate drawers. The fortunate ones were given plots and grants signed by the governor and having the seal of the State of Georgia attached.

In 1820 Land Lottery is the drawing with which we are concerned here tonight. This lottery settled the original counties of Appling, Irwin, Early, Walton, Gwinett, Habersham, Hall, and Rabun. In 1820 Grady County and Whigham were a part of Early County. Early County was surveyed into 26 districts: 1 through 23, and 26 through 28. Whigham lies in the 19th district of the Early County survey. There were 400 lots in all, each containing 250 acres. One hundred lots of the 19th District now lie in Decatur County.

The City of Whigham is situated in District 19 on Lots 30 and 31, and a very small portion of Lots 10 and 11. Lot No. 11 was drawn in the 1820 lottery by Benjamin Liles of Wayne County, but there is no record that Lot No. 10 was drawn at this time. Lot No. 30 was drawn by John McCall of Effingham County, while Lot No. 31 went to Francis Valeton of Burke County. Merely to show the value of money in that period of our history, Lot No. 31 was sold by Francis Valeton to Samuel Larsens five years later (in 1825) for



the sum of \$24.00.

The records show that by 1838 Thomas Whigham of Decatur County had acquired all of the land in Lots 8, 9, 10, 30, and 31. From 1838 to 1863 this land did not change owners, and in 1863 Thomas Whigham sued the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad for damages done to Lots 30 and 31. Since the railroad had not been completed through the area at that time, we can only assume that this damage was done in construction, by survey crews, or in the clearing of right-of-ways. Thomas Whigham died between 1863 and 1868, the latter being the year his estate was settled by his son, Robert E. Whigham. The estate consisted of all five lots (8, 9, 10, 30, and 31), a total of 1250 acres. The deed called for 1250 less 51 acres in the southwest corner of Lot No. 31 which had previously been sold to Edmund Davis. The highest bidders for the remaining 1199 acres were W.W. Harrell and John T. Harrell. The price paid for the 1199 acres was \$11,805.15, or a fraction less than \$10.00 per acre. In November, 1867, the two Harrell men sold ten acres of land in Lots 30 and 31 to the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad for the sum of \$1.00.

In 1868 the present town of Whigham was surveyed and laid out in blocks. The streets were named and the town was called Harrell. Even prior to the survey, however, there was a community of some extent on the site, as reflected in deeds in Decatur County. Records reveal the sale of land located at the fork of two branches (presently known as McElvy and Schoolhouse Branches) and next to the Tan Yard, (Webster defines a tanyard as "that part of a tannery that houses the tanning vats.") Also sold was a lot of land on which was situated the Davis Hotel. These particular sales were part of the 51 acre tract owned by Edmund Davis when the estate of Thomas Whigham was sold.

Before there was rail service, the town was served with mail and passenger service by the Stage Line on the old Thomasville-Bainbridge Road. According to records in the National Archives in Washington, the first post office was established in Harrell, Georgia, on May 26, 1868, with Samantha J. Whitfield as the first postmistress. George Blount was appointed postmaster on April 7, 1880, about the time the U.S. Postal Service made the name change from Harrell, Ga., to Whigham, Ga. In August of 1897, Walter Quinn was named postmaster.

After the survey of Harrell the deeds reflect that the business area grew from the railroad site up McGriff and Depot Streets toward Broad Street. From the years 1868 to 1872, the town grew and prospered, and all the deeds in this period referred to the town as Harrell. Then without any apparent reason the deeds suddenly read thereafter "The Town of Whigham (formerly the town of Harrell)". Some of the familiar surnames in Whigham during this period of its

growth were: Harrell, Bell, Whigham, Mills, Quinn, Peebles, Trulock, Maxwell, Swicord, Foster, and McElvy.

The town of Whigham was incorporated in 1888, and on December 23, 1896, the first charter was approved by the legislature. The mayor at this time was Arch Harrell; the councilmen (of whom there were three) were J.P. Chapman, G.W. Clark, and D.L. McNair; and the clerk was J.O. Harrell. Like all other charters it spelled out rules and regulations for the governing of the town. A mayor and five aldermen would be elected on the first Tuesday in January, 1897, and every year thereafter on the first Tuesday of each year elections would be held. The charter granted corporate authority to the town of Whigham to provide for a mayor and council, and other officers of said town; to authorize the officers and corporate authorities of the said town to exercise such powers and do such things as may be necessary or proper for the best interest, benefit, peace, good order, health, and general welfare of the town and the inhabitants; to confer other and additional powers and authority of the town to pass rules, by-laws and ordinances for the government of the said town; to authorize punishment for any violation of said rules, by-laws and ordinances; and to act for various other purposes, including a public school system.

The charter was amended in 1905 to read that the town would own, manage and operate a dispensary for the purpose of dispensing by sale any and all alcoholic, malt, spirituous, and intoxicating liquors of whatever kind. The mayor and council would have full authority over the operation, and not less than one-fourth nor more than one-half of the net profits of the said dispensary would be appropriated to the public schools of the town. The balance of the proceeds of the dispensary helped to build the first water system in Whigham.

At this time John R. Singletary served as representative from Thomas County in Atlanta, for Grady County had not yet been born. After much work by Mr. Singletary and R.R. Terrell of Whigham, a bill was passed and signed by the governor on August 17, 1905, creating Grady County from portions of Thomas and Decatur Counties. The change became effective January 1, 1906. The first grand jury was drawn January 24, 1906, with the following men from Whigham serving: Zimmerman Trulock, T.O. Duggar, J.L. Peebles, and T.J. Mills. As a result of the first primary election in the county, held April 13, 1906, R.R. Terrell of Whigham was the first representative to go to the Capitol from Grady County. Whigham precinct voters number 145, and the first county commissioner from Whigham was J.L. Peebles.

Much bitterness was aroused when a location was sought for the county seat, because Whigham, which was larger and had more trade than Cairo at that time, felt that she should be chosen. Such was

not the case, and many reasons have been given, ranging from politics to money to apathy.

Whigham continued to grow during this period and was a prosperous trade center and fine farming area. There were drygoods stores, hotels, livery stables, a bank, and many other flourishing businesses. Several doctors, lawyers, and a dentist practised here.

The year 1913 saw a fire on Broad Street that destroyed Harrell Drugstore, J.P. Chapman Hardware, and Swicord Millinery Shop. These stores were located on the south side of Broad Street from McGriff to the middle of the block. Fortunately the fire was contained before the old City Hall building was damaged. These buildings were owned by J.E. Cobb and T.J. Mills. The fire occurred June 9, 1913, and by August these buildings had been replaced and subsequently housed the Dixie Drugstore, J.P. Chapman Hardware, and Lena Belcher Millinery Shop.

Other happenings in Whigham in 1913, according to the Cairo Messenger, included the retirement of Walter Quinn as postmaster after sixteen years of service, and the appointment of Ben Parker in his place. Hawthorn Brickyard set up operations, the telephone company changed ownership and began expansion, and J.O. Williams and J.H. Autrey constructed buildings on Broad Street for Williams Jewelers and Autrey Shoe Store. G.P. Brownlee started a pecan nursery in the area. The bank of Whigham opened a branch bank in Attapulcus and the first week's deposits totaled more than \$2000. Turner Harrell bought the barber shop that same year, and we are happy to report tonight that Mr. Harrell still operates a barber shop in Whigham. The paper reported that the grist mill was running night and day, and that the cotton price in Whigham was the same as on the Savannah market.

On the 15th of July, 1913, the voters of the town went to the polls and approved bonds to be issued for the improvement of the water works, and to erect, establish, and equip an electric light plant. Whigham is one of only fifty cities in the state which own their own utility system. Much credit should be given here to the past mayors and councilmen who had the foresight not to sell the utility system to Georgia Power Company. The system has provided much revenue for the city and kept property taxes down to a minimum.

Getting back to 1913, the Boyd Lumber Company located two miles west of Whigham, building sixty houses and the Piney Woods Hotel. This was almost a community within itself, as the people were provided with a commissary for their needs. Soon after its beginning, the settlement was called Boydville, and the name remains until today.

Whigham had its own Wessie Connell in the person of Miss Dolly Waldon, whose love and devotion to her community is clearly revealed

in the articles she wrote from Whigham for the Cairo Messenger. Had there been a John Cotton Dana Award in those days, she would surely have been recipient. Her last column appeared in the Messenger in November of 1913. After that it was many years before the news of Whigham was again covered by the Messenger.

From 1913 to 1918 there was an exodus of families from Alabama to our area, the greatest reason for the migration being the devastation dealt to King Cotton by the boll weevil in Alabama. To name only a few of the families, the Tippetts, Crews, Jowers, Fosters, Newberries, and Gillespies purchased land and settled in and around Whigham.

The year 1929 brought the Great Depression, which paralyzed the town of Whigham along with the rest of the nation. Growth stopped, and people were fortunate if they were able to hold on to their land and homes. The Federal government created jobs through the agencies of WPA, CCC, and NRA, and it was this money placed in the economy that extended the paving of Highway 84 through the town in the early thirties. By this time transportation had improved and many of our young people left the area to seek employment elsewhere. Our population decreased, many businesses closed, and property sales were at a standstill. Money was in very short supply because many people had lost their life savings with the closing of the nation's banks. We were fortunate in this area to live in a farming section where we could raise enough food for our families. World War II saw another draining away of the young men of the community, many of whom settled afterward in other places. The business area began to run down, the buildings started to deteriorate, and the majority of the residents were the elderly.

During the sixties, however, signs of returning vigor began to show up, and in the early seventies, some young people started returning to their hometown after college to go into business for themselves. They bought property on which to build homes and rear their families.

The Whigham Community Club, organized in 1947, has been responsible for much of the new growth in the town by seeking to bring in new industries. April of 1974 saw the opening of Moreland Enterprises, a clothing factory that will employ 52 persons. Fourteen new brick homes and fourteen frame houses have been built in Whigham in the past three years. The city purchased the old bank building from Stokes Kennemur and moved the City Hall across the street. The council voted in February of this year to purchase a new fire truck to be delivered in May. At present the city is working on a grant from the federal Government to install a sewerage system. Whigham

is once more on the move.

Over the past few years, the people of Whigham have rightly acquired a reputation for political awareness, and within the past decade by working together have managed to forestall the closing of the railway depot, the removal of the bank, and the consolidation of the high school.

While we have dealt mainly with the city and its residents, we realize that for a community to grow and prosper it takes the support of the people in the surrounding area. We are keenly aware of their support today and throughout the years. We have had much help from all of them in gathering this brief history of Whigham to share with you tonight.

The above information was given at the Historical Society Meeting April 16, 1974 by Mrs. Elizabeth Grose.

# New business opens in downtown Whigham

Mesha C. Wind  
Staff Writer

Local brothers who have spent a lifetime working in produce have opened a farmer's market in Whigham, and say they are humbled by the community support.

Destin, Chad and Joshua Gainous are the owners of Whigham Farmer's Market now open inside what locals say was once an IGA grocery store at 116 W. Broad Ave., in downtown Whigham.

Although they work full-time jobs with General Produce, while also growing their own vegetables to sell, the brothers decided to fill a void in their hometown. "We saw the need in Whigham," says Joshua Gainous, "it's a good location, and we know



about produce."

The brothers grew up on the family farm north of Whigham where multiple generations have tilled the soil.

Destin Gainous still lives

on that land, and handles much of the farming. "We all still have our hands in the farm, but Destin lives on the land, so he does most of the farming still," Joshua Gainous says.

The brothers have incorporated their farm heritage into the design of the market using tin and wood from their own old barns. "We want it to feel like if you walked into an old country fruit stand or store from years past," Gainous says. "we want to know how you're doing, and if you have a question about anything we'll try to answer it. We want it to be local and feel local."

The market is stocked with seasonal vegetables and



**CHAD, DESTIN AND JOSHUA GAINOUS**, from left, have opened Whigham Farmer's Market. The brothers grow some of their wares, and procure others from wholesalers.

fruit, and also sells boiled peanuts, cheeses, meats, jellies, preserves and syrup. Gainous says they have plans for future expansion, but are starting slow.

In addition to the brothers, the business is also operating with the help of wives, Enma, Joy and Alisha Gainous, and sister, Mincie Gainous Huskey. "At least one of us should be here if we are open," Gainous says.

The market is open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Although they opened their doors a mere week-and-a-half ago on Saturday, April 30, Gainous says the support has been overwhelming.

"The amount of love and support has been unreal from Whigham and the surrounding areas, and we are very appreciative. We want to say, 'thank you,'" Gainous says.



**CHAD GAINOUS** adds strawberries to the fresh fruit display.





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## WHIGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT FRIDAY

### LARGER SCHOOL, A BETTER SCHOOL AND REDUCED TAXES

Every voter should be thoughtfully read by every voter in the Whigham

already know, Friday is the election day in Whigham for enlarging the school. If this election carries it will give us several miles more of taxable land which will naturally give us a better school for the children of this district. At the same time decrease our individual school taxes. And that is what we want—a better school and less taxes. Please turn out on that day and cast your vote as it requires a two-thirds vote of the district to win. We want your vote of the entire district.

Vote on Friday, February 26th.

Very truly yours,

A. HARRELL,

Chairman School Committee Whigham District.

### CALVARY

The recent rain was delightful in the extreme. Another beautiful feature is the fine weather following it. Northern people who spend this winter in the south must think our climate ideal.

The fertilizer business of this section seems to be excellent. Farmers are preparing for another crop of the finest tobacco raised in America.

Tobacco buyers from other parts were here this week looking at the goods of the Higdon Tobacco Co. of this place and Butler Bros., two and a half miles south of here. The goods seem to be not quite ready for shipment but in fine condition.

The above mentioned firms have built packing houses of their own. That's the way! What's the use paying to have anything done when you can do it more economically yourself?

Mr. H. M. Butler has torn down his tobacco shade and hereafter will make a specialty of sun-grown tobacco.

Messrs. Overstreet and Mincey transacted business in Cairo Saturday.

Mr. Parrish and Miss Brown, teachers of the Calvary school at

### UNION SPRING

Some of the young people of this section went to the tent meeting in Marshall section one evening during the week. They reported a pleasant time at the meeting.

Miss Susie Mobley and brother, John, visited their sister, Mrs. Sam Dean, of near Vada.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thomas are entertaining a very young man who will likely remain with them for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mobley and sister, Ethel, spent last Sunday with their cousin, Albert Mobley, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mobley and Mrs. Chas. Bennett and little daughters, Beatrice and Mittie, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thomas.

Mrs. John Bell and children went to the tent meeting last Sunday.

W. L. Whigham and mother attended church in Climax last Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Prevatt and children visited relatives in Whigham last Sunday.

Messrs. Carson and Grady and Miss Vera Whigham and Mr. Albert

### MINERAL DEPOSITS

#### Quantities of Kaolin and Phosphate

#### FOUND NEAR WHIGHAM

#### Investigations Made by State and National Government Geologists Discloses Great Mineral Wealth.

It has now been thoroughly established that Whigham is only a few miles from as fine deposits of kaolin and phosphate beds as any one needs to find. The United States authorities have made investigation and pronounce the deposits of kaolin in large quantities from one to four miles of Whigham. The state geologist has made similar investigation for phosphate, and finds that there are large beds of phosphate deposits from four to twelve miles from Whigham.

Northern capitalists are already investigating the advisability of going to work to dig for the two minerals at an early date.

Most of the kaolin deposits are to be found on Major R. A. Connell's plantations near Whigham.

A tram road will probably be built from Whigham out to the seat of these minerals if the A. C. L. refuses to put in an extension switch or branch.

The discovery of these two minerals so near Whigham is causing considerable excitement and will in all probability, at a very early date, materialize in something great for this section.

Misses Angie and Mittie Maxwell spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilmont Maxwell.

Eddie Hudson and family dined at Albert Mobley's one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Maxwell and daughter, Lorena, attended church



1885 Minutes of Decatur County Board of Education Schools 553-North Carolina, Calvary PO; 621-Lime Sink, Bbridge & Pelham PO; 1258-Wight's, Cairo PO; 1324-Pearce, Cairo PO; 720-Whigham, Whigham PO

# The Weekly Democrat.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1872

## CITY AND COUNTY AFFAIRS.

**DEATH OF GRANT.**—Emery Johnson has the completest Washing Machine the world ever saw. One hundred pieces can be washed perfectly clean in less than one hour. No rubbing, no battling, no trouble at all. Go and see for yourself.

**\$3.40 WORTH OF NEW MUSIC FOR 30 CENTS.**—The September number of Peters' Musical Monthly, price 30 cents, contains the following music, worth in sheet, \$3.40:

Father of All, sacred song, Pan-feron, 50 cts.; Lay me where my Mother's Sleeping, Stewart, 40 cts.; Little Dan, song and chorus, W. S. Hays, 35 cts.; Coronation Song, duet or chorus, W. C. Peters, 25 cts.; Merry Insects Flying, duet, Eng. or tier., F. Abt, 25 cts.; Love Chase Galop, four hands, A. Pasher, 35 cts.; School Girl's Waltz, A. Prevot, 35 cts.; Willie's Schottische, C. Kinkel, 35 cts.; Laughing Wave Mazurka, G. D. Wilson, 50 cts.

Mr. Peters offers to send July, August and September numbers, post-paid, for 75 cents; or the nine back numbers for 1872 for \$2.00.

Address J. L. Peters, 599 Broadway, New York.

**ECLECTIC MAGAZINE.**—The Eclectic for September is at hand. It furorates its readers by way of embellishment with a fine portrait on steel of Dr. Dollinger, the great German Theologian, the leader to the opposition to Papal Infallibility, and one who gives promise of being the Luther of a new Reformation.

The table of contents has been selected with an eye to midsummer reading, and among the more solid papers which the Eclectic always contains, presents an attractive variety of light and entertaining literature. The leading article is an enjoyable essay on "Wit and Humor," abounding in shrewd analysis and apt quotation. General Clusiel, of Communist fame, gives a suggestive account of his "Connection with Feudalism;" "Thoughts upon Government," by Arthur Helps, is continued; there is a fine lecture by W. G. Clark on "The Middle Ages and the Revival of Learning;" and papers on "Clever Fishes;" "Chateaubriand;" "From Cairo to Athens;" "Romance of Arithmetic;" "The Recent Fossil Man;" etc. "The Strange Adventures of a Jackson" is

**SPLendid BAR-ROOM FOR RENT.**—I offer for rent on favorable terms, the "Sharon House Bar," one of the best stands for the retail liquor business in the State. The room is nicely fitted up with all the necessary appurtenances of a first-class bar, and is located in the Sharon House. Apply to  
**JOHN SHARON,**  
Bainbridge, Ga.

**DR. TUTTS' MEDICINES.**—We are pleased to learn that Dr. Tutts' Preparations are sale by Messrs J. D. Hoyle & Co. They enjoy a very high reputation.

Dr. Tutts is a Physician of long experience in the South and his preparations possess intrinsic merit free from the humbuggerly of the day.

He is now located in New York from whence he is shipping his Medicines to all parts of the country.

**RETURNED FROM EUROPE.**—Last Wednesday morning Mr. Henry B. Ehrlich, who has been spending several months in Germany, returned to his home in this city. He is looking as fat as a buck, showing that the climate of the "Faderland" agrees with him. Mr. E. came over on the steamer Cymbria, and he says there were about fourteen States of the American Union represented.—It was suggested that an election be held, which was assented to, and Greeley and Brown were unanimously elected.

**PARTON'S LIFE OF GREELEY.**—One of the most interesting and valuable of American biographies, is the "Life of Horace Greeley," by James Parton. The life of Mr. Greeley has been closely interwoven with what has been most commanding in American affairs for more than a third of a century. Indeed, this story of his life gives the reader by no means an inadequate glimpse of American history for the past thirty years. It is the story of a life that commenced in the greatest obscurity, and has grown into the greatest eminence. It has been a busy life, the busiest, probably, in the land, crowded with events, full of brave words and generous deeds, and marked by peculiarities greater and characteristics stronger than, perhaps, those of any other American citizen.

The subject, therefore, would command respectful and eager attention though handled by an unskillful pen. But Mr. Parton is a master. He has long been well and widely known in our literature. He is a keen and brilliant essayist; an incisive and sparkling writer of English; and a careful and exhaustive searcher after facts. He does not touch a pen to paper in the composition of a

Brassell Warren Garrison Jeff Holder.

**JONES DISTRICT.**  
Delegates: Rev. Joshua Martin, Capt. George Jones, and Ed. Vallandigham. John S. Bell, for the Senatorial Convention.

**LOWER SPRING CREEK.**  
Delegates: Reuben Chason, Nick Nicholson and Henry Wilson.

**HARRISON'S.**  
Delegates: Thomas Maxwell, Esq., L. O. Jackson, Daniel McGill and I. G. Bradwell are the delegates.

**THEY FEED THE HUNGRY, CLOTH THE NAKED, HEAL THE SICK AND SUIT THE FASTIDIOUS!**

**EHRlich! EHRlich!!**—Go to Ehrlich if you want good groceries—iced butter—fine whiskies, segars, &c.

Call at Babbit and Warfield's before you leave town and learn something to your advantage.

Emery Johnson's stoves, tin-ware, house-furnishing goods, sewing and washing machines are all the rage still. Run over and see for yourselves.

Patterson & McNair offer superior inducements to customers as they want to sell out before the season is over.

I. Kwiecki & Bro. are all right in every particular. Go over and see their stock and purchase your groceries, etc.

Sime Wiel is in New York buying goods, but still he has a nice stock on hand for sale immensely cheap.

Go to Suber's Jewelry Store. There you will find attractions not to be sneered at. Go see him.

**JUST RECEIVED.**—500 bushels corn; 20 bbls superfine Flour; 30 bbls x x flour; 30 bbls superfine flour; 10 bbls whiskey; 5000 bbls bacon at popular prices.

**BABBIT & WARFIELD.**  
W. E. Rutherford, at the City Stables, has some fine horses for sale, and in a few weeks he will have many more. If you want a superb turnout at reasonable rates the City Stables is the place to get it. Saddle and harness horses to hire at any time.

Jake Born sells his harness at hitherto reasonable prices. Call on him immediately if not sooner and supply yourselves in his line.

Noel Gaincy & Co's. stock of Clothing is par excellence. Call and see them.

**STUPPERNONG GRAPES.**—This crop has done well in Decatur this season. There will be about 50,000 bushels made we think.

**FOR COUNTY TREASURER.**—See the announcement of W. C. Dickinson. He would make a number one Treasurer. Let the Nominating Convention not fail to entertain his claims for the preferment.

Frank Sharon has some splendid stuppernong wine for sale. It's the best ever made. Call soon.

**ONWARD.**  
The Rev. Samuel Brown and twenty other colored men of Memphis, Tenn., have congratulated Garrison on his letter to Sumner.

**GEN. TOOMBS.**  
Gen. Toombs is said to have gone to the Virginia Springs. A distinguished officer reports that the General says he "will not support Greeley, but he (Greeley) is going to sweep the country, North as well as South."

**THE EX-MAYORS.**  
The Grant papers have announced that the four Democratic ex-Mayors of Grand Rapids, Michigan, will support Grant; now all four of those gentlemen publicly declare themselves in favor of Greeley and Brown. So much for these reported Democratic converts to Grant.

**AN HONEST CONFESSION IS GOOD FOR THE SOUL.**

One of the Grant organs in this city recently damned its candidate in this contemptuous fashion: "General Grant has been about such a President as reflecting men thought, four years ago, he would probably be." The same organ not "four years" but only twice four weeks ago, said of General Grant "His ignorance, his contempt for law and decency are becoming daily more and more prominent," and it added: "If the time were not so short, and the vote in the Philadelphia Convention were not already arranged, General Grant himself would probably be driven out of the canvass by the better sense of his own party." Can the force of impudence further go. Here are these people confessing in one breath that they invited the county four years ago, to elect a man President whose ignorance and contempt for law and decency they expected to become "daily more prominent" and in the next breath entreating us to re-elect the same man President because the time was not long enough, nor the vote in the Philadelphia Convention free and honest enough, to secure his being "driven out of the canvass by the better sense of his own party!"—N. Y. World.

**NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.**  
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...ued, and there is an excellent story by the author of "Patty." Barney Geoghegan, the Irish Member, is a highly amusing caricature. Published by E. B. Pelton, 108 Fulton street, New York. Terms, \$5 a year; two copies, \$3. Single number, 45 cents.

**THE BIGGEST OF THEM ALL.**—We have received a circular from Mr. W. W. Durand, General Agent of the "Great Eastern," an aggregation of menagerie, museum, aviary, Roman hippodrome, circus and Egyptian Caravan, indicating the purpose of this grand combination to exhibit in Bainbridge during the month of November. The proprietors propose to exhibit a herd of elephants, drove of camels, avalanches of buffaloes, team of horned vhooses and twenty six deas of animals and birds. Twelve equestrians and ten female riders are to appear. Mr. Durand says that it requires seventy six cars and three locomotives to transport this vast machine from place to place, and that the daily expense amounts to \$3,400. Let us await the coming of the boasted largest and most extensive exhibition on earth.

**BEN. E. RUSSELL.**—It is noticed that Ben. E. Russell, the able and talented editor of the Bainbridge Democrat, is prominently spoken of in connection with the candidacy for the Legislature from Decatur county. No Democrat in that county has contributed more in behalf of the Democratic cause and fought more valiantly against Radicalism in every guise and phase in which it has been presented than Mr. R., and although he did this in the performance of a duty, the acknowledgement and appreciation of the manner of the performance of that duty by his countrymen, by the extension of his field for usefulness, by a reward for his efforts and earnest labor, is none the less deserving and worthy of bestowal at the hands of those in the behalf of whom he has been battling.—*Mariana (Fla.) Courier.*

The work on the brick store of E. Johnson is progressing rapidly. It is to be a two-story building. Let others follow Mr. Johnson's example in improving our city.

gation has been explored, and every thing directly or indirectly bearing on his theme thoroughly digested.

In preparing this work he spent several months in visiting the town where Mr. Greeley was born and the various places where he subsequently lived, collecting all the information about his early life that it was possible to obtain. It is not, therefore, a hastily or ill contrived book, labeled "Life of Greeley," but a work which will always be the authoritative record of the three score years of Mr. Greeley's life that have already passed into history. It would be a valuable addition to any library at any time, but just now its opportuneness gives it added interest.

It is elegantly bound, well illustrated, and in consideration of the great popular demand for the work it is sold for a little more than half the ruling book prices.

It is published by the NATIONAL PUBLISHING Co., of Atlanta, who want agents in every county.

**THE DISTRICT MEETINGS LAST SATURDAY.**

At Lime Sink an enthusiastic meeting was held, its object being explained by Mr. John T. Harrell, Mr. J. C. Smith was Chairman. The following delegates were appointed to the Bainbridge Convention: Thomas Dollar, Thomas Lodge, John T. Harrell.

**FACEVILLE.**

At this precinct a rousing meeting took place. Col. C. J. Munnerlyn addressed it in his usual eloquent manner. A Greeley and Brown Club was organized of which Col. Munnerlyn was made President. The following are the delegates to Bainbridge: John T. Fain, Dodd Emanuel, Archie Campbell, W. E. Freeman to the Senatorial Convention.

**ROCK POND.**

At Rock Pond the following delegates were chosen: S. Brisson, Jas. E. O'Neal, John Crawford. Had a good meeting.

**BELL'S DISTRICT.**

Delegates appointed: Thomas Bell, N. N. Lester, Irving Laaseler, P. McGriff for the Senatorial Convention.

**LATTAPULGUS.**

The delegates are: Jabe Martin, Mich. Griffin and R. G. Chestnut.

**PINE HILL.**

Reports from this District indicate that a large meeting was held. The following are delegates: W. W.

Mrs. M. J. Reynolds invites the special attention of the ladies to her fine stock of Millinery goods. Great inducements offered.

**MORGAN & HARRELL.**—Let us all go over and see the nice stock of this live drug house for ourselves. Something there that will cure all the ills to which we're heir by birth.

**VIOLIN STRINGS, ETC.**

Go to W. C. Subers' to buy Italian Violin and Guitar Strings at 15 to 20 cents, same as are sold in large cities at 20 to 25 cents. He will sell Violins at \$2 25, with bow and strings complete.

Accordeons at \$2 00, and all other Musical Instruments in proportion to quality, etc. All who wish to "soothe the savage breast" call around and equip yourselves.

**ILLNESS OF COL. SIMS.**—We regret to learn that Col. Richard Sims is now lying extremely ill at his residence in this city.

**HON. B. F. BOUTON.**—This gentleman returned home from Atlanta on yesterday morning. His career in the Georgia Senate has won him a host of friends.

**MARRIED.**—In Macon, Ga., on Monday night last, the 26th inst., at the residence of Mr. H. M. Graniss, by the Rev. J. O. Branch, Mr. ROBERT A. LITTLE to MISS ALICE DICKINSON—all of Bainbridge Ga.

This happy party returned to Bainbridge yesterday morning. We congratulate them—we tender them our best wishes—and we hope their happiness has just begun. The event did not surprise us, for we had been anticipating it for some time; but we are glad of it, because we know they are. Long life and unprecedented pleasure to you, Robert. Moral: Let everybody else go and do likewise. We expect to, and rejoice.

**CONVALESCING.**—We are glad to learn that the lovely wife of Dr. W. J. Harrell, who has been prostrated with severe illness for the last two weeks, is recovering.

**CROPS.**—The caterpillar has destroyed at least one-half of the cotton crop of this county, in consequence of which farmers are looking blue. Corn is poor, not near an average crop. Potatoes, sugar cane, peas, &c. are fine.

...nor Curtin, who has just arrived at his home in Pennsylvania from St. Petersburg, is in feeble health, and will not take any active part in the pending canvass here until entirely restored.

The declarations of the administration leaders that he will take the stump for the Grant candidates is without foundation. He has been earnestly besought to that end, but has refused to give any one who has approached him on the subject authority to speak for him. As soon as he has recovered from the effects of his journey he will speak for himself, and his thousands of friends in Pennsylvania will not be disappointed in their prediction as to the cause he will espouse.

Considerable interest is manifested here at the pending disaffection in the Radical ranks in South Carolina, and from the indications there just now there will be two sets of committees at Long Branch ere long representing the two factions. We urge the President to champion their respective causes. Of course, should Grant be thus impurloined he will side with the bolters party, which represents all the intelligence of the Radical organization of the State.

**EXTRAORDINARY RISE IN PRICES.**

Within the past three months, as we have heretofore noticed, all kinds of merchandise have taken an extraordinary rise in price throughout the world, and particularly in that great manufacturing centre, Great Britain. Numerous causes have conspired to produce this result—such as the increasing product of the precious metals—the rise in the price of labor—the rapid and disproportionate accumulation of capital in the United Kingdom, and so forth; but the St. Louis Republican, commenting upon certain English newspaper articles on the subject, says the great cause is the increasing price of coal, which is the result of the yearly increasing depths from which it must be brought to the surface. Within a year, the cost of coal has nearly doubled, and this affects every branch of manufacture.

Times says the Republic: A London paper informs that there is an increase in the cost of building of 30 per cent.; an increase of 50 per cent. in the cost of machinery; of 53 per cent. in copper; 48 per cent. in tin; 41 per cent. in nickel; 3 per cent. in brass; 55 per cent. in chains; 117 per cent. in iron gas tubes; 50 per cent. in wrought nails; 53 per cent. in iron bars; 95 per cent. in cut nails; and a proportionate increase not only in all iron prices, but in all articles in the manufacture of which iron machinery or iron tools are used. This really

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Small Claims Court  
of Colquitt County  
Moultrie, Georgia

December 4, 1967

Dear Julien:

I think the attached 2 pages will make interesting reading for the people of Grady County, including those in Whigham. This will also serve to correct any false impression some people may have gotten from that recent editorial in the Cairo Messenger to the effect that Whigham is the same age as Cairo. While the post office of Harrell was established soon after the Cairo post office (first activated in 1833) was moved to its present location on the railroad, it was April 1880 that the name of Harrell was changed to Whigham and that was the date when the community or village became known as Whigham. But it was 15 years later, in 1896, before Whigham became an incorporated town. All this is a matter of fact backed by the records in the Post Office Department and by Georgia laws regarding Whigham; and by the census records. I have written nothing that is not shown by the record.

My information about the town dispensary operated by Whigham<sup>h</sup> comes from Papa, and what he has told me is substantiated by the Georgia Laws of 1897, 1905 and 1907. Papa knows all about the Whigham town dispensary. At that time there ~~was~~ rivalry between Cairo and Whigham, and considerable jealousy on the part of Whigham. While Cairo was trying to outlaw liquor through high licenses, Whigham undertook to profit by operating a dispensary, at the same time believing they would attract new business and new residents. But I say nothing about this; merely giving the facts as shown by the laws that were enacted.

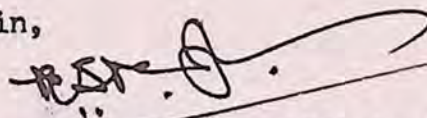
Information concerning Joshua Martin comes from the history of the Cairo Baptist Church, from information we have on the B. F. (Dock) Powell family, and from Papa's memory of Martin and his family. Some of it was given by Louis A. Powell. Papa remembers Miss Missouri Martin as an "old maid" and recalls when she was postmaster at Whigham.

The information in the 1881-1882 Georgia State Gazetteer & Business Directory was a lucky discovery I made a few years ago. A similar article with even more information was also published about Cairo; and that will also be printed elsewhere in the book.

This 2 page sketch I have written records the names of 33 different persons who lived in Harrell and Whigham at different times; at least 23 of them being there before 1890.

I haven't received much cooperation from people I contacted in Whigham (including your Trulock friend) and I am not going to spend any more time on the HISTORY of Whigham. Correspondence in such matters is unsatisfactory and it takes too long. The time for research is past and I am just trying to put together in readable and interesting form what I already have. References to some other persons who once lived in Harrell and Whigham are made elsewhere throughout the book. But I do think this separate article should be printed as I have written it.

Your cousin,



Note the population of Whigham decreased by 200 from 1920 to 1960. While Cairo has been growing by leaps and bounds, the rest of the County has been either standing still or decreasing in population.

## WHIGHAM (formerly Harrell)

Whigham, about 7 miles west of Cairo and the second largest municipality in Grady County, was first known as Harrell. When the railroad was extended from Thomasville to Bainbridge in 1867 a sidetrack and station was established at this location and called Harrell's Station. We have found no record of business establishments there at that time but on May 26, 1868, the post office of Harrell, Georgia, was established, with Samantha A. Whitfield as first postmaster. The succeeding postmasters, with dates of their respective appointments, were as follows: Ferdinand N. Lohnstein, August 25, 1869; John D. Wooten, February 6, 1871; John C. Blount, May 26, 1871; John S. Bird, October 31, 1871; Thomas J. Benton, January 5, 1874; John D. Williams, May 20, 1874; D. W. Guilford, January 19, 1875; and George W. Blount, August 25, 1879. The reason for such a rapid turnover is unknown but Harrell, Ga., had nine different postmasters in the space of 10 years and 3 months.

On April 7, 1880 (during the tenure of Geo. W. Blount), the name of the post office was officially changed to Whigham, Ga., and we accept that date as the official beginning of the town of Whigham by that name. The reason for the change is not of record. There were several Harrell and Whigham families living in the community at that time.

Following the tenure of Geo. W. Blount, the postmasters of Whigham, with dates of appointments, have been as follows: James C. Braswell, February 21, 1881; Miss Missouri B. Martin [a daughter of Joshua Martin], April 2, 1883; Miss Gussie G. Lodge, January 6, 1890; James Bell, February 27, 1890; Emery Lasseter, September 9, 1893; Walter M. Quinn, August 6, 1897; B. A. Parker, May 29, 1913; George W. Jordan, May 23, 1922; DeWitt P. Trulock, June 14, 1934; Mrs. Aileen M. Alexander, October 1, 1944; W. Cecil Crew, August 15, 1947; Walter H. Newberry, July 15, 1952; James R. Kennemur, May 31, 1953; and James M. Cox, June 30, 1955 [still in office in 1968]. This makes a total of 23 postmasters for Harrell and Whigham over a period of 100 years.

We have found no record of incorporation of Harrell as a Georgia municipality and the village was never shown in any Federal census. As before stated, the name of the post office was officially changed to Whigham in April 1880 but, according to records in the State archives and in the office of the Secretary of State, it was 1896 before Whigham was granted a municipal charter. By the Act of December 23, 1896 [1896 Ga. Laws 261], a charter was granted to the residents of the Town of Whigham. It provided "That the corporate limits of said town shall extend one half mile in every direction from the public well situated in the main street running east and west". The first Tuesday in January 1897 was set for the election of a mayor and five councilmen. It is interesting to note that the mayor and council were given "full power and authority to prohibit or regulate by ordinances with special licenses the sale of intoxicating liquors, alcoholic, spiritous and malt liquors and beer of any kind whatsoever, and also the sale of cigarettes, cigarette tobacco and cigarette paper". But the following year, by the Act of December 10, 1897 [1897 Ga. Laws 363], this section of the charter was amended to provide: "That the mayor and councilmen of said town shall have power and authority to prohibit, or manage by ordinances or resolutions a town dispensary for the purpose of dispensing by sale any and all intoxicants, intoxicating liquors, alcoholic, spirituous, or malt liquors, and beer of any kind whatever, and that not less than one-fourth nor more than one-half of the net profits of said dispensary is hereby by this Act appropriated to the public schools in the town of Whigham, and that the mayor and council shall have no authority to license the sale of any of the articles named in this Act".

We have not had access to the early minutes of the town of Whigham, nor do we know whether they are in existence, but R. S. Roddenbery, Sr., states that it is a fact that Whigham did establish and operate a town dispensary. In 1905 the mayor and council were given broader powers in the operation and regulation of such dispensary [1905 Ga. Laws 1233]. But by the Act of August 22, 1907, the charter provisions authorizing a dispensary were repealed. That amendement provided "that the mayor and council ~~shall~~ shall have no authority to sell or to authorize the sale of any of the articles named in this Act by license or otherwise". [1907 Ga. Laws 970]

The earliest printed record giving general information about Whigham is found on page 515 of the 1881-1882 GEORGIA STATE GAZETTER AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY, a copy of which is on file in the Department of Archives and History in Atlanta. That article was written in 1882 and stated that Whigham was then "known also as Harrell". That was the year after the name of the post office was changed. The village then claimed a population of 225 but the 1880 Federal census (the first made) recorded only 144. The place was listed as being on the S.F. & W.R.R. 15 miles from Bainbridge and 21 from Thomasville. James C. Braswell was listed as postmaster and there was daily mail service. There was a Western Union telegraph office (in the depot) and a Southern Express Company agency. There were Methodist and Baptist churches and a common school. Tired and Wolf creeks furnished power for a saw mill and grist mill, and H. C. Carter was named as a miller. Cotton and naval stores were the principal shipments. H. Mack was listed as a carriage maker, and Waldron Green was Justice of the Peace. Dr. G. M. Jones and Dr. H. L. McElroy were practicing physicians. There were five general stores, listed under the names of W. A. Davis, T. A. Lasseter, J. Martin & Son, A. L. Maxwell, and G. B. Trulock. All this was 15 years before Whigham was chartered as an incorporated municipality.

One of the most versatile of the early residents of Whigham was Joshua Martin, an ordained Baptist minister and also a carpenter. He is credited with building the first Baptist churches in Cairo and in Whigham and for a time was simultaneously pastor of both of those churches. In those days these churches had preaching services on alternate Sundays. In addition to this, he was railroad and express agent at Whigham for a good many years, and he and his son operated the store of J. Martin & Son. His spinster daughter, Miss Missouri B. Martin, was the Whigham postmaster from 1883 to 1890, and his daughter Emma Martin was the wife of B. F. (Dock) Powell, a prominent citizen of Cairo and a leader in business and in religions and civic activities of that neighboring town. B. F. (Dock) Powell served several terms as a councilman and as mayor of Cairo. His activities are recorded elsewhere in this book.

The figures below show the official population of Whigham, Ga., in the last 9 decennial census years (a period of 90 years), in Decatur County from 1880 through 1900, and in Grady County from 1910 through 1960:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
1880 .....	144
1890 .....	264
1900 .....	392
1910 .....	627
1920 .....	662
1930 .....	442
1940 .....	533
1950 .....	471
1960 .....	463.

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Moultrie, Ga.  
November 28, 1967

Dear Julien:

Congratulations. I see by the Cairo Messenger that you have another grandson: Anderson Roddenbery Scott. I like the idea of carrying on family names in this manner. Going back to our great uncle John Knight Roddenbery [son of Robert], his middle name was after the family name of Mary Knight, ~~daughter of George~~ his grandmother and wife of George. And our grandfather's middle name of Anderson was the family name of his mother Vacey Anderson, wife of Robert. So that is really the origin of the ~~middle name of your~~ first name of your grandson Anderson Roddenbery Scott.

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Act of Dec. 23, 1896 (1896 G. Laws, 261)  
Town of Whigham -

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the corporate limits extend "one half mile in each & every direction from the public well situated in the main street running east and west".

MASTON O'NEAL  
2D DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

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Congress of the United States  
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November 27, 1967

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SUBCOMMITTEES:  
CHAIRMAN  
OILSEEDS (PEANUTS) AND RICE  
OTHER SUBCOMMITTEES:  
DAIRY AND POULTRY  
FORESTS

Judge R. S. (Bob) Roddenbery, Jr.,  
Moultrie,  
Georgia

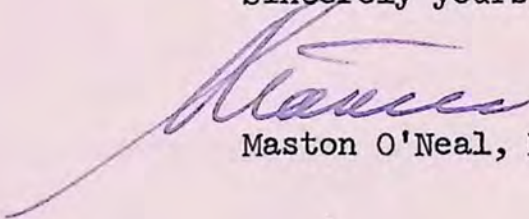
Dear Bob:

The Director of the Bureau of the Census has furnished the Whigham population figures you requested. A copy of his letter is enclosed. You will note he says no separate figures are shown for Harrell Station.

If I can be of further help, please let me know.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Maston O'Neal, M. C.

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the same name) was also a Decatur County lawyer, and I think I have previously told you that he was attorney for our great grandfather Samuel Braswell and that he drew the will of Samuel Braswell and represented the heirs in the distribution of the estate. The elder Robert R. Terrell represented Decatur County in the Georgia Legislature in ~~1859~~ 1859-1860. We don't know when he died.

This junior Bob Terrell was one of those in the picture witnessing Governor Terrell signing the Act that created Grady County (and that picture will be in our book). He was one of the first lawyers of Grady County, but he never moved to Cairo. His office and home remained in Whigham.

*Bob  
Terrell*

These matters are for your information (and your boys if they are interested). Some of the older citizens of Grady County knew Terrell and they know of his part in establishing the town dispensary of Whigham. In thinking about it, I believe your sons would like to have this general information, as well as a lot of other matters we have discussed during the preparation of this book. They will always be interested and concerned in Grady County and its history, and we have discussed a lot of matters [facts] that will not be in our book.

Papa and I discussed it and we came to the conclusion that it is better not to say anything in the book about Terrell's connection with that dispensary. It might offend some of his kindred. So we have just stated the facts as shown by the laws that were enacted, and mentioned no names.

Your cousin,

*Dr. Bob Terrell*

*[Signature]*

*Largely  
may be Terrell*

Small Claims Court  
of Colquitt County  
Moultrie, Georgia

November 23, 1967

Mrs. Philip W. Bryant  
Deputy Surveyor General  
Secretary of State's Office  
Atlanta, Georgia

Re: Whigham, Ga.  
formerly Harrell

Dear Mrs. Bryant:

I appreciate your letter of November 15, with xeroxed copies of pages 196 and 515 of the 1881-1882 Georgia State Gazetteer and Business Directory giving information about Cairo and Whigham [formerly Harrell].

The same mail brought me a letter from the office of the Postmaster General, which gives full information regarding the post offices of Harrell, Ga., first established May 26, 1868, the name of which was changed to Whigham, Ga., on April 7, 1880. This last date was just prior to publication of the above mentioned Gazetteer and Business Directory.


I am sending you a photocopy of this letter which you may want to file with other data concerning the history of Harrell and Whigham, because this gives the names of every postmaster of these two post offices over a period of 100 years, with the appointment dates of each. Having this on file might obviate the necessity of some future search for the same data in the National Archives.

It is now settled that a station known as Harrell, about 21 miles west of Thomasville, was established in November or December 1867 as soon as the Atlantic & Gulf Railroad was extended from Thomasville to Bainbridge and a post office named Harrell, Ga., was established there May 26, 1868 and that this same post office was changed to the name of Whigham Ga., April 7, 1880, and has continued under that name to this date. It is further evident that Harrell was never an incorporated town and that Whigham remained an unincorporated village until December 23, 1896, when the Town of Whigham was granted a charter [1896 Ga. Laws 261].

As a bit of additional information, Miss Missouri B. Martin, postmaster at Whigham from 1883 to 1890, was the "old maid" daughter of Joshua Martin who was senior member of the mercantile firm of J. Martin & Son [listed in that Gazetteer and Business Directory]. This Joshua Martin was a Baptist preacher and, also, was railroad agent at Whigham, and before then when it was known as Harrell. He was also the father of Emma Martin who married B. F. [Dock] Powell, a leading citizen of Cairo and a mayor of that town.

Thank you again for your valuable assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
R. S. Roddenbery, Jr.

encl.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
 BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20233

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Honorable Maston O'Neal  
 House of Representatives  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Neal:

This is in response to your communication of November 9 enclosing a letter from Judge R. S. Roddenbery, Jr., Moultrie, Georgia.

There is given below the population of Whigham, in Grady County, Georgia, for 1910 to 1960, inclusive, and in Decatur County for 1880 to 1900:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Population</u>
1880 .....	144 <i>Harrell</i>
1890 .....	264
1900 .....	392
1910 .....	627
1920 .....	662
1930 .....	442
1940 .....	533
1950 .....	471
1960 .....	463

No separate figures are shown for Harrell Station.

Judge Roddenbery's letter to you is returned as requested. If we can be of any further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) A. Ross Eckler  
 A. Ross Eckler  
 Director  
 Bureau of the Census

Enclosure



Office of the Postmaster General  
Washington, D.C. 20260

November 15, 1967

Honorable R. S. Roddenbery, Jr.  
Small Claims Court of Colquitt County  
Moultrie, Georgia 31768

Dear Judge Roddenbery:

As requested by Congressman Maston O'Neal, we have checked the postal records at the National Archives for the history of Whigham, Georgia, and found that Whigham was first established as Harrell, Georgia, on May 26, 1868. Postmasters were Samantha A. Whitfield, May 26, 1868; Ferdinand N. Lohnstein, August 25, 1869; John D. Wooten, February 6, 1871; John C. Blount, May 26, 1871; John S. Bird, October 31, 1871; Thomas J. Benton, January 5, 1874; John D. Williams, May 20, 1874; D. W. Guilford, January 19, 1875; George W. Blount, August 25, 1879.

The Harrell name was changed to Whigham on April 7, 1880. Postmasters of Whigham were James C. Braswell, February 21, 1881; Miss Missouri B. Martin, April 2, 1883; Miss Gussie G. Lodge, January 6, 1890; James Bell, February 27, 1890; Emery Lasseter, September 9, 1893; Walter M. Quinn, August 6, 1897; B. A. Parker, May 29, 1913; and George W. Jordan, May 23, 1922.

Postal records since 1929 are held at Departmental Headquarters. Mr. George W. Jordan served until 1934 when Dewitt P. Trulock became postmaster on June 14 of that year. Succeeding postmasters were Mrs. Aileen M. Alexander, October 1, 1944; W. Cecil Crew, August 15, 1947; Walter H. Newberry, July 15, 1952; James R. Kennemur, May 31, 1953 and James M. Cox, June 30, 1955. Mr. Cox is still postmaster.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely

Ira Kapenstein  
Special Assistant to the  
Postmaster General



SURVEYOR-GENERAL DEPARTMENT  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334  
PHONE: 522-0010  
AREA CODE 404

November 15, 1967

Mr. Robert S. Roddenbery, Jr., Clerk  
Small Claims Court of Colquitt County  
Moultrie, Georgia 31768

Dear Mr. Roddenbery:

The map on which I saw Whigham Post Office has the following cartouche or title:

"Map of the State of Georgia Compiled Under the Direction of the General Assembly by A. G. Butts Macon 1882. New Edition Printed Colored and Mounted by J. L. Smith Philadelphia."

I do not think it was made for any special purpose, other than the General Assembly thought a map was needed.

Enclosed are the pages for Cairo and Whigham from the 1881-82 Gazeteer of Georgia. Since it had no title page, I xeroxed the spine of the volume.

I hope this helps in your project and good luck in your work.

Sincerely yours,

*Pat Bryant*  
Mrs. Philip W. Bryant  
Deputy Surveyor General  
Surveyor General Department

Enclosures



SURVEYOR-GENERAL DEPARTMENT  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30334  
PHONE: 522-0010  
AREA CODE 404

November 9, 1967

Judge Robert S. Roddenbery, Jr.  
Small Claims Court, Colquitt County  
Moultrie, Georgia 31768

Dear Judge Roddenbery:

I can find no incorporation law for Harrell or Harrell Station, nor can I find any act of incorporation previous to 1896 for Whigham.

I checked the individual indices of Georgia Laws ten years prior to 1896 without success. Would it be possible that the title to the Act of Incorporation of Whigham was just the usual title with no intent to convey the meaning that there were prior acts?

Georgia State Gazeteer, 1881-82 lists "Whigham... known also as Harrell..." Of course this does not indicate whether or not the town was incorporated. An 1882 map of Georgia names the town as Whigham Post Office. It was on the Savannah and Florida Western Rail Road.

I regret I can not help you with more information, but hope the little bit I have given you might be used.

Sincerely yours,

*Pat Bryant*  
Mrs. Philip W. Bryant  
Deputy Surveyor General  
Surveyor General Department



Small Claims Court  
of Colquitt County  
Moultrie, Georgia

November 11, 1967

Mrs. Philip W. Bryant  
Deputy Surveyor General  
Office of Secretary of State  
Atlanta, Georgia

Re: Whigham, Ga. [Harrell]  
& Cairo, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Bryant:

Thank you greatly for your letter of November 9, 1967.

It was my belief that Harrell Station, in Decatur County, never was legally incorporated as a municipality, and your search confirms my further belief that the Act of Dec. 23, 1896 [1896 Ga. Laws, 261-266] is the earliest, and original, Act incorporating the "town of Whigham". It appears that the words "alter, amend and revise and consolidate" and the word "continued" were improperly used therein, and they must be disregarded.

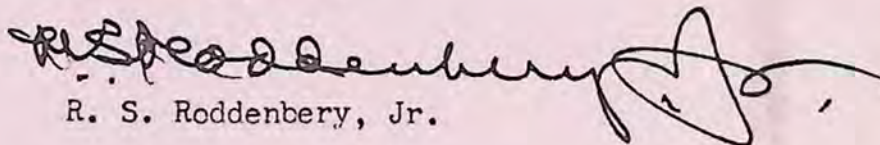
I will appreciate it if you will more definitely describe that 1882 map of Georgia showing the town of Whigham as a post office, so I can make proper reference to it in my book. By or for whom was the map made or prepared? and was it for the primary purpose of showing post offices and post roads and railroads? I have seen one such map and this may be it. I have photostat of another map made before the Civil War and it shows Cairo as a post office, but does not show a Harrell or a Whigham. Whigham (once called Harrell) is about 7 miles west of Cairo. Both became railroad stations right after 1867 when the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad was extended from Thomasville to Bainbridge. The Cairo post office was established in 1832 on the Thomasville and Bainbridge stage coach road and its location was moved about 2 miles southward when the railroad was built. But Harrell Station came into existence after the railroad was operating.

I have written to Washington, D.C., for details and exact date of activation of Whigham, Ga., as a post office, name of postmaster, etc. And I also asked whether this office was formerly named Harrell or Harrell Station. I don't think so.

With reference to Georgia State Gazeteer, 1881-82, it will be a great help if you will secure for me a copy of all that is printed about "Whigham ... known also as Harrell ...". I think I once saw this and I believe it also listed Cairo in Thomas County and, if so, names of merchants and others were listed. I also wish to have a copy of the entire article on Cairo. I want to reprint these items in my book. Please send me a statement of the cost of XEROX copies.

I remember meeting you when you were with Mrs. Bryan in the old building on Peachtree and I have appreciated the numerous instances of assistance from you since then.

Sincerely yours,

  
R. S. Roddenbery, Jr.

Small Claims Court  
of Colquitt County  
Moultrie, Georgia

November 4, 1967

Honorable Maston O'Neal  
Member of Congress (Ga., 2nd Dist.)  
Washington, D.C.

Re: Population census  
Whigham, Georgia  
[Harrell Station]

Dear Congressman O'Neal:

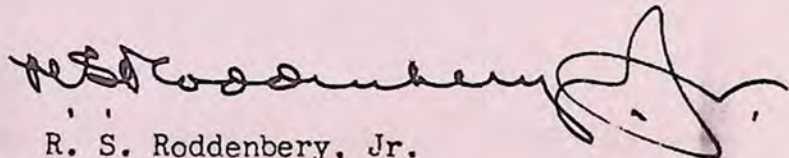
In connection with my Cairo and Grady County history now in preparation, I need to know population census facts for Whigham, Georgia, formerly in Decatur County, now in Grady County. Since it never had a population of 2,500, the census will not be shown by races. I only want the total census figures.

It is known that Whigham, Georgia, was an incorporated municipality as early as 1896, and possibly before. Beginning with the 1910 census, Whigham will be shown in Grady County; prior to then it was in Decatur County. Please obtain for me the total census counts for Whigham, Georgia, beginning with the earliest recorded census year to and including the 1960 census.

Whigham was formerly known as Harrell Station (in Decatur County) and, if any census figures were recorded under that name, I want that information.

With highest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



R. S. Roddenbery, Jr.

Small Claims Court  
of Colquitt County  
Moultrie, Georgia  
November 4, 1967

Honorable Member O'Neal  
Member of Congress [2nd Dist. Ga.]  
Washington, D.C.

WHIGHAM, GEORGIA  
(formerly Harrell Station)

My dear Mr. O'Neal:

Information is desired on the history of the post office of Whigham, Georgia, now in Grady County. I wish to know the date on which it was first established and activated, and names of all of its postmasters with the dates of their respective appointments.

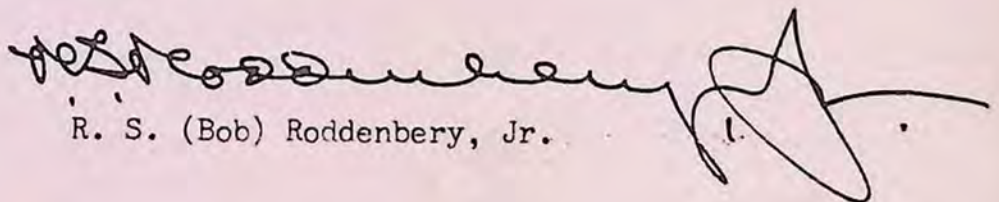
Prior to the creation of Grady County in 1905, the town of Whigham was in Decatur County, located on the Atlantic & Gulf Railroad (now the Seaboard Coast Line) which commenced operating with regular passenger and mail service exactly 100 years ago, in 1867.

Whigham, Georgia, was formerly called Harrell Station and it is possible that the post office formerly bore that name. If so, I wish to know when the post office of Harrell Station (or Harrell), Georgia, was first activated, and the names of all its postmasters. The first official record I have found of the "Town of Whigham" is when it was incorporated by the Georgia Legislature on December 23, 1896 (1896 Ga.Laws, p. 261), but the village was known as Whigham for several years prior thereto.

This information is desired in connection with the history of Cairo and Grady County now about ready for publication, about which you already know. It will be appreciated if you will obtain the facts from the Post Office Department. Possibly, some of it will have to be found in the National Archives.

You have been very helpful in this work and this fact has been made known to those in Cairo who are most vitally interested in the project.

Sincerely yours,

  
R. S. (Bob) Roddenbery, Jr.

Small Claims Court  
of Colquitt County  
Moultrie, Georgia

November 4, 1967

Honorable Ben W. Fortson, Jr.  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol  
Atlanta, Georgia

Re: TOWN OF WHIGHAM  
[formerly Harrell Station]

My dear Mr. Fortson:

The "town of Whigham" [then in Decatur County, now in Grady County] was granted a charter as a municipality on Dec. 23, 1896 [1896 Ga.Laws 261]. The title to that Act begins as follows: "An Act to alter, amend and revise and consolidate the several laws of the State of Georgia granting corporate authority to the town of Whigham;" etc. etc. However, no other law or Act is specified or mentioned anywhere in this Act of 1896. And a search by me of indexes to local laws [available to me] has failed to disclose any prior Act incorporating the town of Whigham.

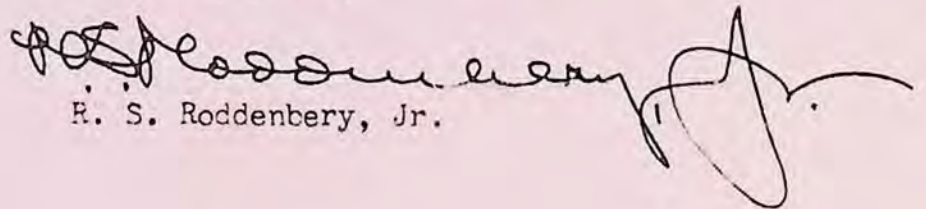
Whigham was formerly known as and called Harrell Station, located on the Atlantic & Gulf R.R. (now Seaboard Coast Line) about midway between Thomasville and Bainbridge. In 1880 it was a railroad station and express office and had three or four country stores and two churches. But I fail to find that Harrell Station, or Harrell, was ever an incorporated municipality.

I will appreciate it if you can advise me whether there was ever an incorporated town in Decatur County by the name of Harrell Station, or Harrell. Also, whether there is any official record of the incorporation of the town of Whigham prior to Dec. 23, 1896. The records in your office may reveal the facts regarding to this, or it may be necessary to make a search in the Department of Archives & History.

This material is needed in preparation of the history of Cairo and Grady County which is almost ready for publication.

With highest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
R. S. Roddenbery, Jr.

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December 2, 1964

Mrs. Virginia W. Atwell  
Department of Archives & History  
1516 Peachtree Street, N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Atwell:

I know of no additions or changes to be made for myself in the 1963-64 OFFICIAL REGISTER, except that I was elected to a new term of 4 years expiring Jan. 1, 1969. I have been notified that I will be listed, with biography sketch, in the 1965 (9th edition) WHO'S WHO IN THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST (Marquis), but this hardly warrants noting in the Georgia Official Register.

I was so in the habit of addressing all letters to the late Mrs. Bryan that I now hardly know which person in your organization to ask for specific information on various subjects but, since I am now writing you, I hope you will furnish me some information or refer this request to the proper person.

Keef Jr  
In 1876 the present Whigham, Ga., in Grady County, was a village and post office in Decatur County named HARRELL [see Vol. 1, Georgia Directory, copyright 1876, by Wheeler, Marshall & Bruce, Nashville, Tenn.]. I want to know exactly when WHIGHAM, Ga., was originally incorporated as a town by the Legislature. A new charter for Whigham was granted in the Act of 1896 [page 261] but that Act does not make specific reference to the original charter and I have nothing in my library to show when it was first incorporated. This information is needed in the preparation of my final draft of my history called GENESIS OF CAIRO. Whigham is 7 miles west of Cairo.

Sincerely yours,

R. S. Roddenbery, Jr.

## Rebecca R. Cline

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**From:** Don & Fran Poole [berrypatch@swva.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2005 10:21 PM  
**To:** Rebecca Cline  
**Subject:** A mistake

Dear Rebecca,

I just noticed while printing a copy of my Email to you concerning the Lanes that my husband had mislabeled the picture you sent us. Joseph William Lane was a director of that first bank but did not own it. His son, William Claude, Sr. bought it in 1935 and owned it as Whigham Banking Company until he died in 1953. My first job was sweeping that bank and then I worked up to bookkeeper/teller on an ancient old machine. It never ceased to amaze me that when I was out of balance, my father could run his fingers over the tape and spot the mistake immediately. I also worked one summer while attending dear old Georgia State College for Women. (Got my Library Science Masters in Chicago). Also, Anne Mills Crew's grandfather, he was known as Judge Mills, used to give me a fit while filling out his deposit slips (you did it for the customer in those days). The zeros had to be just so. I always looked forward to Anne's visits in the summer. She has been a friend for years.

I wish you good researching!

Sincerely, Fran Lane Poole

## Rebecca R. Cline

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**From:** Dana/Gwendolyn [dcbgbw@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 10, 2005 10:00 AM  
**To:** Rebecca R. Cline  
**Subject:** Re: Whigham

Thanks for the map & the newspaper review. I looked at every old book in the courthouse archives rooms to find all the available minutes books . There are some that are not shelved with the obvious ones, and I was hoping to find some volumes that dealt with more than plaintiffs, defendants, and jury rosters, but didn't. Then I reviewed the 1872 minutes but didn't find anything. I do have more hope that the minutes include more than trials because there was a lengthy memorial included but the superior court is mostly criminal trials, promissory notes disputes, etc.

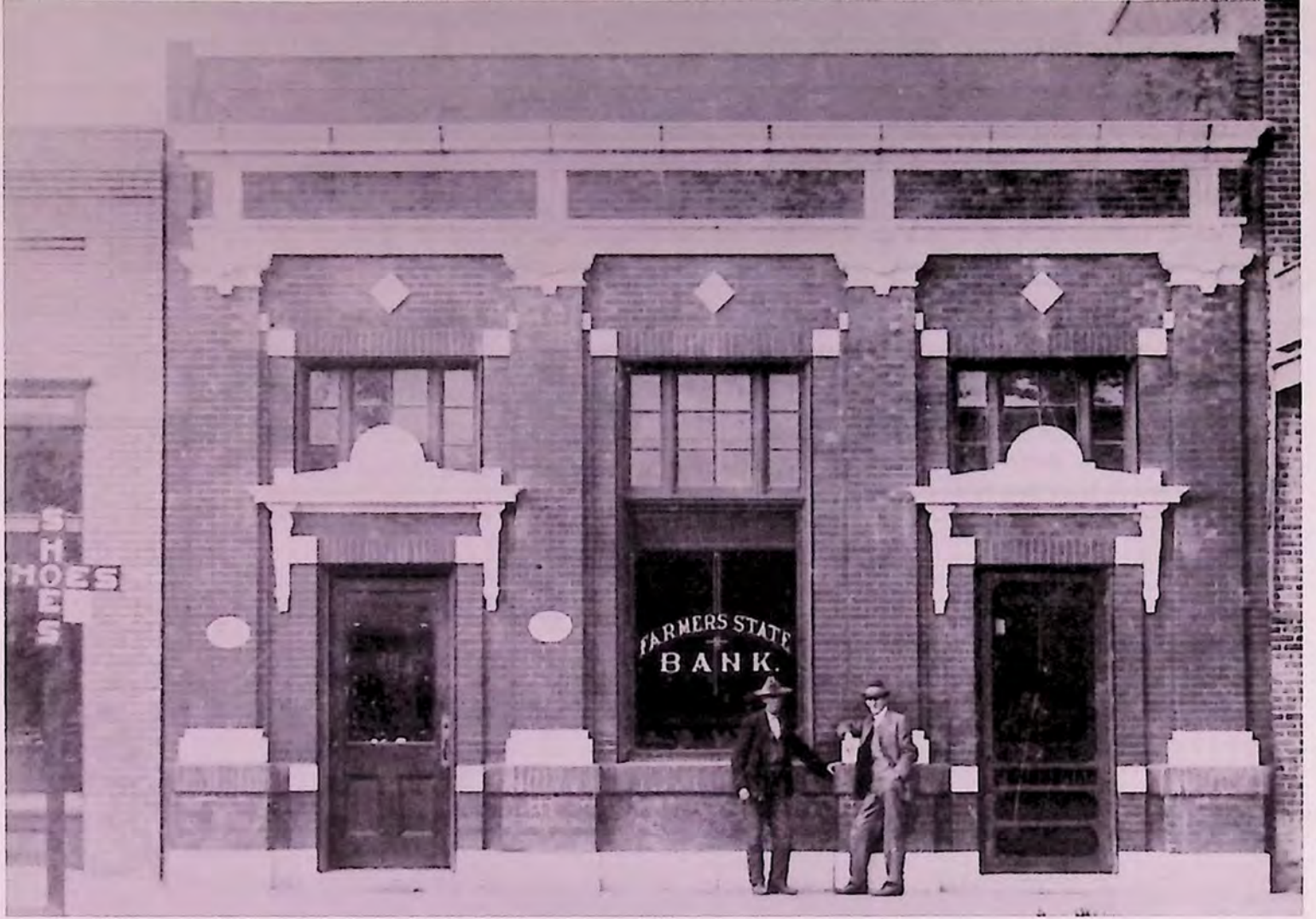
I'd really like to keep working on this but I can't do it for a long time before my eyes glaze over & I realize I'm not reading anymore. I talked to one of the staff but she didn't even know that Whigham was once part of Decatur County so she didn't have any idea where else to look.

The Family History Center (Mormon) microfilm does include some minutes books I didn't find but the cataloging is incomplete, it's really just a title for the film, so can't tell whether they would help. I can keep working through the Bainbridge books as I get over there for other reasons, although that's winding down now that we are approaching 1906.

I was asking about Town Hall hoping there was a date of construction or cornerstone - to give another parameter for the possible year of incorporation. I assume they have never had any commemoration of the incorporation and don't have a town seal with the date on it? That would be too easy.

Today I will get chapter 13 in condition for Dana's editing; I want him to look through it before he leaves town Tuesday. Dr. Rogers has never seen 5a, either, so I will print all those for him & deliver. Once I finish 13 I need to switch to income tax.

Gwendolyn





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## "Doc" will Attend Grady County Fair.

Dr. R. D. Colman, the "merry merry-go-round man," has accepted an invitation of the Grady County Fair management to take his flying jenny to Cairo and operate it during the County Fair which is to be held October 4, 5 and 6. "Doc" will move his machine from Cordele next week.

Grady county is one of the best counties in the world, according to Dr. Coleman's way of thinking. He says the people there are highly cultured, thrifty and prosperous and are noted for producing nearly everything they need in the way of food and feed-stuffs. Grady county is famous for its honey, cane syrup, tobacco and many other products.

When Grady county was formed, Dr. Coleman was living at Bainbridge, and he and his old friend, the late Hon. Ben F. Russell, were among those who helped the new county in its "secession" aspirations. He says he will be among his friends when he goes to Grady next week. — Albany Herald.

## A GREAT ADVANTAGE TO WORKING MEN.

J. A. Maple, 125 S. 7th St., Steubenville, O., says: For years I suffered from weak kidneys and a severe bladder trouble. I learned of Foley Kidney Pills and their wonderful cures so I began taking them and sure enough I had as good results as any I heard about. My back-ache left me and to one of my business, expressman, that alone is a great advantage. My kidneys acted free and normal, and that saved me a lot of misery. It is now a pleasure to work where it used to be a misery. Foley Kidney Pills have cured me and have my highest praise. Grady Pharmacy.

## Tyus Items.

Some people of this section was glad to see the rain which fell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. H. P. Lewis visited Mrs. Jessie Cone Sunday p. m.

Mr. Ellis Anderson and Mrs. Susie Pyles attended preaching at Long Branch Sunday a. m.

Miss Regina Walden attended preaching at Poplar Springs Sunday and dined with Mrs. R. L. Peacock.

Misses Johnnie and Janie Gor-

## Pointers to Mines. New Bank Organized In Whigham.

Be kind to the husband who made you a bride, and handed the preacher five bones; don't let him conclude that the price was too wide, and mourn the lost rubles with mourns. Be kind to your husband who toils in the mart, the smithy, the office or store, and give him a greeting to cheer his fat heart at night when he comes to the door. Be kind to your husband, and see that his grub is fit for a white man to eat, e'en though it may keep you away from the club or doing a stunt on the street. Be kind to your husband; have smies on your face, and sing a melodious tune, and see that his home is a cheerful place as any beer-scented saloon. Be kind to your husband; though weary and worn; and spavined and sweenied is he, you thought him alright on that far-away morn, when he handed the preacher a V.  
(Copyright, 1911, by George Matthew Adams.)

## Foley's Kidney Remedy (Liquid)

Is a great medicine of proven value for both acute and chronic kidney and bladder ailments. It is especially recommended to elderly people for its wonderful tonic and reconstructive qualities and the permanent relief and comfort it gives them. Grady Pharmacy.

Miss Margarite Eaton Smith was arrested in Indianapolis on the charge of masquerading in men's clothes. At the police station she was searched, and in the back pocket of her trousers was found a roll of bills amounting to \$190. She said she didn't know the roll was there. By way of explanation, she said she had stopped at a hotel and that somebody had stolen her frock. In that dilemma, she had gone into a room next door to see if she couldn't get hold of something to put on. The only thing she could find was a man's duds, which she proceeded to appropriate, with the purpose in view of getting out and buying a frock at the nearest store. On her way to the store she was arrested. Miss Smith says her home is on a farm back in the state. She will have some droll stories to tell the folks when she gets home. — Savannah Morning News.

Not A Word Of Scandal. Married the call of a neighbor on Mr. W. P. Spangh, of Manville, Wyo., who said she told me Dr. King's New Life Pills had cured her of ob-

A new bank has just been organized in Whigham, known as the Farmers State Bank, with a capital of \$25,000.00 and Mr. J. E. Cobb as president. It will belong to the Hon. John D. Walker's system of banks.

A lot has been secured and a modern bank building will be erected at once. Contractor Jay, of Shellman, Ga., will probably have the building contract.

Quite a lot of the stock has been subscribed and already paid for by many of the progressive farmers of Grady County.

The following were elected directors of the Farmers State Bank:

Messrs. J. E. Cobb, G. B. McElvy, E. P. Trulock, T. J. Mills, Dr. M. M. McCord, Joe Swicord, W. R. Hawthorn, J. M. Mobley, E. H. Laing, B. A. Parker and M. Pincus.

Mr. J. E. Cobb was elected president, Mr. G. B. McElvy, vice-president, Mr. Giradeau, cashier and Hon. John D. Walker, financial agent.

The building committee hope to have the building ready for use within sixty days.

Foley Kidney Pills will check the progress of your kidney and bladder trouble and heal by removing the cause. Try them. Grady Pharmacy.

There is one thing best in everything. The best range is the Malleable, made in South Bend, now being exhibited at the store of the Cairo Furniture Co. Call and see it.

"Whoopee! Sand 'er agin!" The crowd will be in Cairo next week. The people have heard of the Grady County Fair, Grady county farm and farmers and they "shore" will come to see. And, like the Queen of Sheba, will carry home the like news that, "the half has not been told." Then it behooves one to be up and doing.

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## Premium List and Rule For Grady County

- GENERAL RULES.
- All exhibits from Grady county except whole noted.
  - All exhibits must be owned by exhibitors.
  - All canned or preserved fruits must be made in 1911.
  - All agricultural exhibits must be raised by exhibitors.
  - Every person who expects to make an exhibit must notify Secretary at least ten days before date of Fair, giving him the number and kind of exhibits.
  - All exhibitors must deliver their exhibits for display, to the committee at Fair grounds, from 6 to 10 o'clock, during the morning of the first day of the Fair.
  - The Fair Association will do all it can to protect exhibits; will have policemen to guard at night. But in no case will it be returned.
- garden seed, \$1.00.  
Best exhibit velvet beans, (25 pounds in hull) \$3.00.  
Second best exhibit velvet beans (25 pounds in hull) \$1.00.  
Best all purpose pea, (one bushel) \$2.50.  
Best exhibit Georgia Cane Syrup, 1/2 gallon in glass, \$5.00.  
Second best exhibit Georgia Cane Syrup, 1/2 gallon in glass, \$2.50.  
Best 50 pounds home-cured meat, \$3.50.  
Best 5 hands of home-raised tobacco, \$2.50.
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  - Best display of vegetables from one garden, 30¢ Younain Pen, given by Wight & Brown.
  - Best display of pears, 1.00.
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of local option or prohibition, one way or the other, it is left entirely with the Legislature and, we are all well aware that Georgia's Legislators are sworn prohibitionists, hence the Governor would have nothing to do with the act of prohibition until this body passed upon it.

Therefore, as far as the Governor goes, regarding the liquor question, without the assistance and co-operation of the legislature, he would be powerless and could not have local option however much he favored it.

Regarding the ability of Hon. R. B. Russell, he is, beyond a shadow of doubt, fully able to make as fine presiding officer as ever graced the gubernatorial chair. So would Hon. Pope Brown and "Little Joe" Brown. The people of Georgia have recently been convinced of his executive ability as the praise by a large majority vote over one of the strongest and best qualified men in Georgia and testified, today, (while in the recent contest for Governor-ship Gov. Hoke Smith defeated him by a very small majority;) the Governor's friends or a majority of them, would accept ex-Gov. Brown to the gubernatorial chair rather than either Pope or Dick.

But, what the people need most of all, is an executive who will see to it that the laws are enforced, as we said last week, it requires an army to do it. Of course this is ironically speaking, the idea is to enforce the law without fear or favors of any kind. We believe, from a few of ex-Gov. Brown's past acts, he would do that which he thought was right—though in some things he might be mistaken. We are none of us perfect.

However, Governor Smith has not yet resigned, and no doubt all the candidates have not announced, and it may be a little premature to say definitely what one thinks until the running is on.

The "Home" of Boston, announced in its last issue the capture of a "Tiger" coon in that city. His coonship when called to by the Chief of Police to come forth, asked for time, but the "time" didn't sound just right to the Chief, so a well aimed shot from his "38" brought his coonship to "time" right now, surrendering immediately to the officer. A fine of 50 simoleans was imposed, paid, and a trip to the State Court is in store for him.

Here they go. We mean some of our contemporaries. They are already alluding to Thanksgiving and turkey. Well, we have been "walking turkey" for the last longest ever since we entered the journalistic field. All Faber pushers know what "walking turkey" is, while very few know practically anything about eating the bird—Oh, well!

The Savannah Press gives a mighty good one on the consumption of coffee. We can give our hearty endorsement, but we can't give up the berry even though it does add to the demand for and sale of sugar, even at the advanced price of the latter.

It seems that none of Georgia's papers are in a hurry to commit themselves regarding any one candidate for governor. Not "almost persuaded," neither have they received the price,

forget the place, Macon, Ga., time October 10-20th, and visit the Georgia State Fair and the future capitol of Georgia.

### APPLICATION FOR A BANK CHARTER.

GEORGIA—Grady County.  
To the Honorable Philip Cook, Secretary of State, Atlanta, Ga.

The undersigned, whose names, signed by each of them, and residences are hereto attached, bring this our petition, in pursuance of an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia, approved December 20th, 1883, and Acts amendatory thereof, and respectfully show:

1st. That we desire to form a corporation for the purpose of carrying on the business of Banking.

2nd. The name and style of the proposed corporation shall be Farmers State Bank, Whigham, Ga.

3rd. The location and principal place of business shall be the City of Whigham, County of Grady, and State of Georgia.

4th. The amount of Capital Stock is Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) divided into 250 shares of \$100.00 each.

5th. The nature of the proposed corporation shall be that of a Bank, with continuous succession for the term of thirty years, with the right of renewal for a like term. To sue and be sued. To have and use a Common Seal, and at pleasure to alter the same. To appoint such Officers and Agents as the business of the corporation requires, prescribe their duties, fix their compensation, and remove them at pleasure. To make such by-laws as may be necessary or proper for the management of its property and regulation of its affairs. To hold, purchase, dispose of and convey such real and personal property as may be necessary for its uses and business. To discount bills, notes or other evidences of debt; to receive and pay out deposits, with or without interest; to receive on special deposit money or bullion or foreign coins, or stocks or bonds or other securities; to buy or sell foreign or domestic exchange, or other negotiable paper; to lend money upon personal security, or upon pledges of bonds, stocks or negotiable securities; to take and receive security by mortgage, or otherwise, on property, real or personal; and generally, to do and perform all such other matters and things not hereinbefore enumerated as are or may be incident to the business of Banking.

We herewith enclose the Charter fee of \$50.00, and pray to be incorporated under the laws of this State.

Signed:  
W. A. Skipper, Whigham, Ga.,  
Z. W. Belk, Whigham, Ga.,  
G. B. McElvy, Whigham, Ga.,  
Petitioners.

GEORGIA—Grady County.  
Before me, personally appeared the undersigned petitioners, who on oath depose and say that \$15,000 of the Capital subscribed to the Farmers State Bank, Whigham, Ga., for which Bank deposits are now seeking incorporation by the Secretary of State, has actually been paid in cash by the subscribers, and that the same is in fact held and is to be used solely for the business and purposes of the said corporation.

G. B. McElvy,  
W. A. Skipper,  
Z. W. Belk

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of September, 1911.  
P. H. Herring, Ordinary,  
Grady County.

STATE OF GEORGIA—Office of Secretary of State.

I, Philip Cook, Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify that the two (2) pages of printed and type-written matter hereto attached, contain a true and correct copy of the application of the Incorporators of Farmers State Bank, Whigham, Ga., for charter, as the original of same appears of file in this office.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of my office, at the Capitol, in the City of Atlanta, this 12th day of September, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred and Thirty-Six.

PHILIP COOK,  
Secretary of State.

### CITATION.

Georgia, Grady County.  
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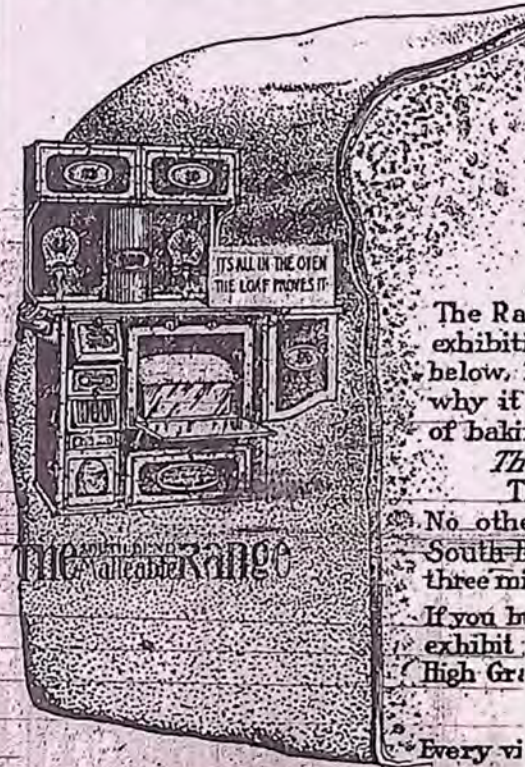
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**GEORGIA--DECATUR COUNTY**  
 JAMES BYRN, )  
 Label for Divorce  
 vs. )  
 DANIEL BYRD )  
 Decatur Superior Court,  
 November Term, 1875.  
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DOWN THE BAY  
land, on which expedition noid by a large delegation, tlemen from the town. The ough when we started and a-sickness" became mani- alming down, this unpleas- red. The distance to the is- s, and the trip was a per- day was pleasant and a ivigorated us. Arriving Big Foot was beached and quickly went ashore. The nd where we landed is a nd, from a hundred to two vide, and is only dry when It is covered with beautiful kinds, of which each excur- number. From this Island

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says he will pay Bainbridge a visit soon, and would like to get up an excursion on his boat. We are afraid, however, that he will make a failure, as the Wyly will certainly underbid him, and the accommodations on the Wyly are probably superior to those on the Flying Eagle.  
A party of ladies from Marianna were to join the excursion, but were deterred from so doing by a report started by a young man who lives on the Chattahoochee river to the effect that no ladies from Bainbridge were going, and that it would be nothing more nor less than a drunken spree of a few rowdy men. What actuated this young chap to perpetrate this infamous and mischievous lie, we know not, but our information comes from gentlemen of high standing and unquestionable veracity. We withhold his name merely through charity.

**A Centennial Leap Year Pic Nic.**  
The editors of the DEMOCRAT return thanks for an invitation to the Centennial Picnic and fish fry, which takes place at Martin's Mill near Attapulgus, on Saturday next. It will be quite a pleasant affair, and we regret that other engagements will prevent our being present. We shall rely on some of our friends down that way for a report.

was on the excursion  
The gay and festive Charley Mims represented the Columbus Times. We would like to read his notes.

Those dispatches the Wyly sent down the railroad didn't "draw" worth a nickel.  
If there are not several licenses sold soon, why appearances on the boat were mighty deceptive, that's all.

Frank Smith wants to move Bainbridge down to Ochesee. He says its the prettiest place he ever saw—or heard of.

The oyster business "looked up" while the excursionists were at the Bay. On the half shell was the fashionable way of disposing of them.

Johnnie Harrell had one of his patent soda founts along, and gave the excursions free soda water. We'll be obliged to vote for John for Governor some day.

Philip Ottinger says the boat didn't make anything out of him. Says he ate ten dollars worth on the trip—and we know of no reason why we should doubt his word.

We ought to tell about Albert Baltzell trying to pass himself off as a single man; but then he is a good fellow, and didn't mean any harm, and we won't say anything about it.

There were nearly seventy people aboard the boat besides the officers and crew, but everything was perfectly comfortable and pleasant, save being just a little crow-

dictive power of exultant fanaticism, is utterly powerless to remove. The tribute paid to our noble, self-sacrificing Southern woman was just, beautiful and complete. The oration, indeed, was a fine production—abounding in brilliance of thought, full to overflowing with beautiful sentiment, replete with scholarly, rhetorical finish, and full of love and devotion to the memory of the illustrious dead whose deeds we commemorate.

**CLOSING EXERCISES.**

After the finish of Capt. Law's address, and the performance of a beautiful ballad, "God bless our Lee," by Mrs. Johnston and the choir, the election for officers of the Association took place and resulted in the unanimous re-election of the old board, namely; Miss Ida Dickinson, President; Miss Lucy Russell, Secretary; Mrs. Julia Robinson, Treasurer. After the benediction by Rev. Mr. Lockwood, the vast throng dispersed, and the ceremonies were concluded.

**Anniversary of the Oak City Hook and Ladder Company.**

The Seventh day of May is the anniversary of this Company, but that day falling on Sunday this year, next Monday will be observed. The O...

**Hops.**  
dance is composed of... man, R. A. Lytle, J. G. Law and... ram, and from our knowledge of the ability of these gentlemen in such matters, we predict a happy and pleasant affair.

**Excursion to Whigham.**

On Thursday, the 18th inst., there will be a Pic Nic Excursion over the A. & G. Railroad to Whigham and return. It is expected that a good many from Thomasville will meet the Bainbridge party, there where a pleasant basket pic nic will be the order of the day. Let the matter be agitated, and let's have it a success. Fare for the round trip \$1, and less if a sufficient number participate.

**Fizzle.**

We learn that there was to have been a grand mass meeting of the Republican party in our town yesterday, but up to the time of making up our forms the meeting had not *transpired*. The wire pullers were on hand in force—Wade from Quitman, Brimberry from Camilla, Hampton from Bainbridge, delegates from Colquitt county, and several of the local lights were in attendance. We can only suppose that it was to have been a meeting to organize for the campaign, but as the voters failed to put in an appearance, nothing was done that we could hear of. We rather think some people were disappointed.—*Thomasville Interpress.*

Rural World, at St. Louis.

**Beautiful Certificate.**

We have been shown a very beautiful certificate of Life Membership just received from New York for the S. S. Missionary Society of the M. F. Church. In this place. On either side of the regular form of certificate are two handsomely executed lithographed allegorical pictures. The one on the left represents a little boy being illured into the paths of sin, over what appears to be a path of fruits and flowers, but from these, there protrudes the head of a venomous serpent; a ministering angel stands behind the child, and seems to be persuading him away, while Satan is represented in the back ground taking an interest in his decision; underneath the picture are the words of scripture, "If sinners entice thee, consent thou not."

The picture on the right represents the same little boy, kneeling devoutly before an open Bible, an expression of gladness is on the face of the angel, who is bending over him, while Satan is represented as retreating from the scene, under the charge of...

manufacturer, but... christian and philanthrop... Always abound with the benevolent... day, and see being... factions, he is a warm... with... ollicant for life member... society, and hope soon to... to ornament our editor... rial sanctum.

**Personal.**

Judge G. J. Wright, who is in attendance on Court, looks well—in fact, as well as we ever saw him.  
A. B. Newsome, Esq., ex-Mayer of Quitman, was in town Sunday. We hope Mr. N. may come again.  
Capt. John C. Rutherford, of Macon, is attending Court here this week. The Captain looks fine, and weighs over two hundred pounds.  
Hon. T. A. Bush, of Colquitt, is in the city. He is attending Court and one thing and another.  
Judge L. P. D. Warren, of Albany, is in the city.  
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Oct 19 1876

I will be at the following places at the times designated for the purpose of collecting the Taxes due the State and County for the year 1876

Faceville, 914th District, Friday, October 6th.  
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 Attapulgus, 694 Dist. Saturday, Oct. 7th.  
 Attapulgus, 694 Dist. Saturday, Nov. 4th.  
 Bells, 1005th Dist. Monday, October 9th.  
 Bells, 1005th Dist. Monday, November 20th.  
 Higdons, 558rd District, Tuesday, Oct. 10th.  
 Higdons, 558rd District, Tuesday, Nov 21st.  
 Raigins, 1258 Dist. Wednesday, Oct. 11th.  
 Raigins, 1258-Dist. Wednesday, Nov. 22nd.  
 Harrell, 720th Dist. Thursday, Oct. 12th.  
 Harrell, 720th Dist Thursday Nov. 23rd.  
 Lime Sink, 821st Dist Friday, October 13th.  
 Lime Sink, 621st Dist Friday, Nov. 24th.  
 Belchers, 1277th Dist Saturday, Oct 14th.  
 Belchers 1277th Dist Saturday Nov. 25th.  
 Lower Spring Creek 635th Dist Monday, Oct 16th.  
 Lower Spring Creek 635th District Monday November 27th.  
 Rook Pond, 1046th Dist Tuesday, Oct 17th.  
 Rook Pond, 1046th Dist Tuesday Nov 28th.  
 Pine Hill, 1188 Dist Wednesday, Oct 18th.  
 Pine Hill, 1188 Dist Wednesday, Nov 29th.  
 Bainbridge, during the November term of the Superior Court. I will also be in Bainbridge from now until October 6th.

The books will positively be closed December 1st 1876.

JACOB HARRELL,  
 Sep-14 Tax Collector.

**GUARDIAN'S SALE.**

GEORGIA—DECATUR COUNTY.  
 By virtue of an order from the Court of Ordinary of said county, will be sold before the court house door, in the city of Bainbridge on the first Tuesday in November next, within the legal hours of sale, two shares of Eagle and Phoenix Factory Stock of Columbus, Georgia, belonging to my ward James M. Donalson, minor for the benefit of the creditors of said ward. Terms cash.

JOHN M. BROWN,  
 Guardian of the Person and Property of James M. Donalson, Minor.  
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One house and lot in the city of Bainbridge, bounded on the north by the A. & G. Railroad, on the east by Depot lot, south by land of T B Hunnewell, and west by Al-lany and Bainbridge road—said lot containing two acres more or less; and also one house and lot in said city, bounded on the north by lot of late estate of E D Waters east by road leading from Bainbridge to C Y Crawford's and Fowltown, south by a road or street, and west by the land of J A Butts, contain five acres more or less. All of said property levied on as the property of Geo A Spiller, as trustee of Allie E Spiller, to satisfy three Justice Court fias in favor of C Y Crawford, vs said G A Spiller. Levy made and returned by a constable.

Also at the same time and place, lots of land Nos 315, 316, 317, 318, 347, 348, 349, 351, 322, and 344, all in the 5th district of Decatur county. Levied on as the property of Elizabeth T. Curry to satisfy one mortgage fias in favor of Wm O Fleming, for use of D McGill and R G Chesnut as executors of Wm Nunan deceased vs said E T Curry Property pointed out in said mortgage fias.

Also at the same time and place, lot of land No 220, in the 16th district, and also lot No 10 in the 15th district of said county, said land containing 325 acres more or less, levied on as the property of W M Dollar, and now in possession of said W M Dollar, and levied on to satisfy one Superior Court fias in favor of Allen, Griffin & Co vs W M Dollar.

Also at the same time and place, one house and lot in the city of Bainbridge, bounded on the south by Broughton street, on the east by L F Burkett's lot, on the north by Water street and on the west by brick house formerly owned by J T Wimberly. Levied on as the property of Jas H Colbert to satisfy one Superior Court fias in favor of Lucien N Waters vs J H Colbert.

Also at the same time and place, two bales of lint cotton, marked (T H C) No 2, and 3, levied on as the property of Thomas H Curry to satisfy one fias in favor of James M Smith, Governor, & Co, vs Israel Hayes and T H Curry, and other fias in my hands against said Curry.

Also at the same time and place, one yoke of oxen and cart and 50 bushels corn more or less, levied on as the property of John D Williams, and property in possession of defendant, to satisfy one Superior Court fias in favor of Valentine Godwin vs said Williams.

Also at same time and place, West half of lot of land 208 in the 15th Dist less 38 acres out of southwest corner sold to N L Cloud. Also southwest quarter of lot of land 204 in the 15th Dist less one acre in southwest corner also less 1 1/2 acres sold to sundry parties and the right of way to Atlantic & Gulf R R. Levied on as the property of Abner P Belcher to satisfy state and county tax fias. Property pointed by Plaintiff.

L. F. BURKETT, Shf.

**GEORGIA—DECATUR COUNTY.**

Whereas Samuel S. Mann, Executor of the last will and testament of Luke Mann, represents to the court in his petition duly filed and entered on record, that he has fully administered said estate, this is therefore to cite all persons concerned, kindred and creditors, to show cause, if any they can, why said Executor should not be discharged from his Executorship, and receive Letters of Dismission on the first Monday in December next.

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**GEORGLA--DECATUR COUNTY.**  
Whereas John A. Spears administrator of Allen Spears represents to the court, in his petition, duly filed and entered on record, that he has fully administered Allen Spears estate. This is, therefore, to cite all persons concerned, kindred and creditors to show cause, if any they can, why said administrator should not be discharged from his administration, and receive letters of dismission, on first Monday in November 1881.

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**Tax Notice.**

I will be at the following places, on the days mentioned, for the purpose of collecting State and County Taxes for the year 1881.

**PINE HILL, 1188th Dist.**—Monday, September 26th, and Monday Oct. 17th.

**ROCK POND, 104th Dist.**—Tuesday, September 27th, and Tuesday, October 18th.

**LOWER SPRING CREEK, old court ground, 685th Dist.**—Wednesday, September 28th, and Wednesday, Oct. 19th.

**UPPER FACEVILLE, 914th Dist.**—Thursday, September 29th, and Thursday, October 20th.

**LOWER FACEVILLE, Jackson's Mill, Friday, September 30th, and Friday, Oct. 21st.**

**BELCHER'S, 1277 Dist.**—Monday, October 3rd, and Monday, Oct. 24th.

**LIME SINK, 621st Dist.**—Tuesday, Oct. 4th, and Tuesday, October 25th.

**PEARCE'S, 1824th Dist.**—Wednesday, Oct. 6th, and Wednesday, Oct. 26th.

**WHIGHAM, 720th Dist.**—Thursday, Oct. 6th, and Thursday, Oct. 27th.

**REAGAN'S, 1268th Dist.**—Friday, Oct. 7th, and Friday, Oct. 28th.

**HIGDON'S, 65th Dist.**—Saturday, Oct. 8th, and Saturday, Oct. 29th.

**BELL'S, 1006th Dist.**—Tuesday, Oct. 11th, and Tuesday, November 1st.

**ATTAPULGUS, 694th Dist.**—Wednesday, Oct. 12th, and Wednesday, Nov. 2nd.

**BAINBRIDGE, 513th Dist.**—During November Term of Superior Court, after which the books will positively be closed.

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Terms easy, and for further information apply to the undersigned on the Plantation.

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**Wood Ransom W.**, saloon and restaurant  
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**WEST'S MILL.**  
*Macon County.*

Direct mail to Oglethorpe, 8 miles east.

**WESTON.**  
*Webster County.*

Located 10 miles southwest from Preston, the county seat, and 20 from Dawson, the nearest railroad, express and telegraph station, banking and shipping point. Has a population of 60. Cotton is the principal product. Has a high school and Baptist and Methodist churches. Was re-established as a post office in 1880, and receives a tri-weekly mail from Americus by wagon. Mark Holloman, P. M.

**WESTONIA.**  
*Coffee County—B. & A. R. R.*

Or Weston's Mill. Population 50. Ninety-one miles from Brunswick. Mail to Pearson.

**WESTOVER.**  
*Baldwin County.*

Five miles north of Milledgeville, its post-office.

**WHEATON.**  
*Appling County—No. 6 1/2 M. & B. R. R.*

Name of railroad station, Gopher. Is



4 miles from Baxley, the county seat, and nearest express and telegraph offices. Savannah, 86 miles distant, is the nearest banking town. Altamaha river, close by, furnishes water power to operate several saw and grist mills; four steam saw and grist mills and several turpentine stills. Has a population of 100, good churches and schools. Cotton, lumber, turpentine, rosin and wool are the chief exports. Mail daily. G. W. Hasaur, P. M.

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**Hasaur G. W.**, saw mill  
 Head R. R., teacher

**WHIGHAM.**

*Decatur County—S. F. & W. R. R.*

Known also as Harrell. Has a population of 225. Methodist and Baptist churches and common school, Toud and Wolf creeks furnishes power to operate saw and grist mill. Express Southern, telegraph Western Union. Is 15 miles from Bainbridge, the county seat, 21 from Thomasville, its nearest banking town, 221 from Savannah, and 288 from Atlanta. Ship direct. Cotton and naval stores the principal shipment. Mail daily. James C. Braswell, P. M.

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There were nearly seventy people aboard  
the boat besides the officers and crew, but  
everything was perfectly comfortable and  
pleasant, save being just a little crowded

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ho returned to the boat  
choice flowers, oranges, etc.  
ck Friday evening we bade  
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nd playing that sweetest and  
d of all melodies  
ME SWEET HOME."

He will pay Bainbridge a visit soon, and  
would like to get up an excursion on his  
boat. We are afraid, however, that he will  
make a failure, as the Wylly will certainly  
underbid him, and the accommodations on  
the Wylly are probably superior to those of  
the Flying Eagle.

A party of ladies from Marianna were to  
join the excursion, but were deterred from  
so doing by a report started by a young man  
who lives on the Chattahoochee river to the  
effect that no ladies from Bainbridge were  
going, and that it would be nothing more  
nor less than a drunken spree of a few row-  
dy men. What actuated this young chap  
to perpetrate this infamous and mischievous  
lie, we know not, but our information comes  
from gentlemen of high standing and un-  
questionable veracity. We withhold his  
name merely through charity.

**A Centennial Leap Year Pic Nic.**  
The editors of the DEMOCRAT return  
thanks for an invitation to the Centennial  
Picnic and fish fry, which takes place at  
Martin's Mill, near Atapulcus, on Satur-  
day next. It will be quite a pleasant af-  
fair, and we regret that other engage-  
ments will prevent our being present. We  
shall rely on some of our friends down  
that way for a report.

on Sunday this year, next Monday  
be observed. The  
Hops  
dance is composed of  
man, R. A. Lytle, J. G. Law and  
ram, and from our knowledge of the abili-  
ty of these gentlemen in such matters, we  
predict a happy and pleasant affair.

**Excursion to Whigham.**  
On Thursday, the 18th inst., there will  
be a Pic Nic Excursion over the A. & G.  
Railroad to Whigham and return. It is  
expected that a good many from Thomas-  
ville will meet the Bainbridge party there  
where a pleasant basket pic nic will be  
the order of the day. Let the matter be  
agitated, and let's have it a success. Fare  
for the round trip \$1. and less if a suffi-  
cient number participate.

**Fizzle.**  
We learn that there was to have been a  
grand mass meeting of the Republican  
party in our town yesterday, but up to  
the time of making up our forms the  
meeting had not transpired. The wire  
pullers were on hand in force—Wade  
from Quitman, Brimberry from Camilla,  
Hampton from Bainbridge, delegates from  
Colquitt county, and several of the local  
lights were in attendance. We can only  
suppose that it was to have been a meet-  
ing to organize for the campaign, but as  
the voters failed to put in an appearance,  
nothing was done that we could hear of.  
We rather think some people were disap-  
pointed.—Thomasville Enterprise.

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facilities, he is a warm  
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applicant for life member-  
society, and hope soon to  
to ornament our edito-  
rial sanctum.

**Personal.**  
Judge G. J. Wright, who is in atten-  
dance on Court, looks well—in fact, as  
well as we ever saw him.

A. B. Newsome, Esq., ex-Mayor of  
Quitman, was in town Sunday. We hope  
Mr. N. may come again.

Capt. John O. Rutherford, of Macon, is  
attending Court here this week. The  
Captain looks fine, and weighs over two  
hundred pounds.

Hon. T. A. Bush, of Colquitt, is in the  
city. He is attending Court and one thing  
and another.

Judge L. P. D. Warren, of Albany, is  
in the city.

Maj. O. T. Terry, of Quitman, spent  
Sunday in Bainbridge. Come again Major.

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THE LOTTERY OF ASSASSINATION.

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Senator Edmunds, the present Republican leader at Washington, denounces the election of Mr. Bayard as president of the Senate as a prize drawn by the Democracy in the lottery of assassination.

Mr. Edmunds seems to forget that the assassination was entirely Republican.

Guiteau, the demoniac murderer who fired the deadly shot at President Garfield, is, like Mr. Edmunds, an ultra Republican. He says he was divinely inspired to kill the President in order to reunite the quarreling factions of the Republican party. Except by this murder, he could not see any other means of keeping Democracy out of power.

So far as can be gathered from their public utterances, Guiteau and Edmunds seem to be about equally irrational regarding the results that might follow from the restoration of the Democracy to the control of the government.—New York Sun.

Newspapers.

There are certainly no products of the arts so cheap as the newspaper, and it is difficult to imagine any other thing. Were it not a medium for the communication of the commercial needs of the community, which form a part of its income, but are not strictly one of its journalistic functions, it would be impossible to furnish what it does at the prices which it gets. That on the whole it does not pay like other furnished products—the cake, the cigar, the oyster supper, the ribbon, the laces, the glass of beer—can only be explained on the theory once advanced by the English philosopher who was asked why the manufacturers of ale were all millionaires and the authors all poor. "Because," he replied, "for one man who has brains thirty have bowels."

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WISDOM AND FUN.

The song of the billiard ball. "O, carom me back."

The pantry cook sings "good pie sweet tart, good pie."

Mice will get into mischief every time an gnawportunity presents itself.

The man on the "home stretch" can be found on the sofa in the dining room.

A good whiskey sling—sling the bottle out of the window—after it is 's empty.

When a young man is alone with his best girl he is generally supposed to be "holding his own."

Unbecoming forwardness oftener proceeds from ignorance than impudence.

We seldom find people ungrateful as long as we are in a condition to render them services.

Old men's eyes are like old men's memories; they are strongest for things a long way off.

The fortunate circumstances of our life are generally found to be of our producing.

The generality of men have, like plants, latent qualities, which chance brings to light

The most miserable pettifogging in the world is that of a man in the court of his own conscience.

Everything without tell the individual that he is nothing; everything within persuades him that he is everything.

Be courteous with all, but intimate with few; and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence.

Learning is well enough; but, it hardly pays to give a five thousand dollar education to a five-dollar boy.

A Danbury man with a hammer went to New York, last week, to secure a piece of the obelisk, but the police nabbed him before Egypt it off.

Horsemen believe that Maud S. will soon attain a speed so terrific that a straight track will be necessary to prevent her from running into her own filly.

The most thorough hypocrite in existence is the young man who can successfully assume to love the younger brother of his sweetheart.

We have just read a handkerchief flirtation code, and advise all men wishing to avoid a breach of promise suit to wipe their mouths with their coat-tails.

A cynical old soul was reading from Wordsworth: "Heaven lies about us in our infancy." "Yes," said he, "just so; and our neighbors lie about us when we grow up."

"Yes, dear, of course we're going to Washington this winter; the President is

GEORGIA, Decatur County:

Jerry King having applied to me for supplementing his homestead of personality, I will pass upon the same at my office in Bainbridge, Ga., on the 29th day of October 1881 at 10 o'clock a. m. Given under my hand and official signature this Oct. 23 1881. M. O'NEAL, Ord'y.

GEORGIA, Decatur County:

R C Gray having applied to me for setting aside a homestead of personality, I will pass upon the same at my office in the city of Bainbridge, Georgia, on Saturday the 29th day of October 1881, at 10 o'clock a. m. Given under my hand and official signature this Sept. 30th 1881. M. O'NEAL, Ord'y.

Notice of Miller County Court.

The monthly terms of this court will be held in Colquitt, Miller County, Ga., the 4th Monday in every month; and Quarterly terms, the 4th Mondays in September, December, March and June. Parties having business in this court will govern themselves accordingly. G. BOYKIN, Judge, Miller County Court. Sept. 22, 1881.

NOTICE.

Will be sold in the town of Whigham, Decatur county, Ga., under a special order of the Ordinary of said county on the first Tuesday in November next, one store-house and lot in said town; also one vacant town lot. Sold as the property of B. F. and G. W. Blount deceased; each having an undivided half interest therein. Sold for the benefit of the heirs and creditors. Terms cash. HENRY BLOUNT, Administrator. Sept. 8,—4,

GEORGIA, Decatur County:

Notice is hereby given to all persons having demands against the estate of H W Herring, late of said county, deceased, to present them properly proven, within the time prescribed by law. And all persons indebted to said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment. P. H. HERRING, Executor of the Will of H. W. Herring. Oct. 10th, 1881.

NOTICE.

GEORGIA—DECATUR COUNTY:

All persons holding claims against William D Swicord, late of said county, deceased, are hereby notified to present them to me, duly certified, within the terms of the law, or otherwise they will be barred. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to me. JAS. S. SWICORD, Qualified Adm'r. Sep. 12, '81.

NOTICE.

Will be sold before the court house door in the town of Colquitt between the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in October 1881, lot of land number 172, in the 20th district of Miller county—levied on as the property of J F McCormick to satisfy one attachment si fa issued from the Justice court of the 1160th district G. M. in favor of J J Monroe against the said J F McCormick. Properly pointed out in said si fa: Levy made and returned to me by constable. W. T. SHEFFIELD, Sheriff. Aug. 29, 1881.

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GEORGIA, Miller County:

Can City Sales Notice City I am now ready to the city for 1881. open until the 15th which executions w defaulters. Balunbridge, Ga., C

Notice to The scales of the 14 been tested by the leg the Ordinary's office, correct and true. F weights is the motto of house. Geo. D. Sept. 22, 1881.

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Know all men by the undersigned does kee

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1821	8	24	1820	Lottery	James	Lester	19	9	Baldwin	-	-	-	Whigham
1823	11	25	1820	Lottery	Zachariah	Clarke	19	8	Franklin	-	-	-	Whigham
1827	-	-	Hiram	Atkinson	N. H.	Hicks	16	8	Decatur	-	A	-	Wolf Creek NE of Whigham
1828	-	-	Henry	Cravy	Delary	Sapp	19	5	Decatur	-	A	213	Date ??
1828	2	25	James	Lester	Benj. J.	Lester	19	9	Decatur	-	A3	260	Whigham
1837	11	25	Reddick	Gainey	Wm.	Smallwood	16	4	Decatur	-	D	267	-
1839	11	19	Milton	Crawford	Nathan	Vickers	16	7	Decatur	-	F	168	-
1842	3	3	John W.	Reaves	James M.	Vickers	16	3	Decatur	-	F	79	-
1842	3	3	John W.	Reaves	James M.	Vickers	16	5	Decatur	-	F	79	-
1842	7	16	Nathan	Vickers	James J.	Lester	16	7	Decatur	-	F	173	-
1844	10	18	Daniel	Rambo	James J.	Lester	19	7	Decatur	-	F	270	-
1846	12	31	James M.	Vickers	Samuel	Braswell	16	3	Decatur	-	F	744	-
1846	12	31	James M.	Vickers	Samuel	Braswell	16	5	Decatur	-	F	744	-
1852	2	4	John C.	Everett	James J.	Lester	19	6	Decatur	-	H	307	-
1855	11	12	Joseph J.	Bradford	James J.	Lester	16	6	Decatur	-	K	379	-
1865	??		Samuel	Braswell	William B.	Braswell	16	3	Decatur	-			-
1865	??		Samuel	Braswell	William B.	Braswell	16	5	Decatur	-			-
1868	-	-	Thomas	Whigham Estate	W. W. & John	Harrell	19	8	Decatur	-	-	-	-
1868	-	-	Thomas	Whigham Estate	W. W. & John	Harrell	19	9	Decatur	-	-	-	Whigham
1868	5	21	-	-	Samantha	Whitfield	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Harrell
1868	-	-	Thomas	Whigham Estate	W. W. & John	Harrell	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Whigham
1869	8	25	-	-	Ferdinand	Lohnstein	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Harrell
1870	2	1	Sheldon	Swift	Thomas T.	Maxwell	16	8	Decatur	-	Q	717	-
1871	10	31	-	-	John	Bird	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Harrell
1871	5	26	-	-	John	Blount	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Harrell
1871	2	6	-	-	John	Wooten	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Harrell
1874	1	5	-	-	Thomas	Benton	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Harrell
1874	5	20	-	-	John	Williams	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Harrell
1875	1	19	-	-	Davis	Guilford	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Harrell
1879	8	25	-	-	George	Blount	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Harrell
1880	4	7	-	-	George	Blount	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Whigham
1881	2	21	-	-	James	Braswell	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Whigham
1883	4	2	-	-	Missouri	Martin	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Whigham
1886	6	3	-	-	Lee	Harrell	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Harrell
1886	6	3	-	-	Lee	Harrell	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Whigham
1887	3	26	-	-	Malcombe	Lodge	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Harrell
1890	2	27	-	-	James	Bell	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Whigham
1890	1	6	-	-	Gussie	Lodge	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Whigham
1893	9	9	-	-	Emery	Lasseter	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Whigham
1897	8	6	-	-	Walter	Quinn	19	10	Decatur	-	-	-	Whigham
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1944	10	1	-	-	Aileen	Alexander	19	10	Grady	-	-	-	Whigham
1947	8	15	-	-	W.	Crew	19	10	Grady	-	-	-	Whigham
1952	7	15	-	-	Walter	Newberry	19	10	Grady	-	-	-	Whigham
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 Missouri B. Martin, was the Whigham postmaster from 1883 to 1890, and his  
 daughter Emma Martin was  
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Rev. Martin also constituted Long Branch Baptist Church and was associated in  
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## HISTORY OF WHIGHAM

Georgia is unique in that no other state granted its land in the same manner. The State of Georgia was one of the thirteen colonies and as such did not contain any of the Federal or Public Land Survey or Homesteads.

The first system for settling the undeveloped areas of the state was the headright system. This name is derived from a specific act passed by the legislature in 1780, "an act for opening a land office and for the better settling and strengthening the state." Each man would be entitled to 200 acres as his own head-right, plus an additional 50 acres for his wife and each slave, not to exceed 1000 acres. This method proved unsatisfactory because very little surveying was done and there were many disputes over boundary lines.

The Act of 1785 by the legislature set the machinery in motion for the six land lotteries held in the state, namely in 1805, 1807, 1820, 1821, 1827, and 1832.

When the first Indian Cession west of the Oconee River took place in 1802, the land was surveyed into numbered land districts, and the districts further surveyed into numbered land lots. Citizens of Georgia who qualified under the provisions of the act registered in their respective counties for the purpose of drawing the numbered land lots. Names of registrants and the lot numbers were taken to the capitol and placed in separate drums, from which appointed commissioners drew simultaneously. Since the names of those seeking land far exceeded the number of lots to be granted, some blank slips were placed in the second drum, which meant that not all citizens were fortunate drawers. The fortunate ones were given plots and grants signed by the governor and having the seal of the State of Georgia attached.

In 1820 Land Lottery is the drawing with which we are concerned here tonight. This lottery settled the original counties of Appling, Irwin, Early, Walton, Gwinett, Habersham, Hall, and Rabun. In 1820 Grady County and Whigham were a part of Early County. Early County was surveyed into 26 districts: 1 through 23, and 26 through 28. Whigham lies in the 19th district of the Early County survey. There were 400 lots in all, each containing 250 acres. One hundred lots of the 19th District now lie in Decatur County.

The City of Whigham is situated in District 19 on Lots 30 and 31, and a very small portion of Lots 10 and 11. Lot No. 11 was drawn in the 1820 lottery by Benjamin Liles of Wayne County, but there is no record that Lot No. 10 was drawn at this time. Lot No. 30 was drawn by John McCall of Effingham County, while Lot No. 31 went to Francis Valeton of Burke County. Merely to show the value of money in that period of our history, Lot No. 31 was sold by Francis Valeton to Samuel Larsens five years later (in 1825) for the sum of \$24.00.

The records show that by 1838 Thomas Whigham of Decatur County had acquired all of the land in Lots 8, 9, 10, 30, and 31. From 1838 to 1863 this land did not change owners, and in 1863 Thomas Whigham sued the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad for damages done to Lots 30 and 31. Since the railroad had not been completed through the area at that time, we can only assume that this damage was done in construction, by survey crews, or in the clearing of right-of-ways. Thomas Whigham died between 1863 and 1868, the latter being the year his estate was settled by his son, Robert E. Whigham. The estate consisted of all five lots (8, 9, 10, 30, and 31), a total of 1250 acres. The deed called for 1250 less 51 acres in the southwest corner of Lot No. 31 which had previously been sold to Edmund Davis. The highest bidders for the remaining 1199 acres were W. W. Harrell and John T. Harrell. The price paid for the 1199 acres was \$11,805.15, or a fraction less than \$10.00 per acre. In November 1867, the two Harrell men sold ten acres of land in Lots 30 and 31 to the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad for the sum of \$1.00.

In 1868 the present town of Whigham was surveyed and laid out in blocks. The streets were named and the town was called Harrell. Even prior to the survey, however, there was a community of some extent on the site, as reflected in deeds in Decatur County. Records reveal the sale of land located at the fork of two branches (presently known as McElvy and schoolhouse Branches) and next to the Tan Yard, (Webster defines a tanyard as "that part of a tannery that houses the tanning vats.") Also sold was a lot of land on which was situated the Davis Hotel. These particular sales were part of the 51 acre tract owned by Edmund Davis when the estate of Thomas Whigham was sold.

Before there was rail service, the town was served with mail and passenger service by the Stage Line on the old Thomasville-Bainbridge Road. According to records in the National Archives in Washington, the first post office was established in Harrell, Georgia, on May 26, 1868, with Samantha J. Whitfield as the first postmistress. George Blount was appointed postmaster on April 7, 1880, about the time the U.S. Postal Service made the name change from Harrell, Ga., to Whigham, Ga. In August of 1897, Walter Quinn was named postmaster.

After the survey of Harrell the deeds reflect that the business area grew from the railroad site up McGriff and Depot Streets toward Broad Street. From the years 1868 to 1872, the town grew and prospered, and all the deeds in this period referred to the town as Harrell. Then without any apparent reason the deeds suddenly read thereafter "The Town of Whigham (formerly the town of Harrell)". Some of the familiar surnames in Whigham during this period of its growth were: Harrell, Bell, Whigham, Mills, Quinn, Peebles, Trulock, Maxwell, Swicord, Foster, and McElvy.

The town of Whigham was incorporated in 1888, and on December 23, 1896, the first charter was approved by the legislature. The mayor at this time was Arch Harrell; the councilmen (of whom there were three) were J. P. Chapman, G. W. Clark, and D. L. McNair; and the clerk was J. O. Harrell. Like all other charters it spelled out rules and regulations for the governing of the town. A mayor and five aldermen would be elected on the first Tuesday in January, 1897, and every year thereafter on the first Tuesday of each year elections would be held. The charter granted corporate authority to the town of Whigham to provide for a mayor and council, and other officers of said town; to authorize the officers and corporate authorities of the said town to exercise such powers and do such things as may be necessary or proper for the best interest, benefit, peace, good order, health, and general welfare of the town and the inhabitants; to confer other and additional powers and authority of the town to pass rules, by-laws and ordinances for the government of the said town; to authorize punishment for any violation of said rules, by-laws and ordinances; and to act for various other purposes, including a public school system.

The charter was amended in 1905 to read that the town would own, manage and operate a dispensary for the purpose of dispensing by sale any and all alcoholic, malt, spirituous, and intoxicating liquors of whatever kind. The mayor and council would have full authority over the operation, and not less than one-fourth nor more than one-half of the net profits of the said dispensary would be appropriated to the public schools of the town. The balance of the proceeds of the dispensary helped to build the first water system in Whigham.

At this time John R. Singletary served as representative from Thomas County in Atlanta, for Grady County had not yet been born. After much work by Mr. Singletary and R. R. Terrell of Whigham, a bill was passed and signed by the governor on August 17, 1905, creating Grady County from portions of Thomas and Decatur Counties. The change became effective January 1, 1906. The first grand jury was drawn January 24, 1906, with the following men from Whigham serving: Zimmerman Trulock, T. O. Duggar, J. L. Peebles, and T. J. Mills. As a result of the first primary election in the county, held April 13, 1906, R. R. Terrell of

Whigham was the first representative to go to the Capitol from Grady County. Whigham precinct voters number 145, and the first county commissioner from Whigham was J. L. Peebles.

Much bitterness was aroused when a location was sought for the county seat, because Whigham, which was larger and had more trade than Cairo at that time, felt that she should be chosen. Such was not the case, and many reasons have been given, ranging from politics to money to apathy.

Whigham continued to grow during this period and was a prosperous trade center and fine farming area. There were drygoods stores, hotels, livery stables, a bank, and many other flourishing businesses. Several doctors, lawyers, and a dentist practiced here.

The year 1913 saw a fire on Broad Street that destroyed Harrell Drugstore, J. P. Chapman Hardware, and Swicord Millinery Shop. These stores were located on the south side of Broad Street from McGriff to the middle of the block. Fortunately the fire was contained before the old City Hall building was damaged. These buildings were owned by J. E. Cobb and T. J. Mills. The fire occurred June 9, 1913, and by August these buildings had been replaced and subsequently housed the Dixie Drugstore, J. P. Chapman Hardware, and Lena Belcher Millinery Shop.

Other happenings in Whigham in 1913, according to the Cairo Messenger, included the retirement of Walter Quinn as postmaster after sixteen years of service, and the appointment of Ben Parker in his place. Hawthorn Brickyard set up operations, the telephone company changed ownership and began expansion, and J. O. Williams and J. H. Autrey constructed buildings on Broad Street for Williams Jewelers and Autrey Shoe Store. G. P. Brownlee started a pecan nursery in the area. The bank of Whigham opened a branch bank in Attapulgus and the first week's deposits totaled more than \$2000. Turner Harrell bought the barber shop that same year, and we are happy to report tonight that Mr. Harrell still operates a barber shop in Whigham. The paper reported that the grist mill was running night and day, and that the cotton price in Whigham was the same as on the Savannah market.

On the 15th of July, 1913, the voters of the town went to the polls and approved bonds to be issued for the improvement of the water works, and to erect, establish, and equip an electric light plant. Whigham is one of only fifty cities in the state which own their own utility system. Much credit should be given here to the past mayors and councilmen who had the foresight not to sell the utility system to Georgia Power Company. The system has provided much revenue for the city and kept property taxes down to a minimum.

Getting back to 1913, the Boyd Lumber Company located two miles west of Whigham, building sixty houses and the Piney Woods Hotel. This was almost a community within itself, as the people were provided with a commissary for their needs. Soon after its beginning, the settlement was called Boydville, and the name remains until today.

Whigham had its own Wessie Connell in the person of Miss Dolly Waldon, whose love and devotion to her community is clearly revealed in the articles she wrote from Whigham for the Cairo Messenger. Had there been a John Cotton Dana Award in those days, she would surely have been recipient. Her last column appeared in the Messenger in November of 1913. After that it was many years before the news of Whigham was again covered by the Messenger.

From 1913 to 1918 there was an exodus of families from Alabama to our area, the greatest reason for the migration being the devastation dealt to King Cotton by the boll weevil in Alabama. To name only a few of



the families, the Tippetts, Crews, Jowers, Fosters, Newberries, and Gillespies purchased land and settled in and around Whigham.

The year 1929 brought the Great Depression, which paralyzed the town of Whigham along with the rest of the nation. Growth stopped, and people were fortunate if they were able to hold on to their land and homes. The Federal government created jobs through the agencies of WPA, CCC, and NRA, and it was this money placed in the economy that extended the paving of Highway 84 through the town in the early thirties. By this time transportation had improved and many of our young people left the area to seek employment elsewhere. Our population decreased, many businesses closed, and property sales were at a standstill. Money was in very short supply because many people had lost their life savings with the closing of the nation's banks. We were fortunate in this area to live in a farming section where we could raise enough food for our families. World War II saw another draining away of the young men of the community, many of whom settled afterward in other places. The business area began to run down, the buildings started to deteriorate, and the majority of the residents were the elderly.

During the sixties, however, signs of returning vigor began to show up, and in the early seventies, some young people started returning to their hometown after college to go into business for themselves. They bought property on which to build homes and rear their families.

The Whigham Community Club, organized in 1947, has been responsible for much of the new growth in the town by seeking to bring in new industries. April of 1974 saw the opening of Moreland Enterprises, a clothing factory that will employ 52 persons. Fourteen new brick homes and fourteen frame houses have been built in Whigham in the past three years. The city purchased the old bank building from Stokes 1~ennemur and moved the City Hall across the street. The council voted in February of this year to purchase a new fire truck to be delivered in May. At present the city is working on a grant from the federal government to install a sewerage system. Whigham is once more on the move.

Over the past few years, the people of Whigham have rightly acquired a reputation for political awareness, and within the past decade by working together have managed to forestall the closing of the railway depot, the removal of the bank, and the consolidation of the high school.

While we have dealt mainly with the city and its residents, we realize that for a community to grow and prosper it takes the support of the people in the surrounding area. We are keenly aware of their support today and throughout the years. We have had much help from all of them in gathering this brief history of Whigham to share with you tonight.

The above information was given at the  
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1827	-	-	Thos & othe	Averill	Jonathan	Davis	19	28	Decatur	A	-	Date ??
1827	-	-	Wm.	Blake	Sam.	Grisswoud	16	30	Decatur	A	96	Date ??
1827	-	-	Tho. H.	Davidson	Thomas	Harrison	19	34	Decatur	A	115	Wolf Creek E of Whigham
1827	9	27	Arthur B.	Cook	Francis	Smallwood	19	36	Decatur	A3	234	-
1828	-	-	Henry	Cravy	Delary	Sapp	19	5	Decatur	A	213	Date ??
1828	2	25	James	Lester	Benj. J.	Lester	19	9	Decatur	A3	260	Whigham
1828	-	-	James	Bell	Wm.	Williams	16	14	Decatur	A	252	Date ??
1828	5	7	Charles I.	Shelton	Wm. C.	Lester	19	32	Decatur	A3	312	Whigham
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1828	-	-	Henry	Bullard	Selan	Bishop	19	46	Decatur	A	233	W of "State Park Rd" S entrance
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1831	12	13	1820	Lottery	Benjamin	Lilis	19	11	Glynn	-	-	Whigham
1833	3	2	-	-	Milton	Crawford	16	7	Decatur	-	-	appointment as PM Cairo PO
1834	7	14	-	-	John	Everett	16	6	Decatur	-	-	appointment as PM Cairo PO
1834	12	2	Stephen	Gatlin	Robert	Smallwood	19	35	Decatur	C	16	-
1839	11	19	Milton	Crawford	Nathan	Vickers	16	7	Decatur	F	168	-
1840	4	1	R. J.	Smallwood	Wm.	Smallwood	19	35	Decatur	E	284	-
1840	4	1	R. J.	Smallwood	Wm.	Smallwood	19	36	Decatur	E	284	-
1842	3	3	John W.	Reaves	James M.	Vickers	16	5	Decatur	F	79	-
1842	7	16	Nathan	Vickers	James J.	Lester	16	7	Decatur	F	173	-
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1844	10	18	Daniel	Rambo	James J.	Lester	19	7	Decatur	F	270	-
1845	7	1	Nathaniel H.	Hicks	James M.	Vickers	16	33	Decatur	F	292	-
1845	4	19	John	DeGraffenre	Wm. I.	Smallwood	19	45	Decatur	H	147	-
1846	12	31	James M.	Vickers	Samuel	Braswell	16	5	Decatur	F	744	-
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1850	10	8	Linda	Rambo	Wm.	McElven	16	34	Decatur	G	508	-
1850	10	8	Sam. & L.	Rambo	Wm.	McElven	16	34	Decatur	G	508	-
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1852	2	4	John C.	Everett	James J.	Lester	19	6	Decatur	H	307	-
1855	11	12	Joseph J.	Bradford	James J.	Lester	16	6	Decatur	K	379	-
1857	4	11	Hamlin I.	Cook	Benj. F.	Powell	16	29	Decatur	L	235	-
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1865	??	??	Samuel	Braswell	William B.	Braswell	16	5	Decatur	-	-	-
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1868	-	-	Thomas	Whigham E	W. W. & J	Harrell	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Whigham
1868	5	21	-	-	Samantha	Whitfield	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Harrell
1868	-	-	Thomas	Whigham E	W. W. & J	Harrell	19	30	Decatur	-	-	Whigham
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1869	8	25	-	-	Ferdinand	Lohnstein	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Harrell
1870	2	1	Sheldon	Swift	Thomas T	Maxwell	16	8	Decatur	Q	717	-
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1871	10	31	-	-	John	Bird	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Harrell
1871	5	26	-	-	John	Blount	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Harrell
1871	2	6	-	-	John	Wooten	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Harrell
1873	8	29	J. D. & J. T.	Harrell	A. L.	Maxwell	19	31	Decatur	Z	19	-
1873	5	22	John	Higdon	A. L.	Maxwell	19	31	Decatur	S	239	-
1874	1	5	-	-	Thomas	Benton	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Harrell
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1878	7	8	S. L.	McElveen	T. B.	Maxwell	19	30	Decatur	A3	27	-
1879	8	25	-	-	George	Blount	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Harrell
1879	1	31	M. F. & D. W	Guilford	T. T.	Maxwell	19	30	Decatur	W	131	-
1880	4	7	-	-	George	Blount	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Whigham
1880	4	15	M. F. & D. W	Guilford	A. L.	Maxwell	19	30	Decatur	W	555	-
1881	2	21	-	-	James	Braswell	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Whigham
1882	4	27	Charity	Williams	A. L.	Maxwell	19	12	Decatur	Z	22	-
1883	4	2	-	-	Missouri	Martin	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Whigham
1883	4	2	Henry	Blount	A. L.	Maxwell	19	50	Decatur	Z	478	-
1886	6	3	-	-	Lee	Harrell	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Harrell
1886	6	3	-	-	Lee	Harrell	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Whigham
1887	3	26	-	-	Malcombe	Lodge	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Harrell
1889	12	5	Henry	Blount	A. Lafayette	Vickers	19	45	Decatur	FF	380	-
1889	12	5	Henry	Blount	Andrew	Vickers	19	45	Decatur	FF	379	-
1889	11	29	Henry	Blount	Mary	Salter	19	50	Decatur	FF	450	-
1889	11	30	Mary	Salter	Virginia A.	Salter	19	50	Decatur	GG	428	-
1890	2	27	-	-	James	Bell	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Whigham
1890	1	6	-	-	Gussie	Lodge	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Whigham
1893	9	9	-	-	Emery	Lasseter	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Whigham
1897	8	6	-	-	Walter	Quinn	19	10	Decatur	-	-	Whigham
1898	11	11	P. M.	Law	Sarah J.	Smallwood	16	6	Decatur	O2	328	-
1898	11	11	L. F.	Lester	Sarah J.	Smallwood	16	6	Decatur	O2	328	-
1898	11	11	C. E.	Maxwell	Sarah J.	Smallwood	16	6	Decatur	O2	328	-
1898	11	11	P. M.	Law	Sarah J.	Smallwood	19	6	Decatur	O2	328	-
1898	11	11	L. F.	Lester	Sarah J.	Smallwood	19	6	Decatur	O2	328	-
1898	11	11	C. E.	Maxwell	Sarah J.	Smallwood	19	6	Decatur	O2	328	-
1898	11	11	P. M.	Law	L. F.	Lester	16	7	Decatur	Q2	1	begin NW corner D16LL7, run East 28.21 chains, thence S thru L7 in D16 & D19 to Wolf Creek 212 ac
1898	11	11	C. E.	Maxwell	L. F.	Lester	16	7	Decatur	Q2	1	-
1898	11	11	Sarah	Smallwood	L. F.	Lester	16	7	Decatur	Q2	2	begin 14 chains West from the NE corner of L6, run West 27.75 chains, thence S thru L6 in D16 & D19 to S boundary of said lot, thence East along lot 27.75 chains, thence N thru L6 D19 & D16 to start. 312.4 ac
1898	11	11	P. M.	Law	L. F.	Lester	19	7	Decatur	Q2	1	-
1898	11	11	C. E.	Maxwell	L. F.	Lester	19	7	Decatur	Q2	1	-
1898	11	11	Sarah	Smallwood	L. F.	Lester	19	7	Decatur	Q2	1	-
1899	8	39	Hattie, Mrs.	Vickers	Dollie J.	Vickers	19	45	Decatur	O2	558	-
1899	8	39	Hattie, Mrs.	Vickers	Dollie J.	Vickers	19	50	Decatur	O2	558	-
1907	10	1	-	-	Walter	Quinn	19	10	Grady	-	-	Whigham
1909	1	27	-	-	Walter	Quinn	19	10	Grady	-	-	Whigham

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 business houses, one bank, one lawyer, on edrug store, three doctors, one  
 warehouse, and "a charming hotel, the Magnolia, which had thirty rooms and met all  
 trains, day and night." - Hon. A. Harrell was the "progressive mayor" of the town  
 of 800 and it has "a \$10,000 water works" and a dispensary which yielded a revenue  
 of about \$9000 a year, half of which went to the public schools and half for the  
 general expense of the twon. - Prof. J. M. Stovall was principal of the high  
 school and he had brought the enrollemnt up to 200." ]

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E> Chapman's whigham Bottling Works ]



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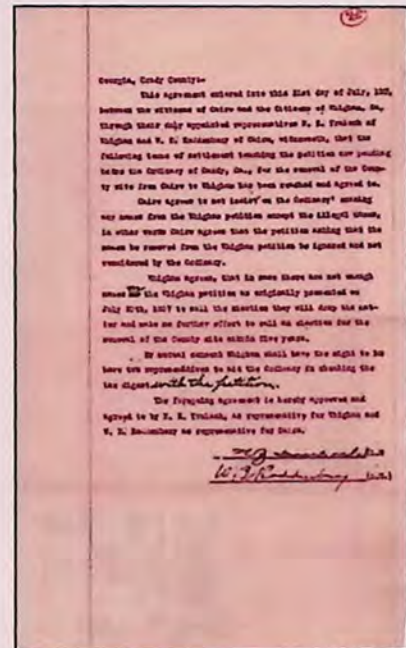


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Early 1900s  
Shown here are the city officials of Whigham around the year 1900. The photograph was made in front of the City Hall. At the time the photo was made, the city still had a dispensary. Pictured are Marshall, Hornsby; Clerk, Dr. Jones; Alderman, Tom Swicord; Alderman, T. J. Mills; Alderman, unknown; Alderman, R. R. Terrell; Alderman, unknown; Alderman, Ab Logue; Alderman, unknown.

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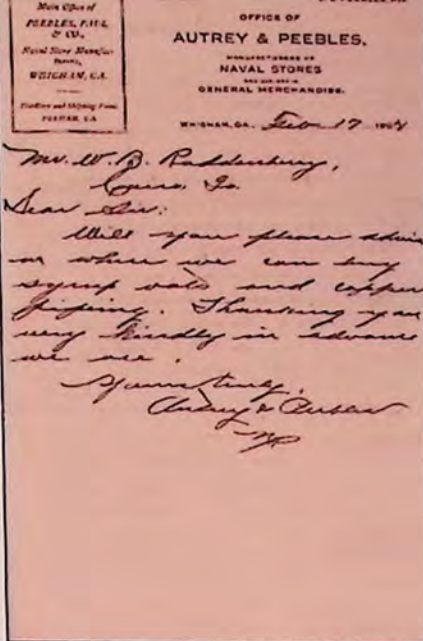
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M. Roddenberry Hardware Co.,				
BOUGHT OF		ADDRESS Cairo Ga.		
<b>Trulock-Peebles Hardware Co.</b>				
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN				
GENERAL HARDWARE, PLUMBING SUPPLIES, FARMING IMPLEMENTS, CUTLERY				
PRACTICAL PLUMBING, GAS AND STEAM FITTINGS				
Whigham, Georgia				
TERMS: 30 DAYS		STATEMENT OF YOUR ACCOUNT FOR THE MONTH OF		
		OCT 7 1908		
DAY	ARTICLES	CHARGES	CREDITS	BALANCE
	8 Rolls 1340 x 6 American Fence	7.50	60.00	
#13w OK [Signature] 10/7/08				

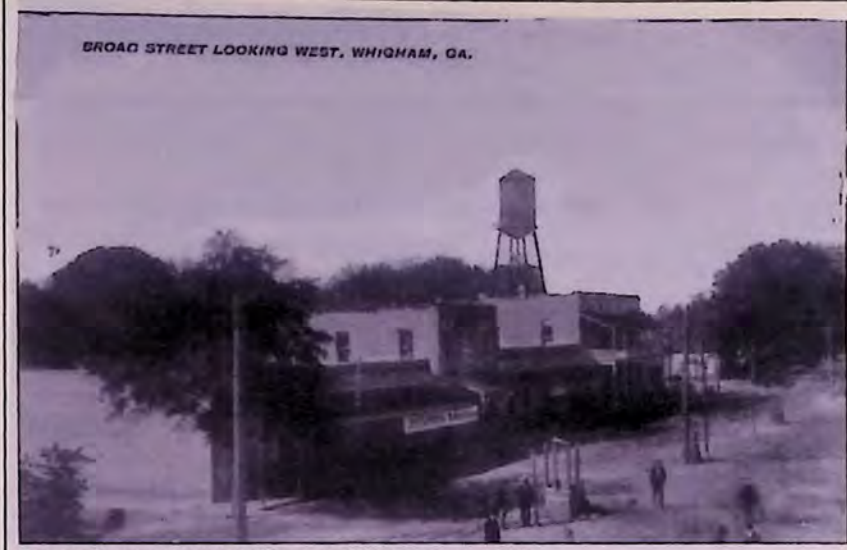
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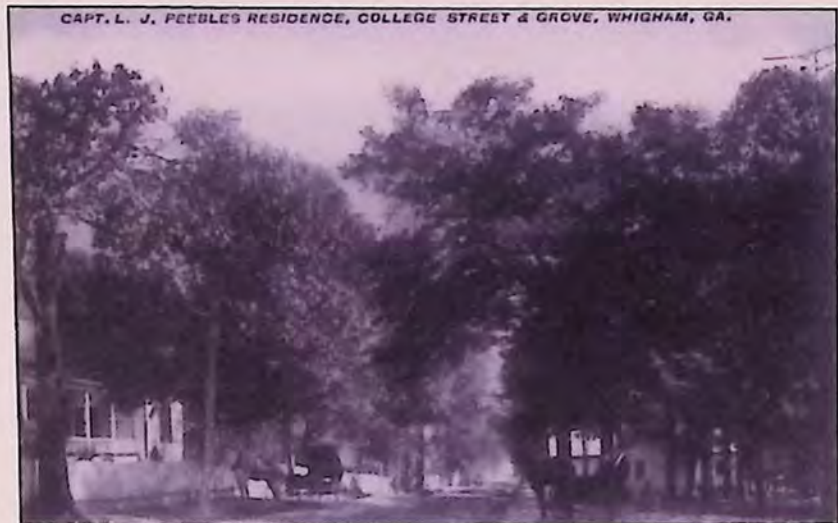
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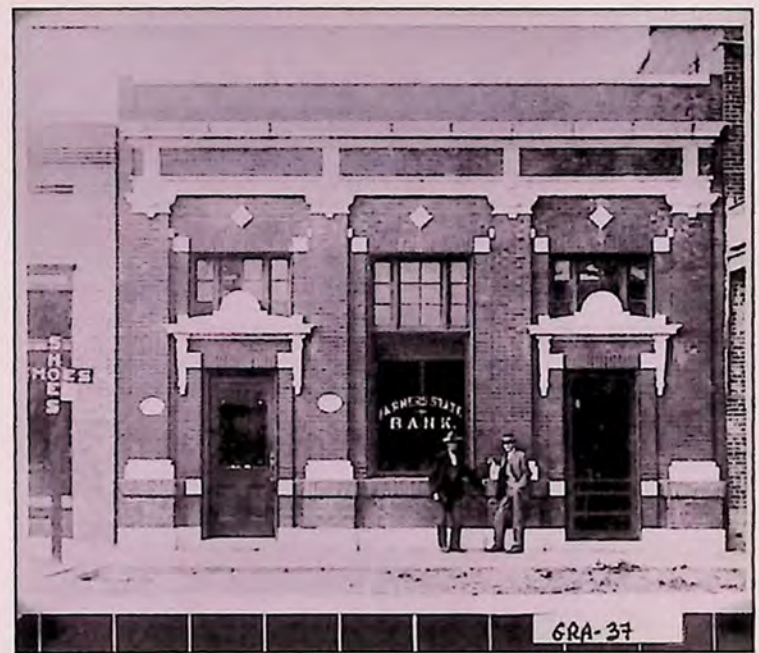


BROAD STREET, LOOKING WEST, IN WHIGHAM, C. 1910.  
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THE RESIDENCE OF CAPTAIN J. PEBBLES ON THE CORNER OF COLLEGE AND GROVE STREET IN WHIGHAM. The card was mailed to Milledgeville on October 29, 1910, with this message: "Dear Cuz, Guess you think that I am not going to answer your card but you see I am. I have had my hands full for sometime and especially this week as I have got me an Auto at last and am having a grand time. I am still at Whigham. Your cousin Harry."

File name: 1910 Whigham Residence of LJ Peebles 2.jpg



File name: 1920c Farmers State Bank Whigham VGra037.jpg

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1896	Arch Harrell	J. P. Chapman, G. W. Clark, D. L. McNair	J. O. Harrell	-	-	-
1897	-	-	-	-	-	-
1898	-	-	-	-	-	-
1899	-	-	-	-	-	-
1900	-	-	-	-	-	-
1901	-	-	-	-	-	-
1902	-	-	-	-	-	-
1903	-	-	-	-	-	-
1904	-	-	-	-	-	-
1905	-	-	-	-	-	-
1906	A. Harrell	-	-	-	-	-
1907	-	-	-	-	-	-
1908	-	-	-	-	-	-
1909	A. Harrell	T. J. Mills, D. G. McNair, E. C. Jordan, H. A. Logue, S. Harrell	E. M. Thomas; I. P. Chapman	-	-	-
1910	-	-	-	-	-	-
1911	-	-	-	-	-	-
1912	-	-	-	-	-	-
1913	-	-	-	-	-	-
1914	-	-	-	-	-	-
1915	-	-	-	-	-	-
1916	-	-	-	-	-	-
1917	-	-	-	-	-	-
1918	-	-	-	-	-	-
1919	-	-	-	-	-	-
1920	-	-	-	-	-	-
1921	-	-	-	-	-	-
1922	N. Z. Trulock (2nd term)	J.W. Crew, T.J. Mills, Joseph Swicord, J.E. Cobb, G.B. Trulock	-	-	-	-
1923	-	-	-	-	-	-
1924	-	-	-	-	-	-
1925	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-
1927	-	-	-	-	-	-
1928	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	G.B. Trulock	Joseph Swicord, W.L. Fordham, H.F. Smith, W.C. Lane, W.M. Crew	E.M. Coleman	-	-	-



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1930	G.B. Trulock	Joseph Swicord, T.J. Burns, H.F. Smith, W.C. Lane, W.M. Crew	N.Z. Trulock	-	-	-
1931	G.B. Trulock	Joseph Swicord, T.J. Burns, H.F. Smith, W.C. Lane, W.M. Crew	N.Z. Trulock	-	R.U. Harden	-
1932	T.J. Mills (9/2/31)	T.J. Burns, B.W. Lasseter, W.M. Crew, J.E. Cobb, Turner Harrell	W.C. Lane	-	-	-
1933	H.F. Smith	W.M. Crew, J.E. Cobb, Turner Harrell, Ben Wright, Ralph McBroom	W.C. Lane	-	-	-
1934	H.F. Smith	M.G. Patterson, M.W. Dykes, B.W. Lasseter, M.W. Dykes, C.C. Jones, J.E. Cobb	G.W. Collins	H.N. Clark, Marshall	-	-
1935	T.J. Mills	M.G. Patterson, G.B. Trulock, Turner Harrell, C.C. Jones, J.E. Cobb	G.W. Collins	H.N. Clark, Marshall	-	-
1936	H.F. Smith elected & Declined T.J. Mills	M.W. Dykes, G.B. Trulock, Turner Harrell, C.C. Jones, J.E. Cobb	G.W. Collins	H.N. Clark, Marshall	-	-
1937	T.J. Mills	M.W. Dykes, G.B. Trulock, Turner Harrell, C.C. Jones, J.E. Cobb	W.M. Crew	H.N. Clark, Marshall	-	-
1938	T.J. Mills	M.W. Dykes, B.B. Connell, Turner Harrell, C.C. Jones, Ralph McBroom	W.M. Crew	-	-	-
1939	W.C. Lane	M.W. Dykes, B.B. Connell, H.F. Smith, C.C. Jones, Ralph McBroom	W.M. Crew	-	-	-
1940	W.C. Lane	M.W. Dykes, G.B. Trulock, Turner Harrell, C.C. Jones, Ralph McBroom	W.M. Crew	-	-	-
1941	W.C. Lane	M.W. Dykes, H.F. Smith, ???	W.M. Crew	-	-	-
1942	pages missing from Minute Book 1942-1948	-	-	-	-	-
1943	-	-	-	-	-	-
1944	-	-	-	-	-	-
1945	-	-	-	-	-	-
1946	M.G. Patterson	-	-	-	-	-
1947	-	-	-	-	-	-
1948	-	-	-	-	-	-
1949	R.E. Clay	J.H. Adams, J.C. Cox, Bill Connell, M.M. Jones, D.L. Tryon	L. Elmer Crew	-	-	-

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1950	M.M. Jones	J.C. Cox, Bill Connell, Luther Harden, W.H. Bell, N.Z. Trulock	L. Elmer Crew	V.S. Nazworth, Policeman & Electrician; H.W. Brinson, Nightwatchman	-	-
1951	Jim T. Harrison	Bill Connell, J.D. Lewis, Luther Harden, N.Z. Trulock, J.C. Cox	Paul G. Christopher	V.S. Nazworth, Policeman & Electrician; H.W. Brinson, Nightwatchman	-	-
1952	B.B. Connell	H.F. Smith, N.Z. Trulock, J.D. Lewis, W.H. Bell, Luther Harden	Paul G. Christopher	-	-	-
1953	B.B. Connell	H.F. Smith, N.Z. Trulock, W.C. Larkin, W.H. Bell, Luther Harden	Paul G. Christopher	Mr. Dennis, Night Police; Mr. Duncan, Day Police	-	-
1954	B.B. Connell-resigned; H.F. Smith	J.H. Autry, Wendell Larkins, J.M. Davis, N.Z. Trulock, Luther Harden	Paul G. Christopher	-	R. A. Bell, City Attorney	-
1955	N. Z. Trulock	Earl D. Crew, Bert R. Wright, J.M. Davis, T.L. Harrell, W.C. Larkin	Paul G. Christopher	Virgil Nazworth; Mr. Dennis, Night P	Clayton R. Baker	-
1956	N. Z. Trulock	Earl D. Crew, Bert R. Wright, J.M. Davis, T.L. Harrell, W.C. Larkin	Paul G. Christopher	Virgil Nazworth; Mr. Dennis, Night P	Clayton R. Baker	-
1957	B.B. Connell	Francis Hester, G.W. Jordan, N.Z. Trulock, C.C. Collins, W.C. Larkins	Paul G. Christopher	Virgil Nazworth; Mr. Dennis, Night P	Clayton R. Baker	-
1958	B.B. Connell	Francis Hester, G.W. Jordan, N.Z. Trulock, C.C. Collins, W.C. Larkins	Paul G. Christopher	Virgil Nazworth; Mr. Dennis, Night P	Clayton R. Baker	-
1959	Francis Hester	J.M. Davis, Luther Harden, C.C. Collins, G.W. Jordan, N.Z. Trulock	Paul G. Christopher	-	Clayton R. Baker	-
1960	Francis Hester	J.M. Davis, Luther Harden, C.C. Collins, G.W. Jordan, N.Z. Trulock	Paul G. Christopher	-	Clayton R. Baker	-
1961	Wendell Larkin	Elmer Crew, J. M. Davis, N. Z. Trulock, B. B. Connell, C. J. Phillips	Paul G. Christopher	-	-	-
1962	Wendell Larkin	Elmer Crew, J. M. Davis, N. Z. Trulock, B. B. Connell, C. J. Phillips	Paul G. Christopher	-	-	-
1963	Wendell Larkin	C.C. Collins, J.M. Davis, A.L. Fowler, Dearl Palmer, J.N. Sherrod	Paul G. Christopher	-	-	-
1964	Wendell Larkin	C.C. Collins, J.M. Davis, A.L. Fowler, Dearl Palmer, J.N. Sherrod	Paul G. Christopher	-	-	-
1965	Ralph Larkin	Dearl Palmer, James, Lovett, Frank Dennis, Hollis Chason, J.M. Davis	Paul G. Christopher	-	-	-
1966	Ralph V. Larkin	Dearl Palmer, James, Lovett, Frank Dennis, Hollis Chason, J.M. Davis	Paul G. Christopher	-	-	-

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1967	Ralph V. Larkin	J.M. Davis, Hollis Chason, Frank Dennis, C.J. Hollingsworth, Dearl Palmer	Paul G. Christopher	-	Willard Chason	-
1968	Ralph V. Larkin	J.M. Davis, Hollis Chason, Frank Dennis, C.J. Hollingsworth, Dearl Palmer	Paul G. Christopher	-	Willard Chason	-
1969	Ralph V. Larkin	W.C. Lane, Jr., W.C. Gibbs, V.S Nazworth, C.J. Hollingsworth, Hollis Chason	Paul G. Christopher	Earl Brinson, Night Policeman	Willard Chason	-
1970	Ralph V. Larkin	W.C. Lane, Jr., W.C. Gibbs, V.S Nazworth, C.J. Hollingsworth, Hollis Chason	Paul G. Christopher, died 6/2/70; Elizabeth Grose	-	Willard Chason	-
1971	Cecil Gibbs	Hollis Chason, Claude Hayes, Sr., Virgil Nazworth, Mary Christopher, Wilson Roberts	Elizabeth Grose	-	Willard Chason	-
1972	Cecil Gibbs	Hollis Chason, Claude Hayes, Sr., Virgil Nazworth, Mary Christopher, Wilson Roberts	Elizabeth Grose	-	Willard Chason	-
1973	Cecil Gibbs	Wilson Roberts, Hollis Chason, Mary Christopher, Virgil Nazworth, Jerry Pritchett	Elizabeth Grose	Clark, Chief of Police	-	-
1974	Cecil Gibbs	Wilson Roberts, Hollis Chason, Mary Christopher, Virgil Nazworth, Jerry Pritchett	Elizabeth Grose	-	-	-
1975	Claude L. Hayes	Thorton King, Jerry Pritchett, Wiilson Roberts, George Trulock, Jr., Donnie Strickland	Elizabeth Grose	Frank Strickland, Fire Chief	-	-
1976	Claude L. Hayes	Thorton King, Jerry Pritchett, Wiilson Roberts, George Trulock, Jr., Donnie Strickland	Elizabeth Grose	-	-	-
1977	Claude L. Hayes	Wilma Brinson, Wilson Roberts, Thornton King, Luther Bray, Don Strickland	Elizabeth Grose	Wayman Walden, Chief of Police	-	-
1978	Claude L. Hayes	Wilma Brinson, Wilson Roberts, Thornton King, Luther Bray, Don Strickland	Elizabeth Grose	-	-	-
1979	Claude L. Hayes	Wilma Brinson, Randy Fowler, Thornton King, Don Strickland, George Trulock	Elizabeth Grose	-	-	-
1980	Claude L. Hayes	Randy Fowler, George Trulock, Wilma Brinson, Thornton King, Don Strickland	Elizabeth Grose	Keith Sandefur, Chief of Police	-	-
1981	Evan Shockley	Randy Fowler, George C. Trulock Jr., Wilma Brinson, Thornton King, Cecil Gibbs, Sr.	Elizabeth Grose	Keith Sandefur, Chief of Police	-	-
1982	Evan Shockley	Randy Fowler, George C. Trulock Jr., Curt VanLandingham, Thornton King, Cecil Gibbs, Sr.	Elizabeth Grose	Keith Sandefur, Chief of Police	Robert Culpepper	-
1983	Evan Shockley	Randy Fowler, George C. Trulock Jr., Curt VanLandingham, Wilma Brinson, Cecil Gibbs, Sr.	Elizabeth Grose	Keith Sandefur, Chief of Police	Gil Murrah	-
1984	Evan Shockley	Randy Fowler, George C. Trulock Jr., Curt VanLandingham, Wilma Brinson, Cecil Gibbs, Sr.	Elizabeth Grose	Keith Sandefur, Chief of Police	Gil Murrah	-

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1985	Evan Shockley	Wilma Brinson, Verla Pritchett, Ruth Harden, Cecil Gibbs, Sr., Randy Fowler	Elizabeth Grose	Keith Sandefur, Chief of Police	Gil Murrah	-
1986	Evan Shockley	Wilma Brinson, Verla Pritchett, Ruth Harden, Cecil Gibbs, Sr., Randy Fowler	Elizabeth Grose	-	-	-
1987	Evan Shockley	Wilma Brinson, Ruth Harden, Daniel Marshall, Greg VanLandingham, George C. Trulock	Elizabeth Grose	-	-	-
1988	Evan Shockley	Ruth Harden, Wilma Brinson, Daniel Marshall, George Trulock	Elizabeth Grose	-	-	-
1989	Evan Shockley	George Trulock, Wilma Brinson, Ruth harden, Verla Pritchett, Charles Whatley (resigned 9/25/84 moved out of area)	Elizabeth Grose	Ron McMillan, Chief	James Brim, Robert Richardson, Jr.	-
1990	Claude L. Hayes	Ruth Harden, Wilma Brinson, Daniel Marshall, George Trulock, Verla Pritchett	Elizabeth Grose	-	-	-
1991	George C. Trulock	Daniel Marshall, Charles Maloy, Evan Shockley, Verla Pritchett, H. N. Clark	Elizabeth Grose, retired 5/30/91; Lisa Calhoun	Ron McMillan, Chief of Police	Bill Bass	-
1992	George C. Trulock	Daniel Marshall, Charles Maloy, Evan Shockley, Verla Pritchett, Todd Gainous	Lisa Calhoun	Ron McMillan, Chief of Police	Kevin Chason	-
1993	George C. Trulock	Daniel Marshall, Evan Shockley, Verla Pritchett, Todd Gainous, Gainous	Lisa Calhoun	Ron McMillan, Chief of Police	Kevin Chason	-
1994	George C. Trulock	Lloyd Bagget, Todd Gainous, Daniel Marshll, Verla, Pritchett, Jim Sellers	Lisa Calhoun	Ron McMillan, Chief of Police; Scott Newberry, Fire Chief	Kevin Chason	-
1995	George C. Trulock	Lloyd Bagget, Todd Gainous, Daniel Marshll, Verla Pritchett, Jim Sellers	Lisa Calhoun	Ron McMillan, Chief of Police	Kevin Chason	-
1996	Evan Shockley	Lloyd Bagget, Todd Gainous, Daniel Marshll, Keith Sandefur, Jim Sellers	Lisa Calhoun	Ron McMillan, Chief of Police	Kevin Chason	-
1997	Evan Shockley	Todd Gainous, C. J. Henry, Jimmie Laing, Daniel Marshall, Jim Sellers	Lisa Calhoun	Ron McMillan, Chief of Police	Kevin Chason	-
1998	Clara Roberts	Todd Gainous, Jimmy Laing, Donald Baggett, Lafayette Henderson, Don Strickland	Lisa Calhoun, 6/98	Tony Black, Chief of Police	Josh Bell	-
1999	Clara Roberts	Todd Gainous, Jimmie Laing, Michael Strickland, Don Bassett, Lafayette Henderson	Tammy Harrell	Tony Black, Chief of Police	-	-
2000	Denzil Parsons, retired 4/21/00; Terry Parker	Terry parker, D. Michael Strickland, Danny Harris, Sr., Daniel Marshall, Jimmie Laing (5/2/00)	Tammy Harrell	Tony Black, Chief of Police	-	-
2001	Terry L. Parker	George Trulock, Daniel Marshall, Danny Harris, Don M. Strickland, Jr., Jimmie Laing	Anita Kay Hash	Tony Black, Chief of Police	-	-

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2002	Terry L. Parker	Jimmie Laing, Don M. Strickland, Jr., Katherine Young, Bonnie Parker, George Trulock	Anita Kay Hash	Tony Black, Chief of Police	Kevin Cauley	Josh Bell
2003	Terry L. Parker	Don M. Strickland, Jr., Katherine Young, Jimmie Laing, Bonnie Parker, George Trulock	Anita Kay Hash	Tony Black, Chief of Police	Kevin Cauley	Josh Bell
2004	M. Todd Gainous	Melanie Clark, Carole Booth, Jimmie Laing, Jim Sellers, Don M. Strickland, Jr.	Anita Kay Hash, 6/2/04; Lisa Calhoun	Tony Black, Chief of Police	Kevin Cauley	Josh Bell
2005	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whigham Charter 1896, p. 261. Amended 1897, p. 363. 1905, p.1233. 1907, p.970. 1922, p. 1114. 1927, p. 1704. 1929, p. 1471. Repealed 1953, p. 2413. Charter 1953, p.						
City Court of Whigham -Ga. L, 1906, p.371-Ga. L, 1933, p. 382-						

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# A Bill

To be entitled  
An Act to

change the line  
between the counties  
of Decatur &  
Thomas in this  
State

Introduced

Read 1<sup>st</sup> time Jan 15 1876

" 2<sup>nd</sup> " Jan 18 1876

" 3<sup>rd</sup> " Feb 4 1876

Carry over

At next sess

Read 1<sup>st</sup> time

Read 2<sup>nd</sup> time

Read 3<sup>rd</sup> time

Admiral

S. Thomas

A Bill  
to be entitled an act to change the  
line between the Counties of Decatur  
& Thomas in this State

Section 1<sup>st</sup>. Be it enacted  
by the General Assembly of Georgia,  
That it is hereby enacted by authority  
of the same, That from and after  
the passage of this Act, the existing  
County line between the Counties of  
Decatur and Thomas be changed as  
follows: The dividing line between  
said Counties to commence at the  
Northwest Corner of Lot of Land num-  
ber 347 in the 16<sup>th</sup> District of Decatur  
County, and to run thence due South  
to the District line between the 16<sup>th</sup>  
and 19<sup>th</sup> Districts of said County, then  
South across said 19<sup>th</sup> District of  
Decatur, to the Ocklawaha river

Section 2<sup>nd</sup> Be it further enact-  
ed by the authority aforesaid, That  
all laws and parts of laws in con-  
flict with this act be, & the same are  
hereby repealed

May 1967

The following are a few facts regarding Whigham as told to me. I was unable to get these people to talk directly on tape.

Mrs. Aileen Mills Alexander.

I talked with Mrs. Aileen Mills Alexander, age 74, a native of Grady County and the daughter of Iola Ruth Clayton and Thomas Jefferson Mills, who were both born in what is now Grady County. Mrs. Alexander lives in the house, the original part of which was built by her grandfather Mills. It has been added to and repaired several times since then. The house is nearly 100 years old and the sills are hand hewn. Mrs. Alexander worked in the post office in Whigham 29 years before retiring several years ago.

She states there was originally in Whigham a one-story wooden school building, later a two-story wooden structure which burned. Then a two-story brick building was built on the same site, which was across the road and north of the railroad depot. This brick building burned one week after Pearl Harbor. The present school plant was erected at a different location. Her first teacher in the old wooden building was Miss Lizzie Stott (formerly McElvey).

She remembers when as a child there were several doctors and dentists in Whigham. Dr. McElvey and Jones, M.D.'s; Dr. Collins and Graham, Dentists.

The first newspaper Whigham had was the Whigham Journal, owned by a Mr. McGinty. Mr. McGinty sold out to the Bainbridge Searchlight, but a group of local citizens bought the machinery from them and started the Whigham News. This paper was started in early 1910. Mrs. Alexander's husband was editor and Mr. J. O. Williams was Secretary and Treasurer. This paper was in existence a little over a year. She gave me a copy of the Whigham News, which is on file at the library. There has been no paper in Whigham since that time.

Mrs. Alexander told me her father and Mr. Walter Quinn built a two story brick building in Whigham in 1904 and her father had an insurance business there. He also farmed and later built other buildings which he rented. Whigham was a thriving community and as large as Cairo until the county seat was established in Cairo. After a few years it then began to lose its growth.

(It has seemed to me after talking with people in Whigham, although no one has directly stated so, that this one thing caused a coolness in the relationship between the people of Cairo and Whigham which is even felt to some extent today - 60 years later)



Mrs. M. G. Patterson.

Also talked with Mrs. M. G. Patterson, age 89, who came to Grady County as a bride in 1910. Her husband and his father were in the turpentine business and they lived near the still, outside of Whigham, for about five years before moving to Whigham proper. They bought the home formerly built and owned by Dr. M. M. McCord and she still lives there.

Mrs. Patterson states when she first came to Whigham it was a thriving community with every business house occupied. Col. R. R. Terrell, lawyer and first representative lived there. There were four doctors there at one time: M. M. McCord, J. F. Webb, L. E. Brauner and a Dr. Daniels. Dr. G. W. Collins was dentist.

Mrs. Patterson taught first grade in the old two story brick school for a number of years.

She states that she she has heard, at one time there was a saloon in Whigham which was called The Dispensary, and from some of the proceeds from the sale of whiskey the children were given free music lessons.

During 1916 or 1917 there was an influx of people, probably about 40 families, to Whigham from Alabama. These families settled in and around Whigham. They were mostly farmers. She did not know why they came except they were hunting better farm land and possibly through the influence of a Rev. Jowers. Rev. Jowers came from Alabama at the request of Elder Hollingsworth of Trinity Church to take over that church. Some of the families she remembers who came were: Crews, Hardens, Jowers & Newberrys.

Mr. Alvin Tippet.

I later talked to Mr. Tippet, whose family was among the ones who came from Alabama. He states there were 35 families in all. The men and older boys came in wagons and brought the furniture & supplies, while the women and small children came by train. The first night in Whigham the men stayed in an old vacant house just back of the business section on the Calvary road. He believes that originally two men, Will Foster and Rufe Thomas came ~~first~~ and bought land and went back and told the others. They were all looking for better land than the poor land they were farming in Alabama. He remembers some of the families being: Crews, Millers, Newberrys, Hardens, Waldrops and Tippetts.

He had also heard of The Dispensary. He was told money from the sale of whiskey was used to finance light and water system in Whigham.

Mr. Tippet left Whigham after World War II, in which he served, but has returned there and now operates Al's Coffee Shop.

Mrs. Lilla Prewatt (Poppell) Duncan.

Mrs. Duncan, age 89, was contacted by me at her home in Climax. She is a native of Grady County but lives with relatives at the present time.

She states she went to Punker Hill School, northwest of Whigham. This was a one room log cabin and the teacher was named Hudson.

She states she remembers very well an old negro named Ben Corker, who was given to her grandmother, when a little boy, as a slave.

She remembers going to "the bay, which we surmised was near Shell Point, in a covered wagon for fish.

She never knew much about the town of Whigham itself in the early days - as she states only the men went to town in those days.

*Mrs. Lilla Prewatt (Poppell) Duncan*

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1867

Archd. S. Curry  
 J. L. McClellan  
 Susan Curry } Appraisers

Account Sales of Land belonging to Estate of  
 John Whigham, decd - Sold 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in Decr  
 1866 - Terms  $\frac{1}{3}$  cash -  $\frac{2}{3}$  Decr 20<sup>th</sup> 1867 secured  
 by Mortgage -

Lot 8, 9, 10, 80 & 81 - 1199 acres at  $\$14$  <sup>50</sup>  
 per acre Sold to W. W. & J. H. Havell \$17,805.15  
 Lot 94 - 16000 acres to J. M. Whigham \$412.50  
 \$18,217.65

R. E. Whigham  
 Adm'r

Acct Sales of Land belonging to Estate of James M.  
 McKain, decd - Sold 1<sup>st</sup> Tues in Jan'y 1867 - Terms  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  cash - bal Decr 20<sup>th</sup> 1867

$\frac{1}{2}$  Lot 10 & 14 - 16000 acres to Alex. Pope \$320.00  
 R. E. Whigham  
 Adm'r

Acct Sales of Land belonging to the Est of St. G.  
 Blount, decd - Sold July 5<sup>th</sup> 1867 Terms  $\frac{1}{3}$  cash  
 $\frac{2}{3}$  Credit till Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 1868 without interest

Lot 52 - 10000 acres to J. D. Bortwell \$201.00  
 R. S. Parker  
 Adm'r

Sales- Appraisments

Division of Estates

Book F

Georgia  
Quater County } To the Clerk  
of the Superior  
Court of said County  
Henry Culppeper of the  
694<sup>th</sup> district G. M. told  
before me as an Estray taken  
up upon the freehold of  
him the said Henry Culp-  
peper in said County  
and district a Cow  
marked with a Crook  
and two splits in the  
right ear and an over-  
square in the left no  
artificial brand discover-  
ed color of her body white  
with black pides. Her  
her head and neck black  
and has a calf. She

is supposed to be five or  
six years old and ap-  
praised by Hiram King  
a freeholder of said County  
and district to be worth  
ten Dollars including  
her calf - Given under  
my hand and official  
signature this 24<sup>th</sup>  
1859 - William Cluster J.P.

Recd from William Clus-  
ter eight  $7\frac{5}{100}$  Dollars  
The amt left for which  
the within named Estray  
Cow & calf sold after pay-  
ing all cost except the  
seller's cost this March 27<sup>th</sup>  
1860 - Luke Martin C.M. J.C.

Estrey Book

March 1828 - June 1867

Personally came before me the undersigned  
a Justice of the Peace for Thomas County

Joseph Bryan and John Stewart two Justices  
sworn and being duly sworn according to  
Law, valued and then appraised the before  
described cattle, as follows. To wit head

70 1 Cow and calf	\$ 10. 00
70 1 Red Cow and yearling	10 00
70 1 Brown Cow and yearling	8 00
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	28 00

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of } John Stewart  
October 1828 } Joseph Bryan  
Hardy Bryan J.P. }

Entered this 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1828 By  
Malcom Ferguson C.P.

Georgia } I do certify that John Doney of  
Thomas } Capt. Blackshear's District  
County } after taking the usual oath  
according to Law stated before me two  
stray oxen of the following description  
Wit One Red steer with some white markings  
on the rump bone. The other one is red on  
both sides, on the back and his belly is  
inclined to be a mixture of Deer colour  
, marked across and split in one ear, the  
flow fork, upper and under but in the  
other. Brand old shag P on the hump,  
with the letter A on each horn  
and appraised by Thomas Doney and  
Archibald McEllan at = \$75

Mark of  
J B Lynn (Pine-hill)  
Crop split in the right  
Ear Under Square and Two  
over bits in the Left Ear.  
Brand Drains this  
Recorded March 1<sup>st</sup> 1907  
J B Maxwell Ordinary

Mark of  
P L Morris (Brinson)  
Two splits in the right Ear  
and under bit in the left  
Ear.  
Recorded May 25<sup>th</sup> 1907  
J B Maxwell Ordinary

Mark of  
J L Brock (Peach-Dist)  
Mark Over square and split  
in Ear and Two under bits  
in the Other.  
Brand JL On the hip.  
Recorded June 5<sup>th</sup> 1907  
J B Maxwell  
Ordinary.

Mark & Brand  
of J. F. Watcher  
Mark of Brinson Dist  
Crop split & under  
& over bits, both  
ears the same.  
Brand H Entailed  
for F. H.  
Recorded July 3<sup>rd</sup> 07  
J. B. Maxwell  
Ordinary.

Mark and Brand  
Aaron Butler (E. near  
Eldorado)  
Mark & Crop over bit and  
under bit in one Ear several  
Hoops in the Other  
Brand AB  
Recorded July 31<sup>st</sup> 1907  
J B Maxwell  
Ordinary

Mark of  
George A Adkins C. (Eldorado)  
Smooth Cr of and two splits in  
the right Ear. Under slope  
in the Left Ear.  
(Hogs & Cattle marked the same)  
Recorded Aug 12 1907  
J B Maxwell  
Ordinary



Record of B  
Marks & Brands

From June 1878  
Decatur County

An Act to lay out and organize a new county from the county of Decatur, to attach the same to a Judicial, Congressional, and Senatorial district, and for other purposes therein specified.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and immediately after the passage of this Act a new county shall be, and the same is hereby laid out from the county of Decatur, as follows: Beginning at that point where the Okechobee River crosses the Florida line in the twenty third district of Decatur County, from thence running west on said Florida line to the Atapulgus Creek, and thence up said creek until the west line of the nineteenth district of Decatur County is reached, following up the said district line north until the south west corner of the sixteenth district of Decatur County is reached, and thence following the west line of the said sixteenth district north

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to the Mitchell County line, and thence following said Mitchell County line east to the Thomas County line, thence following said Thomas County line south to the Oclockonee River, thence down the Oclockonee River to the starting point, and that the territory thus included shall form a new county, to be called the County of Hardee, and that the same shall be attached to the judicial circuit, and Congressional and Senatorial district, to which said territory now belongs?

Section 2. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the county site and location of <sup>the</sup> public buildings shall be in the town of Whigham.

Section 3. Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the qualified voters within said new county shall, on the first Wednesday in April next, at the several election precincts now established by law, and which are included within said new county, proceed pursuant to the

1882/00/00 1881-1882 Ga State Gazetteer and Business Directory rsj dtd 12/4/1967 Whigham The earliest printed record giving general information about Whigham is found on page 515 ..., a copy in Dept of Archives and History in Atlanta. That article was written in 1882 and stated that Whigham was then "known as Harrell". That was the year after the name of the post office was changed. The village then claimed a population of 225 but the 1880 Federal census (the first made) recorded only 144. The place was listed as being on the SF&W RR 15 miles from Bainbridge and 21 from Thomasville. James C. Braswell was listed as postmaster and there was daily mail service. There was Western Union telegraph office (in the depot) and a Southern Express Company agency. There were Methodist and Baptist churches and a common school. Tired and Wolf creeks furnished power for a saw mill and grist mill, and H. C. Carter was named as a miller. Cotton and navel stores were the principal shipments. H. Mack was listed as a carriage maker, and Waldron Green was Justice of the Peace. Dr. G. M. Jones and Dr. H. L. McElroy were practicing physicians. there were five general stores, listed under the names of W. A. Davis, T. A. Lasseter, J. Martin & Son, A. L. Maxwell, and G. B. Trulock.

1868-1872 Grose Whigham deeds read Harrell. after 1872 "The Town of Whigham (formerly the town of Harrell)"

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1868/05/21 Mail Samantha A. Whitfield PM, Harrell PO

1868 Grose Whigham surnames during early growth. Harrell, Bell, Whigham, Mills, Quinn, Peebles, Trulock, Maxwell, Swicord, Foster, McElvy

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1868 Grose Whigham Whigham was surveyed and laid out in blocks

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1868 Grose Whigham Estate of THomas Whigham settled by his son Robert E. Whigham. Lots 8, 9, 10, 30, 31 sold to W. W. Harrell and John T. Harrell (less 51 acres in SW corner of Lot 31 sold to Edmund Davis).

## HISTORY OF WHIGHAM

Georgia is unique in that no other state granted its land in the same manner. The State of Georgia was one of the thirteen colonies and as such did not contain any of the Federal or Public Land Survey or Homesteads.

The first system for settling the undeveloped areas of the state was the headright system. This name is derived from a specific act passed by the legislature in 1780, "an act for opening a land office and for the better settling and strengthening the state." Each man would be entitled to 200 acres as his own head-right, plus an additional 50 acres for his wife and each slave, not to exceed 1000 acres. This method proved unsatisfactory because very little surveying was done and there were many disputes over boundary lines.

The Act of 1785 by the legislature set the machinery in motion for the six land lotteries held in the state, namely in 1805, 1807, 1820, 1821, 1827, and 1832.

When the first Indian Cession west of the Oconee River took place in 1802, the land was surveyed into numbered land districts, and the districts further surveyed into numbered land lots. Citizens of Georgia who qualified under the provisions of the act registered in their respective counties for the purpose of drawing the numbered land lots. Names of registrants and the lot numbers were taken to the capitol and placed in separate drums, from which appointed commissioners drew simultaneously. Since the names of those seeking land far exceeded the number of lots to be granted, some blank slips were placed in the second drum, which meant that not all citizens were fortunate drawers. The fortunate ones were given plots and grants signed by the governor and having the seal of the State of Georgia attached.

In 1820 Land Lottery is the drawing with which we are concerned here tonight. This lottery settled the original counties of Appling, Irwin, Early, Walton, Gwinett, Habersham, Hall, and Rabun. In 1820 Grady County and Whigham were a part of Early County. Early County was surveyed into 26 districts: 1 through 23, and 26 through 28. Whigham lies in the 19th district of the Early County survey. There were 400 lots in all, each containing 250 acres. One hundred lots of the 19th District now lie in Decatur County.

The City of Whigham is situated in District 19 on Lots 30 and 31, and a very small portion of Lots 10 and 11. Lot No. 11 was drawn in the 1820 lottery by Benjamin Liles of Wayne County, but there is no record that Lot No. 10 was drawn at this time. Lot No. 30 was drawn by John McCall of Effingham County, while Lot No. 31 went to Francis Valetton of Burke County. Merely to show the value of money in that period of our history, Lot No. 31 was sold by Francis Valetton to Samuel Larsens five years later (in 1825) for the sum of \$24.00.

The records show that by 1838 Thomas Whigham of Decatur County had acquired all of the land in Lots 8, 9, 10, 30, and 31. From 1838 to 1863 this land did not change owners, and **in 1863 Thomas Whigham sued the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad for damages done to Lots 30 and 31.** Since the railroad had not been completed through the area at that time, we can only assume that this damage was done in construction, by survey crews, or in the clearing of right-of-ways. Thomas Whigham died between 1863 and 1868, the latter being the year his estate was settled by his son, Robert E. Whigham. The estate consisted of all five lots (8, 9, 10, 30, and 31), a total of 1250 acres. The deed called for 1250 less 51 acres in the southwest corner of Lot No. 31 which had previously been sold to Edmund Davis. The highest bidders for the remaining 1199 acres were W. W. Harrell and John T. Harrell. The price paid for the 1199 acres was \$11,805.15, or a fraction less than \$10.00 per acre. In November 1867, the two Harrell men sold ten acres of land in Lots 30 and 31 to the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad for the sum of \$1.00.

In 1868 the present town of Whigham was surveyed and laid out in blocks. The streets were named and the town was called Harrell. Even prior to the survey, however, there was a community of some extent on the site, as reflected in deeds in Decatur County. Records reveal the sale of land located at the fork of two branches (presently known as McElvy and schoolhouse Branches) and next to the Tan Yard, (Webster defines a tanyard as "that part of a tannery that houses the tanning vats.") Also sold was a lot

of land on which was situated the Davis Hotel. These particular sales were part of the 51 acre tract owned by Edmund Davis when the estate of Thomas Whigham was sold.

Before there was rail service, the town was served with mail and passenger service by the Stage Line on the old Thomasville-Bainbridge Road. According to records in the National Archives in Washington, the first post office was established in Harrell, Georgia, on May 26, 1868, with Samantha J. Whitfield as the first postmistress. George Blount was appointed postmaster on April 7, 1880, about the time the U.S. Postal Service made the name change from Harrell, Ga., to Whigham, Ga. In August of 1897, Walter Quinn was named postmaster.

After the survey of Harrell the deeds reflect that the business area grew from the railroad site up McGriff and Depot Streets toward Broad Street. From the years 1868 to 1872, the town grew and prospered, and all the deeds in this period referred to the town as Harrell. Then without any apparent reason the deeds suddenly read thereafter "The Town of Whigham (formerly the town of Harrell)". Some of the familiar surnames in Whigham during this period of its growth were: Harrell, Bell, Whigham, Mills, Quinn, Peebles, Trulock, Maxwell, Swicord, Foster, and McElvy.

The town of Whigham was incorporated in 1888, and on December 23, 1896, the first charter was approved by the legislature. The mayor at this time was Arch Harrell; the councilmen (of whom there were three) were J. P. Chapman, G. W. Clark, and D. L. McNair; and the clerk was J. O. Harrell. Like all other charters it spelled out rules and regulations for the governing of the town. A mayor and five aldermen would be elected on the first Tuesday in January, 1897, and every year thereafter on the first Tuesday of each year elections would be held. The charter granted corporate authority to the town of Whigham to provide for a mayor and council, and other officers of said town; to authorize the officers and corporate authorities of the said town to exercise such powers and do such things as may be necessary or proper for the best interest, benefit, peace, good order, health, and general welfare of the town and the inhabitants; to confer other and additional powers and authority of the town to pass rules, by-laws and ordinances for the government of the said town; to authorize punishment for any violation of said rules, by-laws and ordinances; and to act for various other purposes, including a public school system.

The charter was amended in 1905 to read that the town would own, manage and operate a dispensary for the purpose of dispensing by sale any and all alcoholic, malt, spirituous, and intoxicating liquors of whatever kind. The mayor and council would have full authority over the operation, and not less than one-fourth nor more than one-half of the net profits of the said dispensary would be appropriated to the public schools of the town. The balance of the proceeds of the dispensary helped to build the first water system in Whigham.

At this time John R. Singletary served as representative from Thomas County in Atlanta, for Grady County had not yet been born. After much work by Mr. Singletary and R. R. Terrell of Whigham, a bill was passed and signed by the governor on August 17, 1905, creating Grady County from portions of Thomas and Decatur Counties. The change became effective January 1, 1906. The first grand jury was drawn January 24, 1906, with the following men from Whigham serving: Zimmerman Trulock, T. O. Duggar, J. L. Peebles, and T. J. Mills. As a result of the first primary election in the county, held April 13, 1906, R. R. Terrell of Whigham was the first representative to go to the Capitol from Grady County. Whigham precinct voters number 145, and the first county commissioner from Whigham was J. L. Peebles.

Much bitterness was aroused when a location was sought for the county seat, because Whigham, which was larger and had more trade than Cairo at that time, felt that she should be chosen. Such was not the case, and many reasons have been given, ranging from politics to money to apathy.

Whigham continued to grow during this period and was a prosperous trade center and fine farming area. There were drygoods stores, hotels, livery stables, a bank, and many other flourishing businesses. Several doctors, lawyers, and a dentist practiced here.

The year 1913 saw a fire on Broad Street that destroyed Harrell Drugstore, J. P. Chapman Hardware, and Swicord Millinery Shop. These stores were located on the south side of Broad Street from



McGriff to the middle of the block. Fortunately the fire was contained before the old City Hall building was damaged. These buildings were owned by J. E. Cobb and T. J. Mills. The fire occurred June 9, 1913, and by August these buildings had been replaced and subsequently housed the Dixie Drugstore, J. P. Chapman Hardware, and Lena Belcher Millinery Shop.

Other happenings in Whigham in 1913, according to the Cairo Messenger, included the retirement of Walter Quinn as postmaster after sixteen years of service, and the appointment of Ben Parker in his place. Hawthorn Brickyard set up operations, the telephone company changed ownership and began expansion, and J. O. Williams and J. H. Autrey constructed buildings on Broad Street for Williams Jewelers and Autrey Shoe Store. G. P. Brownlee started a pecan nursery in the area. The bank of Whigham opened a branch bank in Attapulcus and the first week's deposits totaled more than \$2000. Turner Harrell bought the barber shop that same year, and we are happy to report tonight that Mr. Harrell still operates a barber shop in Whigham. The paper reported that the grist mill was running night and day, and that the cotton price in Whigham was the same as on the Savannah market.

On the 15th of July, 1913, the voters of the town went to the polls and approved bonds to be issued for the improvement of the water works, and to erect, establish, and equip an electric light plant. Whigham is one of only fifty cities in the state which own their own utility system. Much credit should be given here to the past mayors and councilmen who had the foresight not to sell the utility system to Georgia Power Company. The system has provided much revenue for the city and kept property taxes down to a minimum.

Getting back to 1913, the Boyd Lumber Company located two miles west of Whigham, building sixty houses and the Piney Woods Hotel. This was almost a community within itself, as the people were provided with a commissary for their needs. Soon after its beginning, the settlement was called Boydville, and the name remains until today.

Whigham had its own Wessie Connell in the person of Miss Dolly Waldon, whose love and devotion to her community is clearly revealed in the articles she wrote from Whigham for the Cairo Messenger. Had there been a John Cotton Dana Award in those days, she would surely have been recipient. Her last column appeared in the Messenger in November of 1913. After that it was many years before the news of Whigham was again covered by the Messenger.

From 1913 to 1918 there was an exodus of families from Alabama to our area, the greatest reason for the migration being the devastation dealt to King Cotton by the boll weevil in Alabama. To name only a few of the families, the Tippetts, Crews, Jowers, Fosters, Newberries, and Gillespies purchased land and settled in and around Whigham.

The year 1929 brought the Great Depression, which paralyzed the town of Whigham along with the rest of the nation. Growth stopped, and people were fortunate if they were able to hold on to their land and homes. The Federal government created jobs through the agencies of WPA, CCC, and NRA, and it was this money placed in the economy that extended the paving of Highway 84 through the town in the early thirties. By this time transportation had improved and many of our young people left the area to seek employment elsewhere. Our population decreased, many businesses closed, and property sales were at a standstill. Money was in very short supply because many people had lost their life savings with the closing of the nation's banks. We were fortunate in this area to live in a farming section where we could raise enough food for our families. World War II saw another draining away of the young men of the community, many of whom settled afterward in other places. The business area began to run down, the buildings started to deteriorate, and the majority of the residents were the elderly.

During the sixties, however, signs of returning vigor began to show up, and in the early seventies, some young people started returning to their hometown after college to go into business for themselves. They bought property on which to build homes and rear their families.

The Whigham Community Club, organized in 1947, has been responsible for much of the new growth in the town by seeking to bring in new industries. April of 1974 saw the opening of Moreland

Enterprises, a clothing factory that will employ 52 persons. Fourteen new brick homes and fourteen frame houses have been built in Whigham in the past three years. The city purchased the old bank building from Stokes 1~ennemur and moved the City Hall across the street. The council voted in February of this year to purchase a new fire truck to be delivered in May. At present the city is working on a grant from the federal government to install a sewerage system. Whigham is once more on the move.

Over the past few years, the people of Whigham have rightly acquired a reputation for political awareness, and within the past decade by working together have managed to forestall the closing of the railway depot, the removal of the bank, and the consolidation of the high school.

While we have dealt mainly with the city and its residents, we realize that for a community to grow and prosper it takes the support of the people in the surrounding area. We are keenly aware of their support today and throughout the years. We have had much help from all of them in gathering this brief history of Whigham to share with you tonight.

The above information was given at the  
Historical Society Meeting April 16, 1974  
by Mrs. Elizabeth Grose.



# WHIGHAM



Whigham was chartered as a town by the Georgia General Assembly just before Christmas on December 23, 1896, and received a sudden promotion to a city on December 11, 1953.

But even before the declaration by the General Assembly and before any promotions, it all started as a place on the old Atlantic & Gulf Railroad and was known as Harrell's Station.

It became a station when the railroad tracks were extended from Thomasville to Bainbridge. The first train whistled through in late 1867, and Whigham became a station because it was a policy of the Atlantic & Gulf Railroad to establish "stations" about every seven miles along their lines.

Along with the birth of Whigham, two other stations came into being at the same time because of the policy of the railroad—the Hub, which later became Pine Park, and Climax, which apparently started out as Climax.

Streets in the "Station", "Town", "City" of Whigham were first laid out and named in 1868. Surveyors cut their way through the pines and timber and created city blocks where cattle and pigs roamed at will, and continued to roam at will for some time.

Probably the name "Harrell's Station" was selected because at the time that the railroad came through, John and W. W. Harrell, pioneer settlers, deeded the railroad 10 acres of land for a depot adjacent to the railroad and just west of where McGriff Street crosses the railroad.

According to Louis A. Powell, manager of the Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce, Whigham Baptist Church is closely tied into Whigham history.

It is believed that the first sermon ever preached in Whigham was delivered by the Rev. Joshua Martin when he sought and received permission from the Atlantic & Gulf Railroad to build a church on the northeast corner of the depot lot.

Rev. Martin built much of the church himself, and must have been a busy man since he lived in Bainbridge and became the Whig-

ham agent for the railroad.

Whigham Methodist Church was established at almost the same time as the "depot" church, according to notes made in a history of Whigham by Judge T. J. Mills. This church was established in 1869 and remains at the same location. Judge Mills' history reinforces many of the facts about the establishment of the Whigham Baptist Church also.

The area in which Whigham now stands was formerly a part of Decatur County. It became a part of Grady County when Grady came into being on January 1, 1906.

According to all accounts, Whigham grew rapidly after being laid out in blocks, and boasted as its main industry the preparation of lumber by three sawmills. Also according to reports by pioneer settlers, Whigham was a lively place on Saturday nights after the mills closed and workers had their paychecks in hand.

A source we cannot quote states that Whigham not only had three sawmills during this time, but also had about three saloons, which he (the source), credits with much of the liveliness on Saturday nights.

Whigham grew rapidly just after the War Between the States, but with the coming of the Great Depression, it languished as did most small towns in the south. The sawmills closed down or moved away and the gins and produce buyers thinned out as the depression crunched onward.

But a letter from a daughter of one of the first postmasters to the president of Whigham Community Club, says that she believes, after coming down and looking around, that the old "Station" is getting new life kicked into it by the Whigham Community Club and other interested citizens.

And perhaps she is right. No longer do empty houses stand idly waiting for a tenant because there are no empty ones now, and at least a dozen new ones have been built within the past twelve months.

And perhaps things are better. At least, now the churches outnumber the saloons, three to 0.



## City of Whigham

Charter 1896, p. 261. Amended 1897, p. 363. 1905, p.1233. 1907, p.970. 1922, p. 1114. 1927, p. 1704. 1929, p. 1471. Repealed 1953, p. 2413. Charter 1953, p. 2413. Charter 1984, p. 5152. Amended 1990, p. 4931

	Mayor	Aldermen / Councilmen	Clerk & Treasurer	Marshall / Policeman	City Attorney	City Court of Whigham -Ga. L., 1906, p.371-Ga. L., 1933 p. 382-
1888						
1889						
1890						
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1895						
1896	Arch Harrell	J. P. Chapman, G. W. Clark, D. L. McNair	J. O. Harrell			
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1906	A. Harrell					
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	Mayor	Aldermen / Councilmen	Clerk & Treasurer	Marshall / Policeman	City Attorney	City Court of Whigham -Ga. L., 1908, p.371-Ga. L., 1933, p. 382.
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1922	N. Z. Trulock					
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	Mayor	Aldermen / Councilmen	Clerk & Treasurer	Marshall / Policeman	City Attorney	City Court of Whigham -Ga. L., 1908, p.371-Ga. L., 1933, p. 382.
1946	M.G. Patterson					
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1961	Wendell Larkin	Elmer Crew, J. M. Davis, N. Z. Trulock, B. B. Connell, C. J. Phillips				
1962	Wendell Larkin					
1963						
1964						
1965	Ralph Larkin					
1966	Ralph V. Larkin					
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	Mayor	Aldermen / Councilmen	Clerk & Treasurer	Marshall / Policeman	City Attorney	City Court of Whigham -Ga. L. 1906, p.371-Ga. L. 1933 p. 382-
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## Whigham Notes

1820 Lottery-verify spelling, names, dates, etc.

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19-011	Lilis	Benjamin	Glynn		Dec 13, 1831	
19-030	McCall	John (RS)	Effingham		Apr 9, 1842	Tho Whigham
19-031	Voleton	Francis	Burke	Dye's	Mar 10, 1825	

What happened with LL 10 & 100? Don't think with have.

Thomas Whigham purchases for LL 8, 9, 10, 30, 31

1863 Thomas Whigham sued the A&G for damages. Source?

1863-1868 property transactions? 1868 Estate of Thomas Whigham settled.

1868 A&G RR purchased 10 acres of LL 30 & 31 from W. W. Harrell and John T. Harrell

1868 Town of Whigham surveyed and laid out. Map?

1888 Town of Whigham incorporated

1896 Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> first charter

1905 R. R. Terrell, Whigham representation in Grady creation

1907 location of county seat

1912 migration of families from Alabama

1913 Boydville

1931 Rt. 38 Missing Link May Be Paved Soon

### Post Office records

Harrell	Samantha A. Whitfield	May-21	1868
Harrell		May-26	1868 Established
Harrell	Ferdinand N. Lohnstein	Aug-25	1869
Harrell	John D Wooten	Feb-06	1871
Harrell	John C. Blount	May-26	1871
Harrell	John S. Bird	Oct-31	1871
Harrell	Thomas J. Benton	Jan-05	1874
Harrell	John D. Williams	May-20	1874
Harrell	Davis W. Guilford	Jan-19	1875
Harrell	George W. Blount	Aug-25	1879
Harrell		Apr-07	1880 Name changed to Whigham
Whigham		Apr-07	1880 Name changed from Harrell
Whigham	George W. Blount	Apr-07	1880 19D; 16m E of Flint, 3m W of Wolf C, 11m N of Calvary, 17m N of Concord, 15m E of Bainbridge, 7m E of Climax, 7m W of Cairo
Whigham	James C. Braswell	Feb-21	1881
Whigham	Missouri B. Martin	Apr-02	1883
Whigham	Lee Roy Harrell	Jun-03	1886
Harrell		Nov-11	1886 Discontinued, mail to Apex?
Whigham		Nov-11	1886 Discontinued
Harrell		Mar-26	1887 Re-established
Harrell	Malcombe M. Lodge	Mar-26	1887
Whigham		Mar-26	1887 Established
Harrell		Dec-13	1888 Discontinued, mail to Bainbridge
Whigham	Gussie G. Lodge	Jan-06	1890
Whigham	James Bell	Feb-27	1890
Whigham	Emery Lasseter	Sep-09	1893
Whigham	Walter M. Quinn	Aug-06	1897
Whigham		Nov-02	1905 County changed
Whigham	Walter M. Quinn	Oct-01	1907 Pres.
Whigham	Walter M. Quinn	Jan-27	1909
Whigham	B. A. Parker	May-29	1913
Whigham	B. A. Parker	Aug-07	1917
Whigham	George W. Jordan	May-23	1922
Whigham	George W. Jordan	17-May	1926
Whigham	George W. Jordan	28-Apr	1930
Whigham	Dewitt P. Trulock	Jul-13	1934
Whigham	Dewitt P. Trulock	Jul-01	1938
Whigham	Dewitt P. Trulock	Sep-29	1942
Whigham	Aileen M. Alexander	Oct-01	1944
Whigham	W. Cecil Crew	Aug-15	1947
Whigham	Walter H. Newberry	Jul-15	1952
Whigham	James R. Kennemur	May-31	1953
Whigham	James R. Kennemur	Sep-30	1954
Whigham	James M. Cox	Jun-30	1955
Whigham	James M. Cox	Jul-13	1956



CALVARY p. 147.

A post village of Deacon County,  
11 miles from Harrell  
Population 50. Rewhigdon  
Higdon & Maxwell, general store  
Higdon, J. & Son, general store

HARRELL p. 148

A post village in Deacon County,  
16 miles west (east) of the  
county seat, situated on the  
Atlantic and Gulf railroad.  
Population 100.

2 Churches - Methodist & Baptist  
G. M. Jones, Surgeon & Physician  
H. L. McEly, Physician  
General Stores:

M. Barnett

Maxwell & Higdon

T. B. Maxwell

G. B. Trulock

J. T. Wooden, Typewriter Shell

D. W. Guilford, Postmaster

lit per cent interest on the debt of the town

Prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> century, one of the chief sources of revenue of practically every incorporated town ~~was~~ came from licenses to sell spirituous liquors, and Cairo was no exception. Nearly every mercantile establishment had a liquor license. Cairo claims to be the first town in Georgia to outlaw the sale of intoxicating liquors. On Dec. 13, 1895, ~~Georgia~~ 1895 Ga. Laws 144), the charter of the town of Cairo was amended "so as to prohibit the Mayor and Council from selling, or granting license to sell, intoxicating liquors in said town, except upon the written petition of two-thirds of the resident freeholders of said town". That was an effective prohibition because nobody <sup>500</sup> was able to get the required number of resident property owners to sign such a petition.

On the other hand, Whigham undertook to profit by this. On Dec. 23, 1896 (1896 Ga. Laws 261-66), the "town of Whigham" was incorporated as a municipality and its mayor and council were authorized to "prohibit or regulate by ordinances with special licenses the sale of any and all intoxicants", etc., "and also the sale of cigarettes, cigarette tobaccos and cigarette paper". The next year, 1897 Ga. Laws, p. 263, the Whigham charter was amended "to establish a town dispensary for the sale of any and all intoxicating liquors" etc.,

- \* and no licenses could be granted to others.  
Under that authority, the town of Whigham established and operated a town dispensary.
- \* That law provides that "not less than one-fourth nor more than one-half of the net profits of said dispensary is appropriated to the public schools in said town".

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Wide Swallow Whigham

Carro town's only contemporary  
incorporated town in the  
New County was Whigham,  
7 miles west on the  
A & E railroad + was  
as of 1860. No 2 in the  
1860.

Whigham also <sup>was on the rail</sup> ~~had~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~road~~  
Whigham then as now was  
a wide awake community.  
We do not know all the  
reasons, but notably there  
was delayed localities  
where the court house would  
be built and the cost to  
the County of the vacant  
lot.

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the Carro Mesenger

the following appeared

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is exceptional

-13 one two good records

This is a continuation of plan to dictate and it be typed of the longhand memos I found on various subjects, and roughly, this is what I found, but not all, for some is typed about Whigham and some excerpts from Decatur County book, and here goes:

WIDE AWAKE WHIGHAM:

Cairo, Ga., Thomas County's only contemporary incorporated town in what would be the new county, was Whigham, Ga., formerly Harrell. It was located seven miles west on the A & G Railroad, and as was Pine Park and Cairo, a work station of the A & G Depot, and I believe it's number was No. 22.

Whigham, and in the beginning it was named Harrell in Decatur County, Ga., was a wide awake community. We do not know all the reasons, but probably there was delay in locating where the courthouse would be built and some people outside of Cairo were restive about it, and this included Whigham citizens. Bond elections to build the courthouse in Cairo had been defeated in two or it might have been three bond elections. Then a majority of the registered voters had to vote for bonds instead of as now a majority of those voting, to pass the bond issue.

A report of this is in the Cairo Messenger, and what is written about it can be copied from that printed record and also using certain agreements that were made between the citizens of the two incorporated towns, Cairo and Whigham, reference that somewhat controversy.

In the 19\_\_ issue of the Cairo Messenger, the following was approved on this somewhat disagreement or agitation:

This paper is available.

When the objection to Cairo being the county seat came to the surface, Cairo leaders quickly learned of petitions circulated, particularly in western part of the new county of Grady, and Cairo questioned the many names on those petitions as being entitled to sign or vote.

The petitions were to change the county seat to Whigham, and Whigham people had pledged to pay for the cost of the courthouse. But all of this is recorded in the paper and the published report should be used if anything used in the book, rather than what may be the opinion of those who wrote the memorandum I cam dictating from.

Anyway, this memorandum says as follows:

"Cairo people had found they could not rest on their oars, and did day and night work to counteract the petitions. "

The \_\_\_ issue of the Cairo Messenger gives us light on this subject, and it is quoted below:

Cairo leaders questioned the number of names on the petition, and I believe petitioned for a vote, and it came to pass that leaders of both Cairo and Whigham did meet in Cairo and signed an agreement to have the elected Ordinary of the new county of Grady to monitor the check of the names on the petition and a representative

committee from each Cairo and Whigham would canvas the petition, or if more than one, all of them.

Mr. Trullock, <sup>with</sup> Mr. W. B. Roddenbery from Cairo, and the  
 Mr. Trullock of Whigham and W. B. Roddenbery from Cairo, and the Ordinary and his assistant reviewed the names on the petition and the Ordinary after this auditing of the names who had signed as being entitled to, declared the petition had no legal impact and in keeping with the written agreement that if this should be the finding, that Whigham would withdraw their petition for the election and contest for the courthouse and county seat to be in their town. There is on file the original of this final agreement by Roddenbery and Trullock, and it is available for the one who writes about this aborted contest.

Also in this longhand memo is these words: "The Messenger in issue of \_\_\_\_\_ published final information we have on this matter and we quote those lines of the Cairo Messenger quoting, and they were:

There may be references to this episode in later issues of the Messenger, and if they come to light the compiler of these sources of information could use as is seen fit.

And the result was the county would move on to build the beautiful courthouse, Greek architecture, and somewhat a monument to the five farmer-county commissioners who confronted with almost impossible obstacles, getting the courthouse built, namely, defeat of two bond issues, attempt to move the location of such courthouse that was understood in the Legislation active and the way was clear when the agreement signed between Representatives of Cairo and Whigham and there are reports in the Messenger to record that the five County Commissioners, all living on and operating farms, did levy taxes over the next two to three (more or less) tax years and built the beautiful courthouse.

The following is apart from what is written above, but it is in a long memorandum and I shall quote it verbatim, and is titled: CAPITOL - OUR NEIGHBORS.

Our neighbors to the east and west, south and north, all have had impact and influence on our little Cairo community largely between the big creek and the big river, and see maps. Surely we are proud to have Thomas County and the beautiful city of Thomasville as one of our parent counties, and Decatur County and its county seat Bainbridge, our other parent county has a special place in the hearts of many, and especially the sponsor of this book who was born in Cairo Thomas County and spent his boyhood days on a farm in Decatur County, and on return from the First World War as a soldier, found that his father and mother had finished a home in Cairo and that was his home until married and built his own home. This would not go in the book, but is history.

We shall cross a state line to claim as a wonderful neighbor, Leon County and Gadsden County, the county seats Tallahassee and Quincy in the adjoining state of Florida, and we would like to and will record a little of their history of which they have an abundance of the Spanish influence days, and more than the new county of Grady would have of Indian History. And from a spot on a lake near Tallahassee



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is where Hernandez Desoto marched to cross the southwest corner of what would be Grady County, 365 years later.

This little article reads exactly, "DeSoto spent the winter at \_\_\_\_\_ before he did finally his tent, and with trumpet blaring, set out first northwestward, most likely over the forest trail, the corner of what would be Grady County years later. The end of the rainbow for DeSoto, of his long trek was believed would be gold in abundance as it had been by explorers in South America. Unfortunately ill health and probably disease interfered and he died when he had reached the waters of the great Mississippi and history tells us he was buried in the river.

And it is believed to be established that DeSoto with his small army, were the first white people in numbers to trod the soil of what is now Grady County. They did not travel to stop, clear and develop. But the story is different of the historic Hawthorne Trail thru the uncharted forest of his first stop after leaving North Carolina in Pulaski County, Georgia, and the few hundred miles he traveled, which came to be known as the Hawthorne Trail that ran close to the very center—north and south of what is now Grady County, and we know much about their trail (see picture).

The date of this final trip of Hawthorne to his home community four miles south of Cairo is not certain to the point of the exact year, but as near authorities as we have, have written that it was either in 1823 or '24. But other opinions, it was 1818 might be correct, but the same purpose was achieved in his coming, seeing, liking the area, and he blazed no more pine trees but cut them down and built log houses and soon chuech and we do not think there is any record that conflicts with the statement in this book that William Hawthorne, other members of his family, and no doubt some friends were the first white men to come with the purpose of clearing, settling and developing. And we all hail him as Grady County's patriarch, as the first permanent pioneer and settler.

There will be a chapter about Hawthorne Trail and Hawthorne.

And it ~~would~~ <sup>was</sup> not be many years <sup>earlier</sup> ~~later~~ that General Andrew Jackson of the United States Army would ~~defeat~~ <sup>defeat</sup> the Lower Creeks, following that be created by the Legislature, the three original counties of Early, Irwin and Appling, each of them as large as some states in the Union, and it was to be 82 years later that the County of Grady would be created from its large in acres and in ~~40,000~~ <sup>40,000</sup> two mother counties.

It is interesting that Dr. William Rogers wrote in History Book of Thomas County that

And this description of editor William Rogers can be used as the description for what all of Grady County was in its genesis or beginning.

Our neighbor across our south new Grady County borderline was until 1845 the Colony of Florida, and in that year it became the ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> state of the Union. ~~And~~ <sup>And</sup> our development would not start until some years after the Lower Creek Indians inhabited and did control all the area ceded by the Creek Indians to the U.S.A. in the Treaty of 1809, and History tells us this was the only Indian Treaty known where

there was no payment made for the land. It is believed this was because of the massacre by the Creek Indians of over 500 white men, women and children in the Alabama fort where all white people had crowded in because of the hostile Indians all about.

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*Whigham*

HARRELL

Decatur Co.--W- Div. A. & G. R. R.  
 The station is known as Whigham;  
 has a population of about 200, two  
 steam saw and grist mills, one tur-  
 pentine distillery, two churches--  
 Baptist and Methodist--and one  
 academy. Express, Southern. Cot-  
 ton and turpentine are the chief ar-  
 ticles of export; 2,000 bales of cotton  
 and 1,000 barrels of turpentine  
 shipped annually. It is 15 miles east  
 of Bainbridge, the seat of justice, 221  
 from Savannah and 288 from At-  
 lanta via Albany and Thomasville.  
 Mail daily each way. D. W. Guilford  
 P. M.

- Barnes & Bryan, mnfrs naval stores
- Blount B. F. & Bro (B. F. and  
 G. W.), genl store and liquor dlrs
- Blount G. W., exp agt
- Carter H. C., miller
- Foster L. F. Rev., Methodist
- Higdon J. J. & Co. (J. J. Higdon, D.  
 L. Maxwell) genl store
- Hornsby W. J., grist and saw mill
- Jones G. M., physician
- Lasseter T. A., genl store
- McElvey H. L., physician
- McKeown J. M., genl store
- Martin J. Rev. (Baptist), r. r. agt
- Maxwell A. L. genl store
- Maxwell T. B., genl store
- Mock H., notary and carriage mkr
- Parker----, grist and saw mill
- Truelock G. B., genl store
- Walden Green, Justice

# The Cairo Messenger.

CAIRO, GRADY COUNTY, GEORGIA, JUNE 14, 1907.

**ING CO.,**  
 O. T. Davis, Cashier.  
 \$15,000.00.  
 \$50,000.00.  
 est compounded quarterly.

**WIGHT,**  
 Georgia.

**County Site.**

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 ...of our eloquent...  
 ...to build a...  
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 ...the resources of Grady...  
 ...will wonderful as the...  
 ...citizens.

**Term Superior Court.**

March adjourned term of Superior Court opened morning at 10 o'clock on W. N. Spence, Judge...  
 W. N. Spence, Judge...  
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## \$31,165.00 Raised in 12 Hours For County Site at Whigham.

To the Citizens and Tax Payers of Grady County:  
 About two years ago the citizens of western Thomas and eastern Decatur County launched a movement to sever their relations from the old counties and incorporate themselves into a new one, to be the pride of the state and the ideal of the home and heart. Some opposition was encountered in portions of the proposed new county on account of a fear of greatly increased taxation. Through the hope of a helping hand being extended by the people of the proposed county site, Cairo, this fear was allayed for the time being and from this "fertilized" movement the new county was born—a healthy youth with its head bedecked, not "a crown of thorns," but with long streamers of Indian corn and cotton blossoms, interspersed with the world's choice cigar tobacco leaves. This same youth was, with a leap of joy in every heart, christened Grady. Those who opposed the new county issue blotted from memory every semblance of opposition and placed instead a hearty cooperation in organizing this, the county of the state. They rushed to the ranks of its citizenry and all stood as a solid phalanx to work together for good and oppose together all evil. They have stood together for these two years watching and not doubting, for the substantial hand to emerge from the county site, waiting only to grasp its brawny tips ere oppressive taxation robbed the home and devastated the farm, but, alas, burdensome taxation has appeared in the distance, yet plain to view, and the "helping hand" from the county site, where is it? Not yet seen; I did think it had risen to view but by closer observation it proved to be a chief arch of burdensome taxation in the shape of a \$1200.00 or perhaps \$6000.00 site for a court house. Now the writer of this article has indorsed in his feeble way

short, I had watched for that county site's "helping hand," and had almost concluded that I had watched in vain, till the other day I was over in Whigham and thought I saw a glimpse of it over there. I began to meditate in about this way: "Whigham is about as centrally located for the people of Grady county as Cairo; she has the best water and health that I know of, and the jurors of the county would like to spend the court week over there anyway as a health resort, and everything being equal, Whigham will suit the people of Grady county better than Cairo." I looked again for the "helping hand," it was there. It IS there, \$30,615.00 strong, with \$10,000 to follow—a bad "hand" to amputate.  
 Fellow tax payers if \$40,000 is worth anything to you and to Grady county, put the county site in Whigham and you will get the above amount paid in half a minute. And to Cairo I would say, that the people of Grady county gave you the first choice for the county site, they gave you an opportunity of showing to them your appreciation, but you refused to do it, and now I believe they will require you to double any subscription offered before they will again consider you or even give you an audience. Read for yourselves what Whigham guarantees for the county site with nearly as much more to follow if necessary.  
 We the undersigned guarantee the amount opposite our name to be used as a building fund for the court house, should Whigham be made the county site of Grady county:  
 Signed:  
 W. C. Bell \$1000.00  
 J. W. Lane 1000.00  
 Cash 500.00  
 T. J. Mills 500.00  
 Cash 1000.00  
 W. M. Quinn 1000.00  
 E. M. Cain 50.00  
 W. A. Powell 1000.00  
 I. C. Shaw 100.00

## Citizens Bank

Established 190...  
 W. S. Wight, Pres. F. M. Brannon, Vice  
 A Designated Depository of the S...  
 Capital \$25,000.00.  
 Surplus \$8,000.00.  
 Resources \$166,000.00.  
 DIRECTORS:  
 F. M. Brannon,  
 H. G. Cannon,  
 P. H. Herring,  
 M. R. Mallette,  
 J. W. Booth.  
 R. L. Van Landingham

We pay 4 per cent. interest compounded on deposits.

H. A. Sanders,	500.00	If you have
J. G. Harrell,	250.00	sale see J. D.
G. P. Brownlee,	500.00	Do you
J. C. Bell,	100.00	Store? If
S. Harrell,	500.00	Do you want
G. L. Dickerson,	250.00	some fine old
Cuy Harrell,	100.00	right.
W. R. Harrell,	100.00	See that
Martin Harrell,	100.00	Silver to arrive
W. A. Dollar,	25.00	Rodden
J. I. Harrell,	15.00	Do you want
T. A. Maxwell,	500.00	large \$2.50
W. R. Maxwell,	500.00	at Haddon &
G. W. Jordan,	500.00	I have a fine
H. A. Taylor,	50.00	room dwelling
		and buggy she
		\$1.40.

**\$31,165.00**  
 In addition to the above subscriptions, the following desirable sites are offered free of charge to this county:  
 G. B. Trulock, one site.  
 H. G. McElvy, one site.  
 I. P. Chapman, one site.  
 N. R. Peebles, one site.  
 S. Harrell, one site.  
 Martin Harrell, one site.  
 I ask each citizen of Grady county to carefully read above facts and act upon them as your conscience dictates in justice to yourself and your fellow man.  
 Yours for a change,  
**ONE OF THE WATCHERS.**

There is but little residence property left for sale in desirable parts of town, in Cairo, Crawford & Bell having a portion of this in charge. Call to see them if you contemplate a purchase.  
 Mr. Holman says that about the best and only way to move the site of Grady County from Cairo to Whigham would be to buy "Big John and a Carmichael Buggy" as they are the only things able to

**Petition For Telephone**  
 Georgia, Grady Co.  
 To the Superior Court  
 The petition of  
 Pearce, M. M. Mc  
 A. Powell and E.  
 state and county  
 First That the  
 and any others the  
 stockholders, their  
 and assigns, to be  
 der the name and  
 Telephone Company  
 Second, That the  
 ers ask to be let  
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## Journed Term Superior Court.

The March adjourned term of the Superior Court opened Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Hon. W. N. Spence, Judge of the Albany Circuit presiding, R. G. Mitchell being in to hold the court. Judge Spence dispensed with the best in a rapid and business-like manner and therefore court only for two days. The grand jury is still in session. Thursday as we go to press. We will have more to say on this line next week.

MAGNO LIVER PILLS are to be as good sellers as famous Magno Liniment. At the Grady Pharmacy and free sample.

## Office of Election School Trustees.

Each of the school districts in the county having failed to elect trustees on the day provided for by the Board of Education for this purpose, the Board at its last meeting fixed on Tuesday the 19th of June at 10 o'clock A. M. as the time for the election of trustees in all the districts of the county that have not been elected. The election will be by ballot, and shall be held by three legal voters of the district. Place to be the school house in each district except in the Whigham districts, which shall be in the City Hall. All ballots must be in the hands of the Board of Education on the day of the election.

J. B. Wight, C. S. C.,  
Grady county.

Do you know of any one who has a farm for sale near Cairo, call on them to Crawford & Bell, Real Estate Agents, Cairo.

H. V. Harris accompanied his wife and two children left to St. Simon Island. They were joined at Valdosta by Mrs. Powell. They go to this fact on account of Mr. Harris' health seems to be failing. The strain of business cares will return much in time. He has promised to send water.

and all stood as a solid phalanx to work together for good and oppose together all evil. They have stood together for these two years watching and not doubting, for the substantial hand to emerge from the county site, waiting only to grasp its brawny tips ere oppressive taxation robbed the home and devastated the farm, but, alas; burdensome taxation has appeared in the distance, yet plain to view, and the "helping hand" from the county site, where is it? Not yet seen; I did think it had risen to view but by closer observation it proved to be a chief arch of burdensome taxation in the shape of a \$1200.00 or perhaps \$6000.00 site for a court house.

Now the writer of this article has indosed in his feeble way every jot and tittle of every movement made towards Grady County, it's organization and development, but \$1200.00 to \$6000.00 site for the court house of Grady county to be paid—every cent—by the tax payers of the county, don't sound like it did when the movement began and I "sorter" like for the beginning of anything to sound like the beginning, though it be at the ending. I have no opposition to offer Cairo, only it seems that your "sites" are a little too high over there, or just \$6,000.00 higher than when the new county movement was launched, and I wish to add that by way of parenthesis that you better get your "sites" down a little or people's going to talk about you before the court house and jail question is over. I wish to further add that the people of Grady are not, never have been, nor ever will be, an advocate of forcing a measure or thing upon a free and happy people, and I think they will take great pleasure in assuring Cairo that they will not violate the dictates of their consciences in this instance—that of forcing the county site to remain where it is. Cairo has recently spoken plain to the tax payers of the county by saying: "if the site remains here you shall pay us anywhere from \$1200.00 to \$6000.00 for a court house site," you shall pay us rent for our magnificent Town Hall to hold your courts in till you come to our figures on the site. "Tell your tax troubles to some other fellow, we have 'em of our own."

Well, to make a long story

short, you will require you to double any subscription offered before they will again consider you or even give you an audience. Read for yourselves what Whigham guarantees for the county site with nearly as much more to follow if necessary.

We the undersigned guarantee the amount opposite our name to be used as a building fund for the court house, should Whigham be made the county site of Grady county:

- Signed:
- |                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| W. C. Bell                    | \$1000.00 |
| J. W. Lane                    | 1000.00   |
| Cash,                         | 500.00    |
| T. J. Mills                   | 500.00    |
| Cash                          | 1000.00   |
| W. M. Quinn                   | 1000.00   |
| E. M. Cain                    | 50.00     |
| W. A. Powell                  | 1000.00   |
| J. C. Shaw                    | 100.00    |
| M. M. McCord                  | 500.00    |
| Jordan Drug Co.,              | 500.00    |
| Z. Trulock,                   | 1000.00   |
| H. T. Swatts,                 | 500.00    |
| R. Herring,                   | 25.00     |
| D. O. Pearce,                 | 500.00    |
| J. W. Strange,                | 100.00    |
| Miss E. C. Dixon,             | 25.00     |
| T. H. & S. P. Swicord,        | 750.00    |
| I. P. & C. V. Chapman,        | 500.00    |
| Trulock-Peebles Hardware Co., | 750.00    |
| V. S. Parker,                 | 500.00    |
| G. B. McEly,                  | 1000.00   |
| W. T. Cain,                   | 50.00     |
| B. A. Parker,                 | 500.00    |
| N. F. & S. D. Jones,          | 250.00    |
| G. B. Trulock,                | 2000.00   |
| R. A. Maxwell,                | 250.00    |
| D. G. & C. B. McNair,         | 1000.00   |
| J. B. Butler,                 | 500.00    |
| Bank of Whigham,              | 1000.00   |
| J. E. Cobb,                   | 1000.00   |
| E. H. Lang,                   | 25.00     |
| M. Rapoport,                  | 25.00     |
| Trulock-Peebles Supply Co.,   | 750.00    |
| J. M. Stovall,                | 200.00    |
| G. F. Lodge,                  | 500.00    |
| R. H. Edwards,                | 1000.00   |
| L. C. Graham,                 | 500.00    |
| D. D. Perkins,                | 250.00    |
| H. A. Logue,                  | 500.00    |
| G. D. Mills,                  | 500.00    |
| H. F. Smith,                  | 100.00    |
| H. W. Holloway,               | 25.00     |
| W. E. Darsey,                 | 25.00     |
| N. G. Christopher,            | 25.00     |
| J. H. Autrey,                 | 100.00    |
| F. C. Herring,                | 100.00    |
| E. M. Thomas,                 | 500.00    |
| Joe Swicord,                  | 500.00    |
| A. Harrell,                   | 1000.00   |
| M. M. Jones,                  | 250.00    |
| G. W. Clark,                  | 250.00    |
| H. E. Cook,                   | 250.00    |
| W. W. Cook,                   | 250.00    |
| W. H. Maxwell,                | 250.00    |

H. G. McEly, one site.  
I. P. Chapman, one site.  
N. R. Peebles, one site.  
S. Harrell, one site.  
Martin Harrell one site.  
I ask each citizen of Grady county to carefully read above facts and act upon them as your conscience dictates in justice to yourself and your fellow man.  
Yours for a change,  
ONE OF THE WATCHERS.

There is but little residence property left for sale in desirable parts of town, in Cairo, Crawford & Bell having a portion of this in charge. Call to see them if you contemplate a purchase.

Mr. Holman says that about the best and only way to move the site of Grady County from Cairo to Whigham would be to buy "Big John and a Carmichael Buggy" as they are the only things able to bear the strain.

Magno Liniment and Magno Liver Pills are put up by Grady Pharmacy, and they are proud of them.

Miss Beattie Reynolds of New Orleans is the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. L. Williams.

Be sure and see me before you buy your town lot. I can save you money. Walter L. Wight.

Don't think because we don't list the farm you want, we haven't it, call to see us, if we do not have it in hand, we can get for you on short notice. Crawford & Bell, Real Estate and Loan Agents.

Brown's Chill and Fever Tonic is guaranteed to cure Chills and Fever, Malarial, Grippe, etc. Try it. Grady Pharmacy.

Crawford & Bell are receiving inquiries constantly about Grady County real estate. Go to see them if you have property for sale.

If you have a friend desiring to purchase property in Grady county, send or bring him to us, we can please him. Crawford & Bell.

A large number of Whigham folks have visited in Cairo this week. Gentlemen, here's our hand and the latch string to our office door hangs on the outside. Come in.

If you anticipate selling your farm list it with me now. Walter L. Wight.

Does "bluff" work? We have known the like.

Reward Offered—\$10.00 reward for a dissatisfied customer who trades at the store of Hoffman & Hunt.

There is a movement on foot to change the name of Grady County from Cairo to Whigham. It is a movement that is being carried on by a few individuals who are not representative of the people of the county. It is a movement that is being carried on in secret and in a manner that is not honorable. It is a movement that is being carried on in a manner that is not in the best interests of the county. It is a movement that is being carried on in a manner that is not in the best interests of the people of the county. It is a movement that is being carried on in a manner that is not in the best interests of the county. It is a movement that is being carried on in a manner that is not in the best interests of the people of the county.

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The total county is a question of better than ford & Bell of choice purchase

## Petition Tel

Georgia, Geo. To the Superior Court. The petition of A. Powell and state and county. First. The and any other stockholders, and assigns, under the name of Telephone Co. Second. The ers ask to be years, with the end of that Third. The corporation of dollars, divided into shares each. The privilege of from time to aggregate two whole of said Hundred dollars in.

Fourth. The corporation to its stockholders they desire:

(a) To carry the principal of the corporation to be sold state and other telephone agent for said as may be agreed branch lines and rental for each on branch lines deemed just and

(b) To borrow, lease, sell and in any way or manner all property necessary for the business.

Fifth. No individually, for subscription to

Sixth. They in the name of and be implemented do all other

Seventh. They make all proper alter the same and elect such agencies, as they see fit.

Wherefore, the corporation under the name of Hoffman & Hunt, power and authority to do all other necessary for the business.

As a matter of fact, the petition is a mere bluff, and the petitioners are not entitled to the relief they seek.



Early 1900s

Shown here are the city officials of Whigham around the year 1900. The photograph was made in front of the City Hall. At the time the photo was made, the city still had a dispensary. Pictured are Marshall, Hornsby; Clerk, Dr. Jones; Alderman, Tom Swicord; Alderman, T. J. Mills; Alderman, unknown; Alderman, R. R. Terrell; Alderman, unknown; Alderman, Ab Logue; Alderman, unknown.

*CITY HALL, WHIGHAM, ABOUT 1900*

*City officials of Whigham:*

Hornsby, City Marshall

Dr. Jones, Clerk

Tom Swicord, Alderman

T. J. Mills, Alderman

unknown, Alderman

R. R. Terrell, Alderman

unknown, Alderman

Ab Logue, Alderman

unknown, Alderman



1900

The picture here shows three generations of VanLandinghams making syrup. The photograph is estimated to have been made around the year 1900. From left is Mr. E. L. VanLandingham, father of the two young ladies sitting on the bench, Mr. E. A. VanLandingham, father of Mr. E. L. VanLandingham, Mrs. Hal Crownover, formerly Miss Thelma VanLandingham, and Mrs. H. H. Wind, Sr., formerly Miss Isola VanLandingham. All of those pictured are still living with the exception of Mr. E. A. VanLandingham. The older VanLandingham pictured stirring syrup was 94 in February.

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Twenty-Four Pages

CAIRO, GRADY COUNTY, GEORGIA, FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1974



GUIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN VERY PRODUCTIVE MEETING. Above are the officers of the Grady County Historical Society who led it in a productive meeting this month. They are: (L to R) Herbert W. (Billy) Wind, secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Grose, treasurer; Max Tyson, president; and Mrs. Judson Mayfield, vice-president.

## Death of J.F. Grose

### Walter Cox To Run For Office Bainbridge Man To Seek Post No. 119

Walter Cox, Bainbridge leader, stated this week that at the proper time he will qualify as a candidate for the Georgia House of Representatives, 119th Legislative District. This district includes Decatur County, approximately Eastern one-half of Spalding County and a small part of... Cox, 45 years of age, is the former Mayor of Bainbridge, Ga. He has four daughters, Karen, 14, Gloria, 12, and two others. He is a former member of the Bainbridge, Ga. Chamber of Commerce and served as president for two years. Mayor of Bainbridge, Ga. President of the...

## Whigham's Historical Story Is Documented

### Origin Dates Spotlights

#### Fuller History Planned Later For Printing

The dates and other basic facts about the origin and early history of Whigham, a flourishing Grady County center which has recently developed its greatest upsurge, were recorded for permanent preservation in a program at the regular quarterly meeting of the Grady County Historical Society Tuesday night at the Roddenbery Memorial Library with almost an overflow audience present.

Max Tyson, the new president, presided, and the group was warmly welcomed by Miss Wessie Connell, the librarian. Other Society officers are Mrs. Judson T. Mayfield, vice-president; Mrs. Elizabeth Grouse, Whigham, treasurer; and Herbert W. (Billy) Wind, secretary.

Mrs. Grouse, who teaches school at Whigham, was program chairman and she presented Larry Rawlins, another teacher there, who presented the interesting story of the origin and early history of Whigham, a number of the facts having been publicly revealed for the first time. As with previous such programs, the library staff made a permanent recording of all of the information about Whigham which (Cont. on last page first section)



Franklin I. Smith

### Franklin I. Smith To Be Candidate

Franklin I. Smith is a life resident of Thomas County and at Route 2, Coolidge. He graduated from Coolidge High School and attended Abraham Baldwin College. During World War II he served in the Navy in the Seabees. He is a dairy farmer and raises tobacco, peanuts, soybeans, and beef cattle. He will seek representative this year. He is president of Farmers and...

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#### NOTICE

The Grady County Chamber of Commerce will not meet this Friday, April 26, as scheduled and will meet the following Friday, May 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of...



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will be available for reference use at the library henceforth. A similar record for the Calvary community was made several months ago and other county communities and other phases of county history will likewise be documented as the Society progresses in its work, along with a wealth of other invaluable information, including an early history of railroading in the Grady County area.

Mrs. Grouse and Mr. Rawlins were commended for their diligent research, which included a number of documents prepared by various early settlers, including the late Judge T. J. Mills, which were submitted as they were, although some doubtless have been filed previously in the library's general historical file.

Schools and churches came in for considerable emphasis because it is well-known that Whigham has always been a community of outstanding churches and schools, always backed by exemplary community support. Some of the factual information was supported by reference to the Whigham Journal, a weekly newspaper published there for a time many years ago.

Quite like Cairo, Whigham actually had its origin as a station on the old Atlantic Coast Line railroad as it was extended westward from Thomasville to Bainbridge. It has been operated for some years from Savannah to Thomasville, but the Thomasville-Bainbridge extension was halted by the War Between the States in the early 1860s, primarily because the rails had to be imported from England. In the disruption, the grading was halted near Cairo.

Construction was not resumed until 1866 and it was not until 1867 that the railroad reached Cairo and Whigham and that Cairo and Harrell or Harrell Station were established as stations on the railroad. Whigham was first laid off in blocks under the name Harrell Station, when W. W. and J. T. Harrell deeded 10 acres of land for a station to the railroad, but beginning a few months later land conveyances began to show the town name Whigham instead of Harrell Station or Harrell.

Mrs. Grose said she had very authoritatively obtained information from the Postmaster General in Washington that the first post office at Whigham was opened May 26, 1868, with Mrs. Samantha J. Whitfield as the first postmistress. Whigham became known as a town in 1888 but it was not chartered by the Legislature as a town until Jan. 23, 1896. It was chartered as a city on Dec. 11, 1953.

At the Historical Society meeting, the question developed as to whether or not there are any records as to ownership of land prior to the establishment of Whigham and Cairo. Miss Connell quickly noted that the land lottery grants for this area were dated 1820. Any existence of historical records from 1820 on to the later half of last century might be found somewhere. The City of Tallahassee recently completed a very pretentious celebration of its Sesqui-Centennial (150 years) spotlighting that Tallahassee was established in 1824. This is something else the Society will have to work on.

The history of the Whigham schools was compiled by Mrs. Ann Crew and the church history was compiled by Mrs. Carolyn Crew. The record on Whigham is by no means closed and other contributions of information and documents will be

warmly welcomed.

President Tyson strongly urged those who have not done so to become members of the Society not so much to get the very nominal membership dues but for each to indicate the areas of their special interest, to be used in appointing the standing committees.

It was revealed that the next regular meeting has been set for the third Tuesday night in July. Some 60 or more were in attendance.

### Calvary Lions Club Installs New Officers

The Calvary Lions Club regular meeting installed the following officers for the 1954-55 term: President, Earl Jones; Vice-President, Nathaniel Tamer; Secretary, Nathaniel Tamer; Treasurer, Nathaniel Tamer; and Secretary, Nathaniel Tamer.

After the officer, committee members will serve during the various projects of the club during the coming year. Attention being given to growth in membership and also a discussion of Day celebration.

WALTER COX, Public Office

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He has served Georgia Funeral Association in 1953 on the advisory board. He graduated from Family Life Institute School, and Polytechnic Institute graduate of the City of Decatur, Georgia, Embalming.

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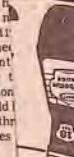
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## Whigham Notes

- 1820 Lottery-verify spelling, names, dates, etc.

19-010	-	-	-	-	BLANK
19-011	Lilis	Benjamin	Glynn	Dec 13, 1831	
19-030	McCall	John (RS)	Effingham	<b>Apr 9, 1842</b>	<b>Tho Whigham</b>
19-031	Voleton	Francis	Burke	Dye's Mar 10, 1825	

- What happened with LL 10 & 100? Don't think with have.
- Thomas Whigham purchases for LL 8, 9, 10, 30, 31
- 1863 Thomas Whigham sued the A&G for damages. Source?
- 1863-1868 property transactions? Sale of 51 acres to Edmund Davis.-1868 Estate of Thomas Whigham settled.-W. W. Harrell and John T. Harrell purchased 1199 acres.
- 1868 A&G RR purchased 10 acres of LL 30 & 31 from W. W. Harrell and John T. Harrell
- 1868 Town of Whigham surveyed and laid out. Map?
- 1877 Map showing Whigham Sta. AND Harrell PO
- 1888 Town of Whigham incorporated
- 1896 Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> first charter
- 1905 R. R. Terrell, Whigham representation in Grady creation
- 1907 controversy on location of county seat
- 1912 migration of families from Alabama
- 1913 Boydville
- 1931 Rt. 38 Missing Link May Be Paved Soon
- Post Office records

<b>Harrell</b>	Samantha A. Whitfield	May-21	1868
Harrell		May-26	1868 Established
Harrell	Ferdinand N. Lohnstein	Aug-25	1869
Harrell	John D Wooten	Feb-06	1871
Harrell	John C. Blount	May-26	1871
Harrell	John S. Bird	Oct-31	1871
Harrell	Thomas J. Benton	Jan-05	1874
Harrell	John D. Williams	May-20	1874
Harrell	Davis W. Guilford	Jan-19	1875
Harrell	George W. Blount	Aug-25	1879
Harrell		Apr-07	1880 Name changed to Whigham
<b>Whigham</b>		Apr-07	1880 Name changed from Harrell
Whigham	George W. Blount	Apr-07	1880 19D; 16m E of Flint, 3m W of Wolf C, 11m N of Calvary, 17m N of Concord, 15m E of Bainbridge, 7m E of Climax, 7m W of Cairo
Whigham	James C. Braswell	Feb-21	1881
Whigham	Missouri B. Martin	Apr-02	1883
Whigham	Lee Roy Harrell	Jun-03	1886
Harrell		Nov-11	1886 Discontinued, mail to Apex?
Whigham		Nov-11	1886 Discontinued
Harrell		Mar-26	1887 Re-established
Harrell	Malcombe M. Lodge	Mar-26	1887
Whigham		Mar-26	1887 Established
Harrell		Dec-13	1888 Discontinued, mail to Bainbridge
Whigham	Gussie G. Lodge	Jan-06	1890
Whigham	James Bell	Feb-27	1890
Whigham	Emery Lasseter	Sep-09	1893
Whigham	Walter M. Quinn	Aug-06	1897
Whigham		Nov-02	1905 County changed
Whigham	Walter M. Quinn	Oct-01	1907 Pres.
Whigham	Walter M. Quinn	Jan-27	1909
Whigham	B. A. Parker	May-29	1913
Whigham	B. A. Parker	Aug-07	1917
Whigham	George W. Jordan	May-23	1922
Whigham	George W. Jordan	17-May	1926
Whigham	George W. Jordan	28-Apr	1930
Whigham	Dewitt P. Trulock	Jul-13	1934
Whigham	Dewitt P. Trulock	Jul-01	1938
Whigham	Dewitt P. Trulock	Sep-29	1942
Whigham	Aileen M. Alexander	Oct-01	1944
Whigham	W. Cecil Crew	Aug-15	1947
Whigham	Walter H. Newberry	Jul-15	1952
Whigham	James R. Kennemur	May-31	1953
Whigham	James R. Kennemur	Sep-30	1954
Whigham	James M. Cox	Jun-30	1955
Whigham	James M. Cox	Jul-13	1956

## HISTORY OF WHIGHAM

were at a standstill. Money was in very short supply because many people had lost their life savings with the closing of the nation's banks. We were fortunate in this area to live in a farming section where we could raise enough food for our families. World War II saw another draining away of the young men of the community, many of whom settled afterward in other places. The business area began to run down, the buildings started to deteriorate, and the majority of the residents were the elderly.

During the sixties, however, signs of returning vigor began to show up, and in the early seventies, some young people started returning to their hometown after college to go into business for themselves. They bought property on which to build homes and rear their families.

The Whigham Community Club, organized in 1947, has been responsible for much of the new growth in the town by seeking to bring in new industries. April of 1974 saw the opening of Moreland Enterprises, a clothing factory that will employ 52 persons. Fourteen new brick homes and fourteen frame houses have been built in Whigham in the past three years. The city purchased the old bank building from Stokes 1~ennemur and moved the City Hall across the street. The council voted in February of this year to purchase a new fire truck to be delivered in May. At present the city is working on a grant from the federal government to install a sewerage system. Whigham is once more on the move.

Over the past few years, the people of Whigham have rightly acquired a reputation for political awareness, and within the past decade by working together have managed to forestall the closing of the railway depot, the removal of the bank, and the consolidation of the high school.

While we have dealt mainly with the city and its residents, we realize that for a community to grow and prosper it takes the support of the people in the surrounding area. We are keenly aware of their support today and throughout the years. We have had much help from all of them in gathering this brief history of Whigham to share with you tonight.

The above information was given at the  
Historical Society Meeting April 16, 1974  
by Mrs. Elizabeth Grose.

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not the case, and many reasons have been given, ranging from politics to money to apathy.

Whigham continued to grow during this period and was a prosperous trade center and fine farming area. There were drygoods stores, hotels, livery stables, a bank, and many other flourishing businesses. Several doctors, lawyers, and a dentist practiced here.

The year 1913 saw a fire on Broad Street that destroyed Harrell Drugstore, J. P. Chapman Hardware, and Swicord Millinery Shop. These stores were located on the south side of Broad Street from McGriff to the middle of the block. Fortunately the fire was contained before the old City Hall building was damaged. These buildings were owned by J. E. Cobb and T. J. Mills. The fire occurred June 9, 1913, and by August these buildings had been replaced and subsequently housed the Dixie Drugstore, J. P. Chapman Hardware, and Lena Belcher Millinery Shop.

Other happenings in Whigham in 1913, according to the Cairo Messenger, included the retirement of Walter Quinn as postmaster after sixteen years of service, and the appointment of Ben Parker in his place. Hawthorn Brickyard set up operations, the telephone company changed ownership and began expansion, and J. O. Williams and J. H. Autrey constructed buildings on Broad Street for Williams Jewelers and Autrey Shoe Store. G. P. Brownlee started a pecan nursery in the area. The bank of Whigham opened a branch bank in Attapulgus and the first week's deposits totaled more than \$2000. Turner Harrell bought the barber shop that same year, and we are happy to report tonight that Mr. Harrell still operates a barber shop in Whigham. The paper reported that the grist mill was running night and day, and that the cotton price in Whigham was the same as on the Savannah market.

On the 15th of July, 1913, the voters of the town went to the polls and approved bonds to be issued for the improvement of the water works, and to erect, establish, and equip an electric light plant. Whigham is one of only fifty cities in the state which own their own utility system. Much credit should be given here to the past mayors and councilmen who had the foresight not to sell the utility system to Georgia Power Company. The system has provided much revenue for the city and kept property taxes down to a minimum.

Getting back to 1913, the Boyd Lumber Company located two miles west of Whigham, building sixty houses and the Piney Woods Hotel. This was almost a community within itself, as the people were provided with a commissary for their needs. Soon after its beginning, the settlement was called Boydville, and the name remains until today.

Whigham had its own Wessie Connell in the person of Miss Dolly Waldon, whose love and devotion to her community is clearly revealed in the articles she wrote from Whigham for the Cairo Messenger. Had there been a John Cotton Dana Award in those days, she would surely have been recipient. Her last column appeared in the Messenger in November of 1913. After that it was many years before the news of Whigham was again covered by the Messenger.

From 1913 to 1918 there was an exodus of families from Alabama to our area, the greatest reason for the migration being the devastation dealt to King Cotton by the boll weevil in Alabama. To name only a few of the families, the Tippetts, Crews, Jowers, Fosters, Newberries, and Gillespies purchased land and settled in and around Whigham.

The year 1929 brought the Great Depression, which paralyzed the town of Whigham along with the rest of the nation. Growth stopped, and people were fortunate if they were able to hold on to their land and homes. The Federal government created jobs through the agencies of WPA, CCC, and NRA, and it was this money placed in the economy that extended the paving of Highway 84 through the town in the early thirties. By this time transportation had improved and many of our young people left the area to seek employment elsewhere. Our population decreased, many businesses closed, and property sales

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Information about other periods will be greatly summarized and left for future research.

The following information was given at the Historical Society Meeting April 16, 1974 by Mrs. Earl (Anne) Crew.

## HISTORY OF WHIGHAM SCHOOL

The first mention of a schoolhouse is in Judge Mills's brief history of the Methodist Church. He recollects the building of a school in 1869 on the corner of First Parallel Street and McGriff (this would be just south of Merle's Coffee Shop). It was used as a school and a church. However, it was poorly constructed and after a short time a severe storm destroyed it. Judge Mills does not define the term "short time."

In this same history, there is mention of a Mr. Latamore who is described as a local Methodist preacher and school teacher. In this era it was commonplace for a man to practice the two callings simultaneously. The year was 1875; so we surmise that there was schooling available although no specific details were given.

A one-room log schoolhouse was built on railroad property behind the Baptist Church. It is generally accepted knowledge that it was constructed in 1877 and that Louis Frederick Foster was the first schoolmaster. His descendants still have a teaching certificate issued to him on August 5, 1880 by Decatur County. Mr. Alphonso Harrell says his father, Guy Harrell, Sr., spoke of a one-armed veteran of the Civil War named Veal and called, appropriately, One-arm Veal who was his professor at this school. Guy Harrell Sr. attended the school in the late 1870's and early 1880's.

Louis Foster, son of the previously mentioned schoolmaster and a long time resident of Whigham, spoke of graduating from this school about 1895 after completing 9 grades. His schoolmaster was an Englishman named Stott and was regarded by the residents as quite a "scholar" and a very fine teacher. His wife was his assistant. This building has been described as having a platform at one end and an aisle down the center to separate the boys from the girls. All students sat on benches and wrote on slates. The younger students were placed in the front of the room. The enrollment was not more than 50.

In the early days of this school, it was a usual practice to charge tuition and the amount of 25¢ per month has been mentioned.

Later, the 1896 city charter gave the mayor and council the authority to hire teachers and administer the school. They could collect taxes from Decatur county for the public schools of said town.

This one-room schoolhouse staffed by Prof. Stott and his wife was in use until about 1900. When it was abandoned in favor of a two-room frame building on the hill. This site is opposite the Christopher home, but in 1900, the house



was occupied by Col. Robert Terrell and his family. Mary Terrell Smith tells of beginning the first grade across the street from her home thinking that school would be a "playhouse" for her as her sister was her teacher. Whereupon, her sister sent her home; their mother applied the hairbrush; and Mary behaved at school from then on.

Sometime before 1905, two more rooms were added to the existing building, and a music building constructed at some distance east of the main plant. The four teacher assignments were classified as primary, combination 3rd and 4th, combination 5th and 6th, and high school with a classroom for each. There was a special music teacher. Mrs. Henry Mashburn, a wonderful lady of 89, who lives at 101 West Adair Street, Valdosta, Georgia was a teacher in Whigham School from 1905 to 1907. Here are some excerpts from a letter she wrote in response to an appeal for information on what school was like at that time.

"When I was a teacher in Whigham 1905-1907, you had an excellent school. I have always felt fortunate that I began my career of ten years teaching in a school so well managed."

"I had 5th and 6th grades."

"Finally, by some chance, we came into possession of a basketball! We put hoops on two trees, drew a center line and had two teams and played basketball which had few rules--get the ball, ring it! We had an hour for dinner. I always brought lunch, some students did. But others went home, rushing back to get in the game."

"The superintendent was a fine man, Mr. James M. Stovall from Lavonia, Georgia."

"The calibre of Whigham citizens was such that they coveted the best of teachers. They found this fine fellow teaching in Donaldsonville and straight-way engaged him; and his sister, Miss Sarah Stovall for the Primary grades. Miss Pansy Webb of Pelham taught the third and fourth grades. They wrote to the leading colleges training teachers at that time, Georgia Normal and Industrial College of Milledgeville for their best graduates for Junior High. At least they tried for the best."

"I was supposed to see the students well grounded in the rudiments of spelling, arithmetic, English grammar, geography, American history, and the writing of compositions in a clear legible hand and properly paraphrased."

"I don't know what other teachers were paid, but I received \$40.00 per month with \$12.50 deducted for board and laundry."

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the establishment of a city-owned dispensary for the purpose of selling liquors. Not less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  nor more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the net profits were to be spent on the local school. It has been said that the project was very lucrative for the city and at times it was difficult to think of ways to spend all the money. A piano for every classroom was one answer.

Mrs. Mashburn continues, "The first year I was with you, we were in Decatur County and all teachers had to spend one Saturday of each month at a Teachers' Meeting in Bainbridge. At each meeting a teacher would be required to demonstrate how she taught a certain subject. On one dismal February Saturday, I had to demonstrate how I taught Sixth Graders Percentage! Some things you never forget!"

Mrs. Mashburn describes fully the style of dress for this period and concludes, "That's how young ladies looked in 1905 and believe it or not the boys loved us or, at least, said they did. And in Whigham-bless her-she let me have all the dates I could muster, as they wouldn't in many places--how advanced Whigham was. To anyone who remembers me--my love."

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By 1910, the General Assembly had passed a bill that provided for 100 days or 5 months of free public schooling for the children of Georgia. The amount of \$3.04 per child per year was provided to local authorities. Seven grades were offered. Any education beyond these limits was to be made up in local taxation. Mrs. Aileen Alexander who began school here in 1899 says that to the best of her recollection school always began in the fall and ended in May, making a 9 months term for Whigham. Alphonso Harrell says that his father sent the children to Whigham School for what he called the fall term and to a school near their farm for the spring term. The spring term ran from January to May and was the 100 days of free schooling provided by the state.

You can see that the citizens of Whigham recognized the value of education and were willing to finance the extra school months. No doubt the monies from the dispensary helped out here.

Saturday institutions for the purpose of keeping teachers abreast of the latest techniques were still being held. They must have lost their appeal for the teachers because the April 8, 1910, Messenger mentions that some teachers were fined for not attending these.

Recently, the teachers in the Grady County School system were observed and evaluated by their principal. This is not a new idea. Teachers of 1910 could expect pop calls from members of the County School Commission for pur-

poses of evaluation. Unfavorable reports could result in the cutting or raising of salaries. The average monthly salary was reported to be \$53.92.

In the September 8, 1911 issue of the Cairo Messenger, Whigham faculty is numbered at four with Prof. Spivey named as Superintendent. There was a special music teacher.

Running away from school on April Fool's Day was an annual event anticipated by Whigham students, but according to Miss Dollie Weldon, Writer of the Whigham news for the Messenger, Prof. Spivey turned the tables on his students. In 1911, he invited them to clean up the schoolgrounds and then to a picnic at Jones's Mill Pond, thus breaking up an old habit.

The March Grand Jury Presentments of 1912 describe Whigham School as "four rooms 20 X 30 each, with hall, plenty of light and ventilation, ceciled through-out and can be easily heated in winter. Equipped with new brick sanitary closets and good water systems. Enrollment, 169." There were nine grades of public school.

In June, 1912, it was announced that the new superintendent would be Prof. J.B. Barber, formerly of Cyrene Institute.

The 1912 school term began routinely, but in January, 1913, the Messenger prints this disquieting message, "teachers were not complaining of being poorly paid; what worried them was being paid at all." And then in February, J.S. Weather, County School Superintendent, announced that the school term would be cut from 100 days to 80 days because of difficulty in obtaining funds from the state.

Remember please that local taxation had been giving Whigham School the necessary financing for a nine-months term since at least 1899. However, this announcement by J.S. Weathers meant that our school was open for eight months that year and ended in April of 1913.

Summer school is not a modern invention. For the month of July, 1913, Prof. Barber held private arithmetic and penmanship classes at Whigham High School.

You have heard that 1913 was a big year for Whigham and so it was for her school also. Opening exercises were held the first week of September in the Baptist Church from 9AM til noon with afternoon classes following. Prof. Barber headed a faculty that had four other members, all college graduates, plus a music teacher. English, math, physics, physiology, and Latina were the subjects

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The enrollment was nearly 200. Overage students (over fourteen) and those living outside the district would be admitted for \$1.00 per month.

This was a year that Whigham school authorities agreed to a tax of 5 mills for school purposes. This rate was as high as any in the county, with most school districts taxing themselves at a rate of 3 or 3½ mills.

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I might add that Mary eventually received a master's degree, and there were others of this period who left Whigham School and performed well at institutes of higher learning.

Nineteen and eighteen was the year that the First World War Armistice was signed and Mrs. R.S. Kennemur, second grade teacher, remembers that when the news reached Whigham, they turned out school and had a parade all over town. It was also the year of the terrible flu epidemic. Mrs. Kennemur recalls that she was called on to teach students in almost every grade in school as she was one of the few to remain well.

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Whigham continued to grow during this period and was a prosperous trade center and fine farming area. There were drygoods stores, hotels, livery stables, a bank, and many other flourishing businesses. Several doctors, lawyers, and a dentist practised here.

The year 1913 saw a fire on Broad Street that destroyed Harrell Drugstore, J.P. Chapman Hardware, and Swicord Millinery Shop. These stores were located on the south side of Broad Street from McGriff to the middle of the block. Fortunately the fire was contained before the old City Hall building was damaged. These buildings were owned by J.E. Cobb and T.J. Mills. The fire occurred June 9, 1913, and by August these buildings had been replaced and subsequently housed the Dixie Drugstore, J.P. Chapman Hardware, and Lena Belcher Millinery Shop.

Other happenings in Whigham in 1913, according to the Cairo Messenger, included the retirement of Walter Quinn as postmaster after sixteen years of service, and the appointment of Ben Parker in his place. Hawthorn Brickyard set up operations, the telephone company changed ownership and began expansion, and J.O. Williams and J.H. Autrey constructed buildings on Broad Street for Williams Jewelers and Autrey Shoe Store. G.P. Brownlee started a pecan nursery in the area. The bank of Whigham opened a branch bank in Attapulcus and the first week's deposits totaled more than \$2000. Turner Harrell bought the barber shop that same year, and we are happy to report tonight that Mr. Harrell still operates a barber shop in Whigham. The paper reported that the grist mill was was running night and day, and that the cotton price in Whigham was the same as on the Savannah market.

On the 15th of July, 1913, the voters of the town went to the polls and approved bonds to be issued for the improvement of the water works, and to erect, establish, and equip an electric light plant. Whigham is one of only fifty cities in the state which own their own utility systems. Much credit should be given here to the past mayors and councilmen who had the foresight not to sell the utility system to Georgia Power Company. The system has provided much revenue for the city and kept property taxes down to a minimum.

Getting back to 1913, the Boyd Lumber Company located two miles west of Whigham, building sixty houses and the Piney Woods Hotel. This was almost a community within itself, as the people were provided with a commissary for their needs. Soon after its beginning, the settlement was called Boydville, and the name remains until today.

Whigham had its own Wessie Connell in the person of Miss Dolly Weldon, whose love and devotion to her community is clearly revealed in the articles she wrote from Whigham for the Cairo Messenger. Had there been a John Cotton Dana Award in those days, she would surely have been recipient. Her last column appeared in the Messenger in November of 1913. After that it was many years before the news of Whigham was again covered by the Messenger.

From 1913 to 1918 there was an exodus of families from Alabama to our area, the greatest reason for the migration being the devastation dealt to King Cotton by the boll weevil in Alabama. To name only a few of the families, the Tippetts, Crews, Jowers, Fosters, Newberries, and Gillespies purchased land and settled in and around Whigham.

The year 1929 brought the Great Depression, which paralyzed the town of Whigham along with the rest of the nation. Growth stopped, and people were fortunate if they were able to hold on to their land and homes. The Federal government created jobs through the agencies of the WPA, CCC, and NRA, and it was this money placed in the economy that extended the paving of Highway 84 through the town in the early thirties. By this time transportation had improved and many of our young people left the area to seek employment elsewhere. Our population decreased, many businesses closed, and property sales were at a standstill. Money was in very short supply because many people had lost their life savings with the closing of the nation's banks. We were fortunate in this area to live in a farming section where we could raise enough food for our families. World War II saw another draining away of the young men of the community, many of whom settled afterward in other places. The business area began to run down, the buildings started to deteriorate, and the majority of the residents were the elderly,

During the sixties, however, signs of returning vigor began to show up, and in the early seventies, some young people started returning to their hometown after college to go into business for themselves. They bought property on which to build homes and rear their families.

The Whigham Community Club, organized in 1947, has been responsible for much of the new growth in the town by seeking to bring in new industries. April of 1974 saw the opening of Moreland Enterprises, a clothing factory that will employ 52 persons. Fourteen new brick homes and fourteen frame houses have been built in Whigham in the past three years. The city purchased the old bank building from Stokes Kennemur and moved the City Hall across the street. The council voted in February of this year to purchase a new fire truck to be delivered in

May. At present the city is working on a grant from the federal government to install a sewerage system. Whigham is once more on the move.

Over the past few years, the people of Whigham have rightly acquired a reputation for political awareness, and within the past decade by working together have managed to forestall the closing of the railway depot, the removal of the bank, and the consolidation of the high school.

While we have dealt mainly with the city and its residents, we realize that for a community to grow and prosper it takes the support of the people in the surrounding areas. We are keenly aware of their support today and throughout the years. We have had much help from all of them in gathering this brief history of Whigham to share with you tonight.

The above information was given at the Historical Society Meeting April 16, 1974 by Mrs. Elizabeth Grose.

◆ "WHIGHAM NEWS & NOTES"

# Interesting bit of Whigham history

By Susan Anderson

"That old man, he's still riding a bicycle and delivering newspapers," said the youngster on the school bus. "You know who that old man is?" responded the school bus driver. That man is my father. One day you may be old and need to ride a bicycle delivering papers to make a living." The school bus driver was Mrs. Dorothy McBroom Hester and the old man was her father, Ralph McBroom.

Ralph McBroom was born in Defuniak Springs, Fla., on Nov. 1, 1902. He worked with his father in his father's sawmill. Ralph wanted to further his education so he moved to Montgomery, Ala., to attend Massey Business College. There he met his future bride, Lucille Ward. Lucille was from Titus, Ala.

Lucille had two sisters that lived in Whigham. One of the sisters was married to Dr. Hardin in Whigham. Dr. Hardin needed help in his drug store and he persuaded Ralph and Lucille to move to Whigham to run the drug store. So a year after they married, they moved to Whigham. The year they moved to Whigham was 1928.

Ralph and Lucille eventually bought the drug store and also opened a grocery

store. They had a soda fountain and an oil stove with a grill on top in their grocery store. They would make two 10-ounce glasses of milk shake with ice cream and sell it for a dime. Double dip ice cream cones were a nickel. Ralph McBroom milked his own cows to make the milk shakes and ice cream. Six gallons of milk was a day's supply. They cooked hamburgers on the oil stove and you could buy a hamburger and milk shake for ten cents.

Ralph raised his own beef and pork that he sold in his grocery store. He would dress them out and hang the meat in the cooler of his grocery store. When someone wanted to buy meat, he'd go in the cooler and cut off what they wanted. Ralph's son, Embry, would go with his daddy to slaughter the hogs and cows. Embry didn't want the animals to suffer and he knew he could kill them with one shot. Embry also learned how to gut the animals and eventually took over that part of the business.

Ice was bussed to Whigham from Dothan, Ala. The McBrooms would buy blocks of ice, then keep it in their coolers and sell to the public. Eventually, the McBrooms made their own ice

and sold it.

Lee E. Kelly, Sr., publisher of The Thomasville Times Enterprise approached Ralph McBroom about carrying the newspaper in his grocery store. From there, the story of the old man on the bicycle begins. Two of the McBroom children, Lois and Embry, decided to use their bicycles to deliver newspapers to customers. They did this until they grew up and left home. Ralph decided he would keep up their paper route. So he took both their bicycles, put the parts together and made himself a bicycle. This old bicycle lasted him for years. When he delivered the papers, he didn't just throw them in customers yards. A few had tubes he put them in, but the others he'd get off his bike and put them in their door. He rode his bike approximately 10 miles every day delivering papers until he was around 80 years old. He delivered both The Times Enterprise and The Albany Herald before he had to give up his route due to health conditions.

During our interview, Lois McBroom Bennett and Dorothy McBroom Hester talked about their mother and how she was always right there with their father supporting him and work-

ing along beside him. She worked just as hard and just as long as he did. Lois Bennett recalled that when she and her brother Embry would be having a spat in the store when they were little, their mama would look at them and say, "If you two don't behave yourselves, people will begin to think you are brother and sister." One year when Lois was in high school, the algebra teacher gave them a difficult problem to solve. No one could solve the problem, not even the teacher. Lois asked her daddy if he could help her with the problem. She said it took him a while, but he eventually solved the algebra problem. Lois took the solution back to school and told the teacher her daddy had solved the problem. The teacher had written the formula wrong and Ralph McBroom figured it out. That is the type of man he was. He would take a problem, come up with a solution, and fix it.

Doris Poppell, Demetrius Cox and I truly appreciate the McBroom sisters, Dorothy and Lois, taking time to sit and talk with us about their daddy and mama.



**DOROTHY MCBROOM HESTER, left, and Lois McBroom Bennett**



**RALPH MCBROOM** wore out several bicycles delivering newspapers to subscribers in and around Whigham.

3-cols--- Whigham's Historical  
Story Is Documented

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Spotlighted

Fuller History  
Planned Later  
For Printing

Whigham  
History  
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The dates and other basic facts about the origin and early history of Whigham, a flourishing Grady County center which has recently developed its greatest upsurge, were recorded for permanent preservation in a program at the regular quarterly meeting of the Grady County Historical Society Tuesday night at the Roddenbery Memorial Library with almost an overflow audience present.

Max Tyson, the new president, presided, and the group was warmly welcomed by Miss Wessie Connell, the librarian. Other Society officers are Mrs. Judson T. Mayfield, vice-president; Mrs. Elizabeth Grose, Whigham, treasurer; and Herbert W. (Billy) Wind, secretary.

Mrs. Grose, who teaches school at Whigham, was program chairman and she presented Larry Rawlins, another teacher there, who presented the interesting story of the origin and early history of Whigham, a number of the facts having been publicly revealed for the first time. As with previous such programs, the library staff made a permanent recording of all of the information about Whigham which will be available for reference use at the library henceforth. A similar record for the Calvary community was made several months ago and other county communities and other phases of county history will likewise be documented as the Society progresses in its work, along with a wealth of other invaluable information, including an early history of railroading in the Grady County area,

Mrs. Grose and Mr. Rawlins were commended for their diligent research which included a number of documents prepared by various early settlers, including the late Judge T. J. Mills, which were submitted as they were, although some doubtless have been filed previously in the library's general historical file.

Schools and churches came in for considerable emphasis because it is well-known that Whigham has always been a community of outstanding churches

and schools, always backed by exemplary community support. Some of the factual information was supported by reference to the Whigham Journal, a weekly newspaper published there for a time many years ago.

Quite like Cairo, Whigham actually had its origin as a station on the old Atlantic Coast Line railroad as it was extended westward from Thomasville to Bainbridge. It had been operated for some years from Savannah to Thomasville and the extension, in its early years as the Atlantic & Gulf, but the Thomasville-Bainbridge extension was halted by the War Between the States in the early 1860s, primarily because the rails had to be imported from England. In the disruption, the grading was ~~halted~~ <sup>halted</sup> near Cairo.

Construction was not resumed until 1866 and it was not until 1867 that the railroad reached Cairo and Whigham and that Cairo and Harrell or Harrell Station were established as stations on the railroad. Whigham was first laid off in blocks under the name Harrell Station, when W. W. and ~~W.~~ J. T. Harrell deeded 10 acres of land for a station to the railroad, but beginning a few months later land conveyances began to show the town name Whigham instead of Harrell Station or Harrell.

Mrs. Grose said she has very ~~authoritatively~~ <sup>authoritatively</sup> obtained information from the Postmaster General in Washington that the first post office at Whigham was opened May 26, 1868, with Mrs. Samantha J. Whitfield as the first postmistress. Whigham became known as a town in 1888 but it was not chartered by the Legislature as a town until Jan. 23, 1896. It was chartered as a city on Dec. 11, ~~1896~~ 1953.

At the Historical Society meeting, the question developed as to whether or not there are any record records as to ownership of ~~the~~ land prior to the establishment of Whigham and Cairo. Miss Connell quickly noted that the land lottery grants for this area were dated 1820. Any existence of historical records from 1820 on to the latter half of last century might be found somewhere. The City of Tallahassee recently completed a very pretentious celebration of its Sesqui-Centennial (150 years) spotlighting that Tallahassee was established in 1824. This is something else the Society will have to work on.

The history of the Whigham schools was compiled by Mrs. Ann Crew and the church history was compiled by Mrs. Carolyn Crew. The record on Whigham is by no means closed and other contributions of information and documents will be warmly welcomed.

President Tyson strongly urged those who have not done so to become members of the Society not so much to get the <sup>very nominal</sup> membership dues but for each to indicate the areas of special interest to be used in appointing the standing committees.

It was revealed that the next regular meeting has been set for the third Tuesday night in July. Some 60 or more were in attendance.

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# LIFESTYL

## ◆ "WHIGHAM NEWS & NOTES"

### *Readers of this column share Whigham memories*

By Susan Anderson

There is a song that was written in 1968 by Mac Davis and the late Billy Strange. The name of the song is "Memories" and they wrote the song for the late Elvis Presley's comeback tour.

The first and second lines go like this, "Memories, pressed between the pages of my mind. Memories sweetened through the ages just like wine." This song comes to mind because so many people have commented on the memories that have been restored to them by reading our column and the activities of the Whigham Volunteer Community Council.

As a teenager, Neylan Robinson, worked for Ralph McBroom. In talking with Neylan he related quite a bit of interesting facts about his job duties. Neylan said that every day they cooked hamburgers on a kerosene stove. He said they would grind the meat, cut up onions and slice the buns. Yes, they had to slice the buns. There was no such thing as pre-sliced hamburger buns back then. He said about 10:30 or 11:00 they would light the stove. It had four eyes and they had to light all four eyes. He said they sold the hamburgers with mustard and onions

only on them. If a person wanted ketchup they had to buy it. In the afternoons every store owner would sweep the streets. They would sweep in front of their store from the center line to the building. They would take up the debris and dump it behind the buildings so no one would see it.

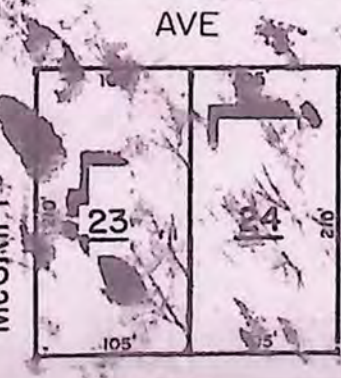
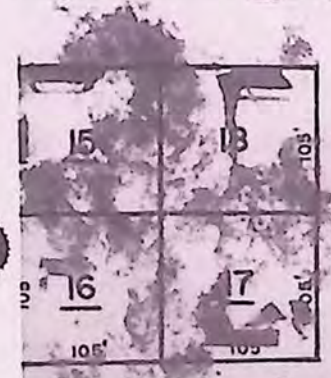
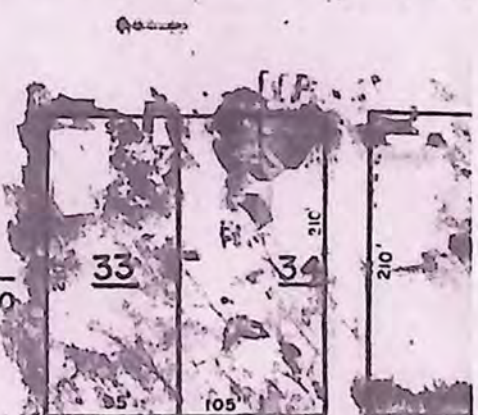
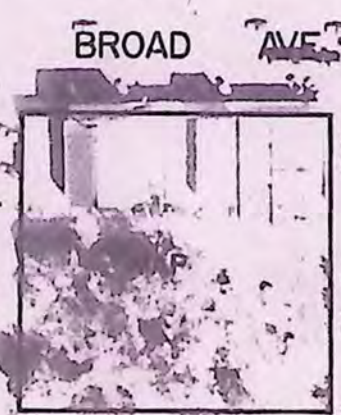
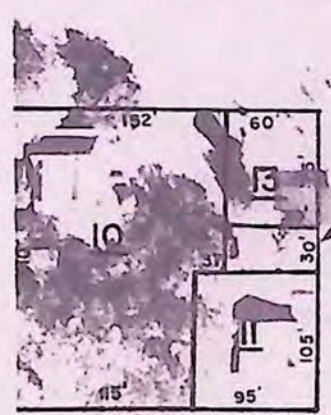
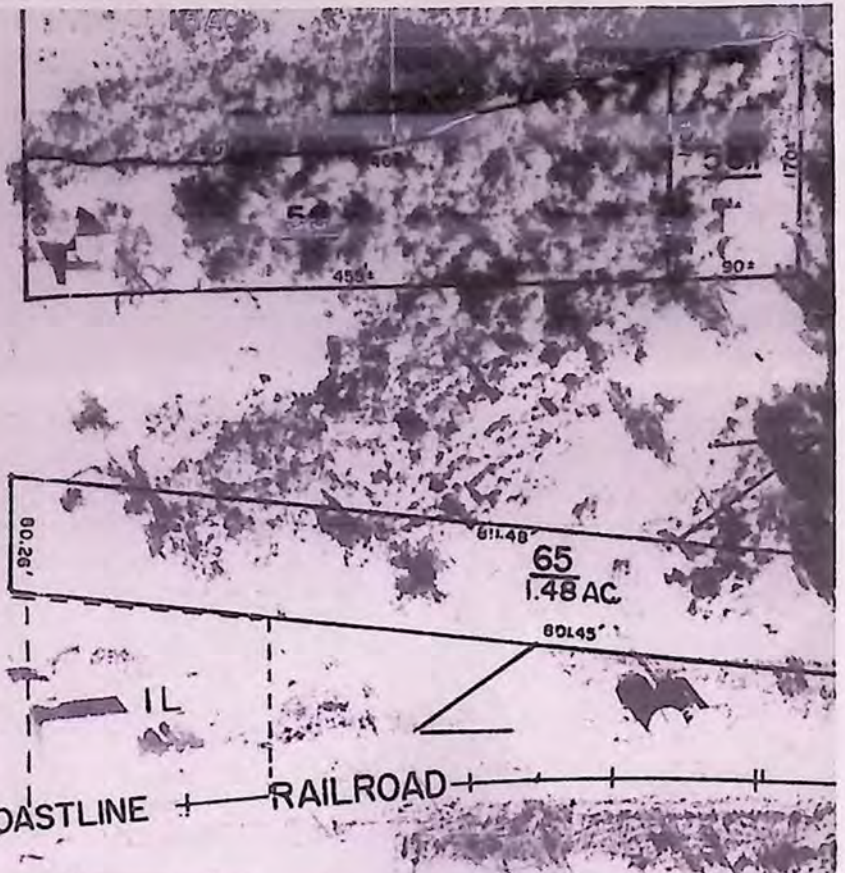
After our Volunteer Council meeting last Monday night Kaye Hash started talking to me about how the Albany Herald used to be delivered to Whigham. She said that an airplane would fly over the ball court behind the old school on McGriff Street and drop newspapers out of the plane. Kaye said she, other children in the neighborhood and her siblings would be waiting outside for the plane. They would run out to the ball court to try and catch the newspapers as they flew through the air. I asked if they ever caught any. She responded laughingly, "No we never caught any and can

you imagine how that would hurt if we did?"

The Whigham Volunteer Community Council had a called meeting to discuss The Grady Grown Farm to Table Dinner scheduled for September 22nd. The dinner will be held at the Wayside Community Club, 140 Ponder Road, Whigham, Georgia from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The dinner will showcase food products grown in Grady County. The cost of the dinner is \$50.00. There will only be 100 tickets available for sale at this time. You may contact Whigham City Hall 229-762-4215 for information on ticket sales.

Wallace Chason is working on a new book about the City of Whigham. I have seen a preview of the book and it is great. It includes things from the previous book he published plus lots of new things he has discovered. Thanks to all that work so hard for our little town.





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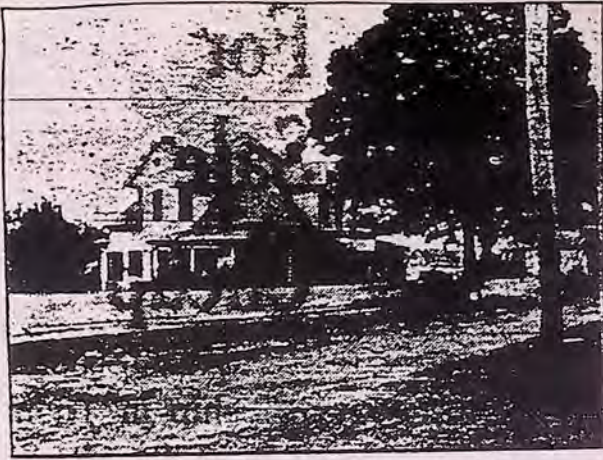
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RESIDENCE OF DR. M. M. McCORD, WEST BROAD STREET

story of remarkable growth. The receipts for the first quarter of 1899 were \$2,120.33; the receipts for the first quarter 1909 were \$4,384.69, or more than double that of the first quarter of 1899.

Whigham has all the church conveniences one might wish for, the Methodists and Missionary Baptists being the principal denominations.

During the past few years the town has established a water-works system, which is probably unequalled in any town of this size. The water is pumped from an artesian well, has been analyzed, and is believed to be the finest in the country.

An excellent telephone system, giving the best service, has also been established, and is well patronized by the principal business men and citizens.

The Bank of Whigham established four or five years ago, is one of the strongest institutions of its kind. It is capitalized at \$25,000.00, has prospered from the start, and enjoys the confidence and patronage of the best people of this section.

The property owners of Whigham are fortunate in being protected by a fire department unsurpassed outside of the cities. With plenty of water, plenty of hydrants, and the best equipment, the work of the fire department is always effective.

Whigham is noted far and wide for her healthfulness. The town is well-drained naturally; the well-



RESIDENCE OF POSTMASTER W. M. QUINN, WEST BROAD STREET

## WHIGHAM, GEORGIA; PRESENT AND FUTURE

Whigham, Georgia, is situated in the middle-western section of Grady county, on the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad from Montgomery to Savannah. Grady county is a new county, formed from portions of Decatur and Thomas counties, and is located in the southwestern corner of the Empire state of the South.

Whigham is a close contestant for first place in the race for the largest population of any town in the county, Cairo, the county seat, being slightly in the lead.

The eyes of the nation are on Southwest Georgia—the most rapidly developing section of the New South—and as a progressive leader among the towns of this wealthy, growing section, Whigham naturally suggests itself as a pre-eminently fitting center—the most suitable, convenient, the most logical point for the location of THE city of Southwest Georgia.

And Whigham is not sleeping over her opportunities. The history of the past ten years is a record of growth and progress and great achievements, possibly without a parallel in this section of the state.

From a population in 1900 of 392

ware stores, drug stores, millinery stores, a 30-room hotel and many other business and professional offices.

Fully as remarkable has been the activity in the residence section, and even less than ten years has more than doubled the number of handsome houses which adorn the shady streets. The past decade has witnessed the erection of at least a hundred residences in addition to those

## OUR FINE LANDS AND WHAT THEY PRODUCE

adequate to meet the rapidly growing demands, and they are sure to demand the erection of the new building when the election takes place.

The present Baptist church will soon be replaced by a five to eight thousand dollar building, according to the present plans.

Some of the stock has already been subscribed for the erection of

It has been truly said and wisely it was, that Grady county and particularly western Grady is the garden spot of the grand old state of Georgia. We will state a few actual facts in support of our claims, in order that each reader of this may know something about this great section.

Our lands before being cleared are covered by the tall yellow pine, together with many species of the oak and other varieties of the hardwood. A great deal of our pine timber has been boxed and turpentine while a large portion of it yet remains in the round original state. We have some of the finest hardwood and the greatest quantity of it to be found anywhere, and the readers will pardon me for stopping to say that a crate and basket factory to utilize this great amount of hardwood could be installed for a few thousand dollars, and we believe it would be a profitable investment for some man or men that have the means.

Our lands when properly managed require only a reasonable amount of commercial fertilizers. We have some up-to-date farmers, but a great majority of our farmers

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From a population in 1900 of 392 the town has, without the spasmodic boom with its inevitable reaction, grown steadily, substantially upward until she now has a population very near the one thousand mark. The wonderful growth in the population the town, however, sinks into insignificance when compared to the strides the people have been making in developing the country. The almost phenomenal growth of the business section. Ten years ago there were hardly half a dozen wooden store buildings where now there are at least that many wooden buildings, and twenty-one nice brick buildings. Six of these are two story structures. These buildings occupied by the most up-to-date progressive business firms—dry goods stores, grocery stores, hard-



**A. J. MILLS**  
President Business Men's League, Member Town Council, Insurance Man and Farmer



**DR. M. M. MCCORR**  
A Leading Physician and Surgeon, Local Surgeon A. C. L. Railway



**J. W. LANE**  
Naval Stores Operator, Messenger Telephone Exchange, and Member of Several Business Firms

which were already standing. Among these are some of the finest houses to be found anywhere.

The Whigham High School speaks as much for the progress of the town as any one thing. Less than ten years ago two rooms were built for the accommodation of the school with two teachers. This has been added to from time to time, until it is more than double the original size, and the building is now taxed to its utmost capacity. The faculty consists of four excellent teachers.

The post office records also tell a

ter has been analyzed by Dr. J. M. Bosworth, of Atlanta, who pronounced it absolutely pure; people came here poor and broken in health who are sound and well today.

**The Future.**

Whigham is moving forward to a future brighter than the history of any of her past achievements. A few months ago the Business Men's League was organized with ten members. This organization has gradually grown until nearly every business man in town is an enthusiastic member and worker. The League has been doing and is still doing a great work. Through their work The Whigham Journal was established. A large brick plant has recently been put in operation as a result of their labors. They have a number of new things on foot which will add volumes to the business of the town when they materialize.

**A \$15,000.00 School Building**

One of the really big things for the very near future is a \$15,000.00 school building.

Signatures have already been secured to a petition calling for an election on the question of building a new school house. The people present building is in

a \$5,000.00 warehouse, to be built this summer.

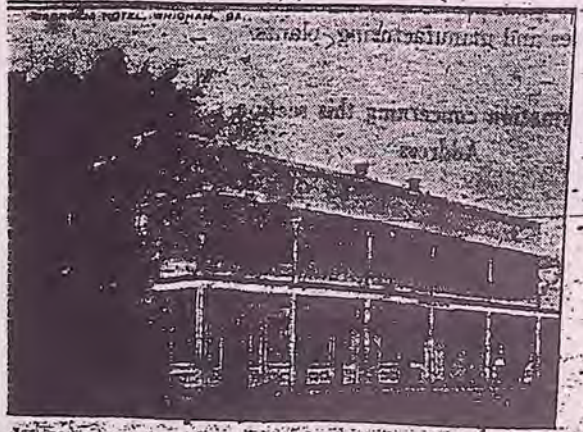
There is considerable building activity going on in the residence section.

Surrounded by the finest country in the world, with the best people in the world, with unexcelled moral, religious and educational advantages, and with unsurpassed opportunities for investments in every line of industry, Whigham extends a cordial invitation to home-seekers, to capitalists, and to all to locate with us.

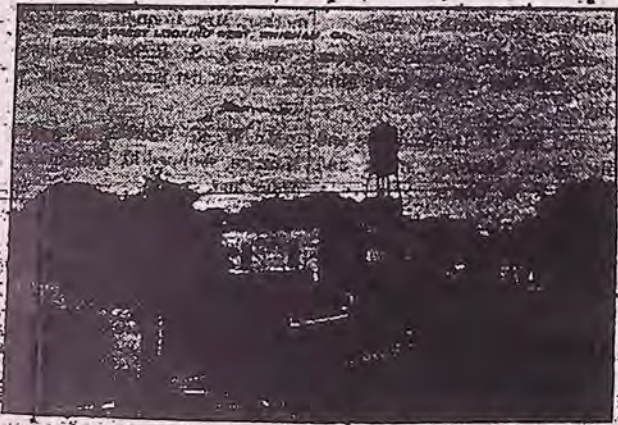
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You can grow anything here from many of the tropical fruits and vegetables, such as raised in South Florida, up to and including all the semi-tropical products. Our leading products are cotton, corn, Sumatra tobacco (under shade), Cuba tobacco (grown in sun), sugar cane, peanuts, watermelons, cantaloupes, peas, velvet beans and all kinds of truckery. Our lands are unexcelled anywhere in the world when it comes to growing fine tobacco and sugar cane. One of the largest tobacco syndicates in the world is lo-

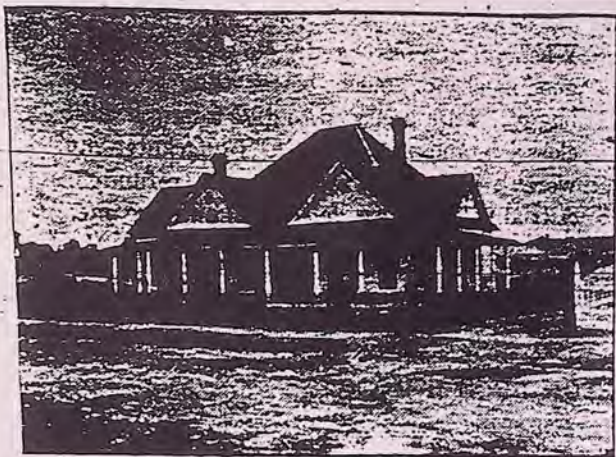


MAGNOLIA HOTEL, B. P. BROS. PROP. EAST BROAD



BROAD STREET, LOOKING WEST

# OF SOUTHWEST GEORGIA



RESIDENCE OF J. W. LANE, WEST BROAD STREET

## THE GREAT TOBACCO SECTION OF THE SOUTH

cated near here. In regard to sugar cane will say that two of our young farmers, Chas. and Byron Belcher, last year had about 20 acres in sugar cane; they made nearly 400 barrels of syrup from it, and received 30 cents per gallon, or about \$10.00 per barrel for the syrup. That's what you can do with only 20 acres of our land, and there is no kind of farming that is prettier than growing sugar cane. The pecan industry is receiving considerable attention. One man, Mr. J. B. Wight, at the next town, has 140 acres in pecans, and many other fruit growers in and around Whigham have large orchards in pecans.

Our lands range in price from

The soil of Grady county and most especially in the vicinity of the thriving little city of Whigham seems to be admirably adapted to the growing of a general diversity of crops, but in no particular does it seem to be better adapted to the growing of any crop more than that of cigar tobacco.

Perhaps to the uninitiated it will be surprising to know that Whigham is situated in the midst of the greatest

some to be able to note the fact that the culture of this, one of our most valuable commodities, which is the natural product of our soil, has long since passed out of the experimental stage and now is as successfully grown here as cotton or corn is elsewhere.

Now for a bit of history. Several decades ago the first tobacco grown anywhere near here was grown in the vicinity of Quincy, Fla., and the people of that section seemed to believe that theirs was the only section in this part of the country in which cigar tobacco could be successfully grown. Time rolled on down the corridor of years, until about forty years ago, or somewhere thereabouts, the first tobacco was planted in this section by Mr. Geo. Wight, six miles south of Whigham, soon after the war. It has been planted since that time in this section of the county by practically all the leading farmers, until today it is one of the staple crops grown here, and the harvest obtained has demonstrated the significant fact that tobacco can be grown as successfully here as elsewhere, and the production of this crop is now one of the most valuable natural assets of this section.

The culture of tobacco is something that appeals very strongly to the farmers of this section for several reasons, namely: 1st, because of the simple fact that it is the quick-



RESIDENCE OF MISSES HEBBIE AND LUCY McNAIR  
(Formerly known as the McNair House)

## SURPASSING BEAUTY OF NATURAL SCENERY

in the past, that in a few years the amount of shade-grown tobacco in this vicinity will be doubled if not trebled.

The writer regrets very much on account of lack of space not being able to present in full the methods of cultivation and the cost of the production of tobacco, but perhaps the reader may gather some idea from the following condensed table

It's quite impossible for the pen of man to portray and describe the real beauty of the natural scenery in and about Whigham. To the stranger on first getting a glimpse of Whigham and her surroundings, it's almost always a fact that he is at once greatly impressed with the natural beauty of the place, which nature has lavishly showered upon her. Here, nestling among the hills of Grady county, and surrounded by beautiful groves of pine and oak, and many other species of valuable timber land, is, what is generally termed, the garden spot of Southwest Georgia.

The streets of Whigham are beautifully laid off, though there is still plenty of improvement to be done.

### SOME OF THE MAKERS OF WHIGHAM



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**CAPT. J. L. PEEBLES**  
County Commissioner, Naval Stores Operator,  
Bank Director and Real Estate Owner



**N. Z. TRANLOCK**  
Member Firm of Truck Hardware Co., Real  
Estate Owner and Farmer



**J. ROY MCGINTY**  
Editor and Proprietor THE WHIGHAM JOURNAL  
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Our lands range in price from  
\$7.50 per acre to \$50.00. You can  
now buy fine timbered land at  
\$12.00 or \$15.00 per acre. The price  
is off a little on account of the re-  
cent panic, but it is only a question  
of a few months, or years at least,  
that you can buy any land around  
here for less than \$30.00 or \$40.00  
per acre. Our lands are good,  
adapted to the growth and culture  
of all kinds of products, so we know  
that real estate here is bound to be  
at a premium at no distant day.  
To further support what we have  
said about our lands, and what they  
are and will do, we publish below a  
telegram that was received a few  
days ago from the agricultural de-  
partment at Washington. When  
the government experts made their  
recent survey of the lands of the  
South, the soil, etc., of Grady county  
was so far above an average that  
the department issued a special re-  
port by wire and we herewith give  
it to you:

Washington, April 6.—(Special)—  
The bureau of soils, of the United  
States department of agriculture, is  
about to issue a report on the soil  
survey of Grady county, Georgia.

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out the tobacco is ready for market.  
Just as an illustration: tobacco set  
out on the 20th of April will be  
ready for market on the 20th of  
July. 2nd, the tobacco comes off  
early enough so that the land may  
be planted in sweet potatoes, peas,  
cabbage and other crops, all of  
which can be grown successfully  
after the tobacco has been harvest-  
ed. 3rd, it appeals very strongly to  
our farmers because of the pecuni-  
ary remuneration obtained by them  
from the sale of this crop. Many  
a farmer has been known to clear  
from \$250.00 to \$500.00 off a single  
acre of shade tobacco grown here.

There are two kinds of tobacco,  
sun and shade. Sun tobacco is to-  
bacco grown out in the open air,  
while shade tobacco is tobacco that  
is grown under a shade of lattice  
work. The cost of putting up these  
shades is approximately \$250.00 per  
acre, and a shade will last for sev-  
eral years with but small repair.  
There is in this immediate vicinity,  
something like 150 acres of this shade  
and about 1,000 acres within a ra-  
dus of five or six miles of Whigham,

something of the profit to be made  
from the culture of tobacco in this  
section:

### Estimate for One Acre

First cost of shade	\$250.00
Cost of fertilizer	60.00
Cost of labor	75.00
Incidentals	30.00
<b>Total cost including shade</b>	<b>\$415.00</b>
Average crop 1200 lbs.	
at 50c per pound	\$600.00
<b>Profit for first year</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>

The second year there is no shade

ed by beautiful groves of pine and  
oak, and many other species of val-  
uable timber land, is, what is gener-  
ally termed, the garden spot of  
Southwest Georgia.

The streets of Whigham are beau-  
tifully laid off, though there is still  
plenty of improvement to be done.  
The main street of the town is shaded  
on both sides, by tall spreading  
oaks, while in the center is planted  
pecan trees. Above the depot we  
have a number of beautiful groves  
of oak, pine and hickory, a pleasant  
sight which greet the stranger  
alighting from the train, or a visitor  
to our little city. A little to the  
east of these is one of the many  
ever-running springs of pure water,  
of which Whigham is especially not-  
ed. This water has been analyzed  
by a noted physician of Atlanta, Ga.,  
and many cases can be cited where  
it has been beneficial in the restora-

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to build, so the profits are \$250.00  
more than those of the first year.  
These estimates are based upon the  
average crop at about what is gener-  
ally the average price.

In conclusion, there are splendid  
tobacco lands in this section, that  
can be bought at the extremely low  
price of from ten to thirty dollars  
per acre. The people of Whigham  
and surrounding vicinity offer many  
inducements to strangers to settle  
in their midst and to become one of  
their number.





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1867	11	7	WW & JT	Harrell	A&G RR	19	30	Decatur	P	58	one hundred yards width and four hundred and eighty four yards in length the sides right angles with each other. The southern boundary being the northern ... of the ROW of the A&G RR commencing at a point opposite the east switch of #21 and extending four hundred & eighty yards towards the west.
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Calculated accuracy of current Javascript enabled browsers is generally 16 places. The defaults yield 1 acre.

Required Area Dimensions	
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Total Square Feet	<input type="text" value="432000"/>
Total Square Inches	<input type="text" value="62208000"/>

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Editor J. Roy McGinty, former editor of the Fitzgerald News, has resumed full charge of the Whigham Journal, his own paper, and promises the people of Grady county a better paper than ever. Success to you brother.--Fitzgerald Leader.

The Republican Party has the best chance to be busted all to flinders that it has had for a long time. If we could only succeed in busting both of the big parties it might give rise to some independent move of the people from which a little genuine relief would possibly be derived.

**Facts About Whigham**

(Communicated)

There are attractions at Rock Lakes, 12 miles north of Whigham, that are interesting. Reflections on the rocks look like diamonds. The depth of the water at the lake is unknown. Explorers for diamonds will stand as good chance for making discoveries of value here as at any place in the United States.

Whigham, built on high hills and surrounded by high hills, with attractive, never failing streams of water, headed by springs makes as healthy a town both summer and winter as can be shown in the South.

There is as good drinking, artesian and never failing spring water in Whigham as can be had in the United States.

**WHIGHAM'S SCHOOL INTERESTS**

Whigham's failure to secure the Denominational High School which went to our more fortunate neighbor on the other side of the Flint, Cyrene, should not be permitted to put an end to her aspirations and endeavors to become an educational center. On the other hand, it should stimulate her citizens to greater activity and a more resolute determination to make the educational facilities of the institution of learning already in our midst second to those of no other school in this section.

Less than a year ago there was a movement among the citizens of Whigham to erect a new building for the Whigham High School. The approval by the public of this movement was very enthusiastic and almost unanimous. Through various causes (among them the prospects of securing the Denominational School) execution of the plans under way was allowed to lag, and the matter soon passed from the attention of the majority of the people.

We failed to get the Denominational School. And we need the building for our own school more than ever.

Why shouldn't the movement be reorganized and the former plans, with the necessary alterations, be carried out in full.

Now is the time to begin the work.

A building such as was contemplated would be a splendid advertisement for our little city. It would give the school ample room to accommodate its steadily increasing patronage, would insure a greater degree of comfort to the faculty and student body, and, as a matter of course, enable them to do better work. Such a school would be a great inducement to others to locate here, and many boarding pupils would no doubt be secured.

The bid which Whigham made for the Denominational School, if devoted to our present school, would, we believe, make it almost if not altogether equal to the former, and would, in the course of a few years, prove to be worth to the city many times more than the amount expended.

As a matter of fact, for the location of a great school, Whigham's natural advantages place her far above any other point in Southwest Georgia.--advantages which cannot be counterbalanced by any of her rivals, it matters not how much money they may spend.

If Whigham fails to make use of this very evident and well known fact, she is asleep to her interests.

There is not a more healthy resort both summer and winter with the attractions surrounding Whigham. Finest territory in the South, rich agricultural land, rich deposits of Fuller's Earth, rich deposits of Phosphate and other diversified resources, developed, will cause Whigham to be a strong manufacturing, hotel and college center in Southwest Georgia.

The Whigham Journal, \$1 per year

**City Court Meeting.**

The following are the Traverse Jurors for Whigham City Court which convenes the 4th Monday in January:

- L. H. Harrison,
- J. H. Hudson,
- W. J. Allen,
- L. L. Gainous,
- J. H. Darsev,
- A. Harrell,
- C. C. Belcher,
- J. H. Autry,
- N. R. Peebles,
- G. T. Bullock,
- J. G. Harrell,
- R. L. Brown,
- B. B. Martin,
- H. E. Mitchell,
- J. D. Maxwell,
- W. R. Hawthorne,
- F. O. Overstreet,
- B. H. McNair.

**Have You Any Property**

to insure? If so, you'll want to insure with a reliable company. We represent the best, and insure against loss by Fire, Lightning and Tornadoes. Both town and country property insured. See us or write,

**Whigham Insurance Agency, O. C. SPENCE, Mgr.**

**For Sale**

Buggies and Wagons, Cotton Seed Meal and Hulls, Oats and Hay.

**J. B. Butler**  
Whigham, Ga.

**C. H. HAWKINS**  
Contractor and Builder  
WHIGHAM, GA.

**Gone to**

to get another car. Will arrive about 22, or Monday, 24. want to buy or swap

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**After Friday**

**GIN**

Tuesdays

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LOCALS

Recorded January 9<sup>th</sup> 1867

and affixed our seals the day and year above written  
 Signed Sealed Stamped and delivered in the  
 presence of us the words "one horse  
 valued at \$200<sup>00</sup> + merchandise app<sup>ro</sup> 500<sup>00</sup>"  
 being first interlined between the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>  
 line from bottom of 1<sup>st</sup> page } K W Williams 25  
 J Williams }  
 J Law J.S.C. } Mr Berrien Oliver 23

Georgia  
DeKalb County

Dec 18, 1866

I Robert E Whigham as Administrator on the Estate of  
 Thomas Whigham late of said County deceased in consideration  
 of the sum of Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred and five<sup>ty</sup> 17,000  
 Dollars to me paid by W W Harrell and John T Harrell  
 both of said County Whereas I Robert E Whigham as Administrator  
 as aforesaid did by virtue of an order from the Ordinary  
 of said County and after having given due notice by  
 advertisement in the Bainbridge Argus a Public Gazette  
 published in said County on the first Tuesday in this  
 present month before the Court House door in Bainbridge  
 in said County expose to sale the lots and parcels of land  
 hereinafter described. And whereas the same was knocked off  
 to said W W Harrell & John T Harrell they being the  
 highest and best bidders at said for the sum of Seventeen  
 Thousand Eight Hundred and five<sup>ty</sup> 17,000 dollars  
 Now I Robert E Whigham as Administrator as aforesaid  
 in consideration as aforesaid do hereby sell and convey  
 unto the said W W Harrell and John T Harrell their heirs  
 and assigns all those lots or parcels of land situate  
 lying in the (19<sup>th</sup>) Nineteenth district of said County  
 & thereon in the place of said district as lots Nos (8) Eight  
 containing Two Hundred and fifty acres more or less No (9) Nine  
 containing Two Hundred and fifty acres more or less No (10) Ten  
 containing Two Hundred and fifty acres more or less No (30) Thirty  
 containing Two Hundred and fifty acres more or less & No (31) Thirty one  
 containing Two Hundred and fifty acres more or less (51) Fifty one  
 acres off of South West corner between the two branches at  
 the Barnyard on said lot deeds to Edmund Davis. To  
 have and to hold the said bargained premises with all  
 the appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said W W  
 & J T Harrell their heirs and assigns in fee simple  
 In testimony whereof I Robert E Whigham admin<sup>or</sup> on the Estate  
 of Thomas Whigham late of said County  
 deceased do hereby set my hand and  
 seal and affix Revenue Stamps This

Recorded January 9th 1867

December the 18th 1866

Wm  
Deed

Signed Sealed Stamp'd and  
delivered in presence of }  
J. O. Kutherford }  
J. Law J. S. C. } Robert E. Whigham Clerk (L.S.)

Georgia  
Deer Creek County

This Indenture made this the 17th day of December 1866 Between  
William J. Hutchinsons Administrator of the Estate of John Hutchinson  
deceased and Robert A. Butler of the other part Witness that whereas  
by virtue of an order granted by the Ordinance of Deer Creek County  
granted on the fifth day of November 1866 previous notice of  
application having been made given agreeably to the law in  
such cases made and provided granting leave to said William  
J. Hutchinsons Administrator as aforesaid to sell all the Real  
Estate belonging to the Estate of said deceased And the premises  
hereto described being duly advertised in conformity to law  
The same was put up and exposed to sale to the highest bidder  
at the door of the Court House in Bainbridge in said County  
within the legal hours of sale on the first Monday (17th day)  
of December 1866 by the said William J. Hutchinsons Administrator  
where said premises was knocked off to Robert A. Butler at the  
price or sum of Ninety Eight 1/100 dollars he being the  
highest and best bidder Now for and in consideration  
of the sum of money aforesaid the said William J. Hutchinsons  
Administrator as aforesaid hath granted bargained and  
sold unto the said Robert A. Butler all of those two lots  
or parcels of land situate lying and being in the (21st)  
Twenty first District of said County and known and  
distinguished in the plan of said District by Number  
Four Hundred and Thirteen (413) & Four Hundred and  
Thirty one (431) Containing Three Hundred and Ninety  
two and a half acres with all the rights members and  
appurtenances thereto belonging forever in full  
In Witness whereof the said William J. Hutchinsons  
hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the  
day above written Signed Sealed and delivered in  
presence of

J. J. Hairston }  
Richard Lewis Not Pub. } Wm J. Hutchinson (L.S.)  
deceased

Stamp'd Jan'y 1867

Recorded Febry 15<sup>th</sup> 1867

Georgia  
 Decatur County } This deed of Mortgage made this the Eighteenth day of December  
 1866 Between W W Harrell & John T Harrell both of said County  
 and State and Robert E Whigham Administrator on the Estate of Thomas Whigham dec<sup>d</sup>  
 Witnesseth that for & in consideration of two dollars in hand paid to them by the said  
 Robert E Whigham as well as for the securing the payment of two notes hereinafter  
 described and by these presents doth sell & convey unto the said R E Whigham  
 Administrator as Est of Thomas Whigham deceased as aforesaid and to the heirs at  
 law of the said Thomas Whigham All those lots or parcels of land being in  
 the Nineteenth District of said County & having in the plan thereof as lots No (8)  
 Eight Nine (9) ten (10) Thirty (30) and Thirty one (31) excepting of fifty one  
 acres off of South West corner of said lot No Thirty one lying between the  
 two branches sit & about the Saw yard on said lot (31) containing Eleven  
 Hundred and Ninety nine acres more or less. Do here and to have  
 said bargain and premises unto the said Robert E Whigham Admin<sup>r</sup> as  
 aforesaid in fee simple. And the said  
 will & his heirs shall forever warrant & defend the title of said land by virtue  
 of these presents. Provided nevertheless that the said W W & J T Harrell  
 their heirs Executors or Administrators shall pay unto the said Robert E Whigham  
 as Administrator as aforesaid his Executors Administrators or assigns the amount  
 of two certain promissory notes made by the said W W & J T Harrell payable  
 to the said Robert E Whigham as Admin<sup>r</sup> as aforesaid or bearer bearing even  
 date with these presents for Five Thousand Nine Hundred & Thirty five <sup>05</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
 Each & due 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1867 together with all legal interest  
 which may be due upon the same & all expenses which may be incurred  
 by the said Robert E Whigham in collecting the same then as well this deed  
 as the above described promissory notes to be utterly void else to remain  
 of full force. In Witness whereof the said W W & J T Harrell  
 have hereunto set their hands & seals the day and year above written  
 Signed Sealed Stamped and delivered  
 in presence of  
 John C. Matthews } W. W. Harrell (LS)  
 J. L. J. C. } J. T. Harrell (LS)

Georgia  
 Baldwin County } This indenture made the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April in the  
 year of our Lord one Thousand Eighteen Hundred  
 and fifty one between Tomlinson Fort of the  
 County of Baldwin & State of Georgia of the one part and  
 Moses Pullen of the County of Decatur and State of Georgia  
 of the other part Witnesseth that the said Tomlinson Fort of  
 Georgia in consideration of the sum of Eight Hundred dollars in  
 hand paid at & before the sealing & delivery of these presents  
 the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted  
 bargain and conveyed by these presents doth grant

Recorded November 7<sup>th</sup> 1867

Nov 7, 1867

Decatur County }  
 State of Georgia } This Indenture made this seventh day of November in the year  
 one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven (1867) between  
 W<sup>m</sup> H<sup>ar</sup>rell of the County of Decatur of the first part and the Atlantic  
 & Gulf Rail Road Company of the second part Witnesseth that the said Parties  
 the first part in Consideration of one dollar paid at or before the sealing or delivery  
 these presents the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted bargain  
 sold aliened conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain  
 sell alien convey & confirm unto the Atlantic & Gulf Rail Road Company  
 that parcel of land situate in the County of Decatur and State of Georgia being  
 part of the land of the Parties of the first part selected by said Corporation  
 track of the Atlantic & Gulf Rail Road being part of lots of Land No 30  
 in the 19<sup>th</sup> District of Decatur County formerly Early and which said  
 land is of the width & extent following that is to say one hundred yards  
 width and four hundred and eighty four yards in length the said  
 right angles with each other. The Southern boundary being the Northern  
 of the right of way of the Atlantic & Gulf R R Commencing at a point  
 opposite the East Switch of # 21 and extending four hundred & eighty  
 yards towards the West To have and to hold the said parcel of land  
 with the hereditaments rights members and appurtenances thereto belonging  
 the said Atlantic & Gulf Rail Road Company their Successors & assigns  
 in fee simple absolute and the Parties of the first part & their heirs the  
 parcel of land above conveyed with the appurtenances unto the said  
 Atlantic & Gulf Rail Road Company their Successors and assigns  
 all and every person and persons whosoever shall & will forever warrant  
 by these presents In witness whereof the said Parties of the First part  
 have set their hands and seals the day & year first above written  
 Signed Sealed and delivered

in presence of  
 L M Griffin } W W Harrell (LS)  
 H M Beach Gray } J. T. Harrell (LS)  
 Stamped 50/100

Oct 9, 1867

State of Georgia }  
 Decatur County } This Indenture made this Ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) day of October in  
 one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven 1867 between  
 W W Harrell and John T Harrell of Decatur County of the  
 first part and the Atlantic & Gulf Rail Road Company of the  
 second part Witnesseth that the said Parties of the first part in  
 Consideration of the sum of one dollar paid at or before the sealing & delivery  
 of these presents the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have granted  
 bargain sold aliened conveyed and confirmed and by these presents do  
 grant bargain sell alien and convey & confirm unto the Atlantic & Gulf Rail  
 Road Company all that parcel of land situate in the County of Decatur and  
 State of Georgia being part of the said Parties of the first part selected  
 selected by said Corporation as the track of the said Atlantic & Gulf Rail  
 Road being part of lots of Land No 31 and 30 Thirty one & Thirty in the  
 19<sup>th</sup> District of Decatur County formerly Early County and which parcel of  
 land is of the width and extent following that is to say Bounded on the  
 N. by ...  
 S. by ...  
 E. by ...  
 W. by ...

Recorded November 7<sup>th</sup> 1867

from said line twenty five feet on the South by a line parallel to the last line one hundred and fifty feet from that line and twenty five feet from the Central line on the East by the East boundary of said lot No 31 and on the West by the West boundary of lot No 30 containing twenty three acres more or less To have and to hold the said parcel of land with the hereditaments rights members and appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said Atlantic & Gulf Rail Road Company their successors and assigns in fee simple absolute and the Patent of the Patent of the first part and their heirs the said parcel of land above conveyed with the appurtenances unto the said Atlantic & Gulf Rail Road Company their successors and assigns against all and every person and persons whomsoever shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents In witness whereof the said Patent of the first part hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of  
A. J. Love

H. H. Troke Ordinary

Witness as to

J. T. Harrill

L. M. Griffin

H. M. Beach Ordry

D. Co. G. a.

N. W. Harrill (LS)

J. T. Harrill (LS)

Stamped 5/10

Recorded Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 1867

Georgia  
Savannah County

This Indenture made this Eighteenth day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty four between Frederick C. Hightower of the County & State aforesaid of the one part and William O. Trimble of the County of Washington and State aforesaid of the other part witnesseth that the said Frederick C. Hightower for and in consideration of the sum of One Thousand Dollars to him in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained and sold and doth by these presents grant bargain sell and convey unto the said William O. Trimble his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the nineteenth 19<sup>th</sup> district of originally Early now DeKalb County Georgia distinguished in the plan of said district by number one hundred & forty nine (149) and containing one thousand & fifty <sup>250</sup> acres more or less.

To have and to hold said tract or parcel of land unto him the said William O. Trimble his heirs and assigns together with all and singular the rights members and appurtenances thereof to the same in any manner belonging to him and their own proper use benefit & behoof forever

Georgia  
Deepest County

Recorded March 6<sup>th</sup> 1867

Know all men that W. W. & J. S. Harrell  
 in consideration of the sum of Twenty five hundred Dollars \$25,00.00  
 to them in hand paid by L. M. Elzy the receipt  
 whereof is hereby acknowledged doth hereby grant bargain  
 convey unto the said L. M. Elzy the land  
 assigned for use of the following Rice estate  
 of that certain parcel of lot of land situate lying and  
 in lot No 31 in the 19<sup>th</sup> District, County of  
Deepest & Harrell as Lot No 7 of Block 4 of the  
City of Harrell, and bounded as follows:  
 by portion of the block out of which this was  
 on the east by lot now owned by W. P. Hayes on  
 south by Broad Street and on the west by M. D.  
St. separation it from lot owned by P. S. McCall  
 the said lot containing 30 feet on Broad St. running north  
together with all the privileges and appurtenances  
thereunto in anywise appertaining unto the said  
L. M. Elzy his heirs and assigns forever in fee simple  
 the grantor hereby covenanting with the grantee his heirs  
 assigns, that the title to Cowpods is clear free  
 unincumbered and that he will warrant and  
 defend the same against all claims whatsoever.

In witness whereof the said W. W. & J. S. Harrell  
 have hereunto set their hands and seal the day and year  
 this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1867  
 Signed sealed stamped and delivered in presence of  
William Milton W. W. Harrell  
Peter Vandenberg J. P.

Recorded March 6<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Georgia } This Indenture made this seventh day of December 1867  
 Deepest County } Doas E. Bower of said county of the one part & Byron  
 the same county of the other part Witnesseth that for  
 creation of the sum of Three Thousand Dollars cash in hand paid to the  
E. Bower the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he the said Doas  
 hath this day bargained sold aliened and conveyed and doth by these  
 bargain sell alien convey confirm unto the said Byron B. Bower in  
 in after specified all that parcel of land containing Fifty acres in  
 the Bradwell Place, having such shapes, meets, and bounds as are con-  
 plat of the same, hereto annexed the said premises being part of parcel  
 land number two hundred & Eighty two (282) in the twentieth District  
 and the centre of which premises is the centre of a brick dwelling on  
 said lot of land.

To have and to hold said bargained premises with the appurtenances  
Byron B. Bower in trust for the sole and separate use of Adalina D.  
 during her natural life and at her death for the use of the said Byron  
Bower Emzema C. Bower John Bower Canilla Bower and Richard  
 jointly forever in fee simple, with power and authority in said Byron  
 with the consent and written assent of the said Adalina D. Bower to sell, con-

Given under my hand and seal of the County of DeKalb Georgia  
 this 18th day of December in the year 1867  
 Signed sealed and delivered in presence of  
 William Milton  
 Peter Vandenberg, J. P.

W. W. Harrell  
 J. S. Harrell

Received March 6<sup>th</sup> 1867  
 Know all men these presents that W. W. & J. S. Harrell  
 in consideration of the sum of Thirty five hundred \$35.00.00 Dollars  
 then in hand paid by H. L. McCoy the receipt  
 whereof is hereby acknowledged doth hereby grant bargain  
 convey unto the said H. L. McCoy the land  
 assigned for use of the following Rice estate  
 of that certain parcel of lot of land situate lying  
 in lot No 34 in the 19<sup>th</sup> District, County of DeKalb  
 aforesaid & known as Lot No 7 of Block 2 of the  
 of the town of Howell, and bounded as follows  
 by portion of the block out of which the same  
 on the east by lot now owned by St. P. Hayes  
 south by Broad Street and on the west by the  
 separating it from lot owned by C. P. McCall  
 the said lot containing 30 feet on Broad St, running north  
 together with all its privileges and appurtenances  
 herein before to have and to hold the same to the use  
 of the said McCoy his heirs and assigns forever in fee  
 the grantor hereby covenanting with the grantee his heirs  
 assigns, that the title to the same is clear free  
 unincumbered and that he will warrant and  
 defend the same against all claims whatsoever  
 In witness whereof the said W. W. & J. S. Harrell  
 have hereunto set their hands and seal the day and year  
 this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December in the year 1867

Recorded March 6<sup>th</sup> 1869  
 Georgia } This Indenture made this seventh day of December  
 DeKalb County } Isaac C. Bower of said county of the one part  
 of the same county of the other part Witnesseth the  
 execution of the sum of Three thousand Dollars cash in hand paid  
 E. Bower the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, he the said  
 hath this day bargained sold aliened and conveyed and doth  
 bargain sell alien convey & confirm unto the said Byron B. Bower  
 in after specified all that parcel of land containing Fifty acres  
 the Bradwell Place, having such shapes, meets, and bounds as  
 plat of the same, hereto annexed the said premises being part  
 land number two hundred & Eighty two (282) in the twentieth  
 and the centre of which premises is the centre of a brick dwelling  
 said lot of land.  
 To have and to hold said bargained premises with the appurtenances  
 Byron B. Bower in trust for the sole and separate use of Adalina  
 during her natural life and at her death for the use of the said  
 Bower Eugenia C. Bower, John Bower, Canilla Bower and  
 jointly forever in fee simple, with power and authority in  
 with the absent an writing of the said Adalina D. Bower to



adding, of goods or merchantable cotton, well ginned & packed, the full amount of one bale weighing 500 pounds, & if the cotton so delivered shall be of a lower grade than low middling, then I agree to pay in cash the market difference between the respective grades, & it is understood that the privilege of pledging in cotton shall be forfeited unless tendered before the maturity of the note. This pledge shall & does constitute, by this writing, a lien or mortgage on said cotton, & all other crops & stock, & lands within itself, & it is so confessed & understood by the undersigned, & is to be enforced, in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia, in that behalf for securing the payment of the note & supplies furnished. I hereby stipulate & agree that in case legal proceedings are taken to enforce the above lien or mortgage, I am to pay the costs & expenses, including Counsel & Attorneys fees which shall be due & payable under the said lien or mortgage as though it were part of said note. I certify that no other lien or mortgage under this Statute has been given by me this year, or, which will take effect upon the crops of 1872, & to Deane & Johnston. For the same consideration & for the further sum of two dollars paid me I waive all rights accorded or which may hereafter be accorded me by Stay Law or Homestead Exemption Law, which may in any manner defeat or hinder the enforcement of the above lien or mortgage.

Witness my hand and seal.  
 Henry S. Pollock. (L.S.)

Recorded May 2<sup>d</sup> 1872.

Know all men that we W. W. & J. T. Harrell for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred & forty nine dollars, to them paid by James A. Davis, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, doth hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey, to the said James A. Davis, his heirs and assigns, forever, the following Real estate, viz: all that certain lot or parcel of land situate, lying & being in Block No. 31 in the 19<sup>th</sup> district of DeKalb County Georgia & known as lot joining block 30 on the north of the survey of the town of Harrell & bound on the north by remaining portion of said lot; on the East by Depot; on the South by Block (A); on the West by Mc Griff street, the said lot containing sixty feet on Depot street running west to Mc Griff street; also lot No 1 on Block (A) containing thirty feet on Broad street running back 105 feet bound as follows: on the north by Broad street; on the East by remaining portion of Block (A); on the south by same and west by Mc Griff street; also lot No 3 on Block (B) containing thirty feet on Broad street, running north 105 feet and bound as follows: on the north by remaining portion of Block (B); on the East by the same & West by the same & South by Broad street & said lot is on Block No. 36 in the 19<sup>th</sup> district of said county & State, together with all the privileges & appurtenances to the same belonging, to have & to hold the same to the said James A. Davis, his heirs & assigns, forever in fee simple. The grantor hereby covenanting with the grantee, their heirs & assigns, that the title so conveyed is clear, & is unincumbered & that they will warrant & forever defend the same against all claims whatsoever. In witness whereof, the said W. W. & J. T. Harrell hath hereunto set their hand & seal, this eleventh day of April in the year 1868.

Witness my hand & seal,  
 W. W. & J. T. Harrell. (L.S.)  
 Stamped 50

In presence of:  
 C. Poppell.  
 H. Whitfield.

Recorded February 2<sup>d</sup> 1870.

Georgia  
 DeCATUR County  
 This Indenture made the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1868,  
 between Abner Knight of the State of Georgia & Comr  
 of DeCATUR of the first part & Joshua Martin of the same place of  
 the second part Witnesses etc that the said party of the first part for  
 & in consideration of the sum of Two hundred dollars lawful money of  
 the United States to him duly paid before the delivery hereof, hath here  
 granted & sold & by these presents doth grant & convey to the said party  
 of the second part his heirs & assigns forever all that certain piece or  
 part of land lying & being in the 19<sup>th</sup> district, county of DeCATUR & State of  
 Georgia, & which is known & described as follows to wit: (50) Fifty  
 of Lot (51) Fifty-one, said fifty acres described as follows. Beginning  
 the south west corner of the above named lot, commencing at the south west  
 corner & running five acres due north, thence five acres due east, thence ten  
 acres south to the old line again, & thence back to the south west  
 corner. Together with all & singular the tenements & appurtenances and  
 all the estate title & interest of the said party of the first part therein.  
 And the said party of the first part doth hereby covenant and agree  
 with the said party of the second part, that at the time of the delivery  
 hereof, the said party of the first part is the lawful owner of the  
 premises above granted, & seized thereof in fee simple, absolute &  
 that he will warrant & defend the above granted premises in the quiet  
 & peaceable possession of the said party of the second part, his heirs  
 & assigns forever. In witness whereof the said parties set my  
 hand & seal this the fifth day of December one thousand eight  
 hundred & sixty eight.

Sold & delivered in presence of  
 B. B. Beaswell  
 W. J. Logae. J.P.

A. Knight (T.S.)

Dec 5, 1868

Recorded February 2<sup>d</sup> 1870

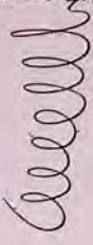
Georgia  
 DeCATUR County  
 Know all men that we J. D. & J. S. Hamell, for  
 & in consideration of the sum of One hundred & ten dollars  
 to them paid by Joshua Martin, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,  
 doth hereby grant, bargain, sell & convey, to the said Joshua Martin his heirs  
 & assigns forever, the following Real Estate viz: All that certain lot or  
 parcels of land situate lying & being in lot No 30, of the 19<sup>th</sup> dist. of state  
 & county aforesaid, and known as Lot No 2 Block II in the survey  
 of the town of Harrell & bounded as follows: on the north by Broad  
 street, on the south by lands owned by J. D. & J. S. Hamell, & east by lot  
 now owned by Joshua Martin, on the west by lot owned by F. W.  
 Jones said lot containing 30 feet on Broad street, running south  
 105 feet. Also one Residence lot on First parallel street, No 1,  
 containing one acre bounded as follows on the north by First Parallel  
 street, on the east by Beroughton street, on the south by Second  
 Parallel street, on the west by Poydras street. Together with  
 all the privileges & appurtenances to the same belonging To have  
 & to hold the same, to the said Joshua Martin his heirs and

Jan 26, 1868

is clear, free + unincumbered, + that he will warrant + forever defend the same against all claims whatsoever.

In witness whereof the said J. D. + J. I. Harrell hath hereunto set their hands + seals this the twenty sixth day of June in the year 1868.

Signed sealed stamped + delivered in presence of



J. D. Harrell  
J. I. Harrell

(L.S.)  
(L.S.)

Charles G. Campbell  
Wm B. Falks  
H. C. Crawford J. C. C.

Recorded February 3<sup>d</sup> 1870

Georgia  
Declarator County  
This Indenture made this the first day of February, in the year eighteen hundred + seventy between N. B. Waugh Sheriff of said county of the first part and Master O'Neal, also of the said county of the second part; Witness that whereas the said N. B. Waugh, Sheriff as aforesaid did on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January last upon and afterwards expose to sale two certain fractional lots of land No 75 and 76 in the twenty second district of said County, before the Court house door in said County, between the legal hours of sale, and after advertising the same according to law in the Southern Sun for the space of thirty days thereafter did sell the said fractional lots on the first Tuesday of this present month, said land being levied on and sold as the property of C. A. C. Waller. Ex<sup>t</sup> under and by virtue of an execution issued from the County Court of said County, and the said Master O'Neal having been the highest bidder for the same, and it being knotted off to him as the purchaser at the same hereafter named. Now the said N. B. Waugh Sheriff as aforesaid in consideration of the purchase + of the sum of Seventeen Dollars to him in hand paid, at and before the signing + delivery of these presents has granted bargained sold aliened and conveyed, + by these presents does convey unto the said Master O'Neal his heirs + assigns the aforesaid lots of land lying in the County + State aforesaid + known as fractional lots numbers 75 and 76 in the 22<sup>d</sup> district of said County. To have and to hold the said lots of land to the said Master O'Neal his heirs and assigns, as in full + ample manner as the said C. A. C. Waller might have done. In testimony whereof he has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written. Signed sealed + delivered

in presence of  
Richard N. Whitley  
G. A. Paduak  
Clerk Sup Court

N. B. Waugh (L.S.)  
Sheriff

Georgia  
Declarator County  
To the Sheriffs and Constables of said State  
You are hereby commanded to attach and seize so much of the property of the estate of C. D. Waller, as is in the legal control and possession of Christopher A. C. Waller Esq, as will make the sum of two thousand six hundred and sixty  
#111 1 .. and also to serve such return.

Recorded August 20<sup>th</sup> 1868

Know all men that we John J<sup>r</sup> and John D Harrell for in consideration of  
 of One Hundred and Twenty five dollars to us paid by Simeon R  
 the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged doth hereby grant bargain sell  
 convey to the said S. R. Duke his heirs and assigns forever the following  
 Estate viz Lot No 6 & 7 in Block (IB) containing 60 feet fronting Broad Street  
 and back North 105 feet also sixty feet fronting Drayton Street  
 and West 105 feet bounded as follows on the North by lands belonging  
 to the said John J<sup>r</sup> and John D Harrell it being remaining portions of  
 lot of lands No 30 in the 19<sup>th</sup> District of said County & State and on the  
 East by lands belonging to the said Harrell and Rawls and Ferrell on the  
 West by Broad Street and lands belonging to the said Harrells on the West  
 Drayton Street; We here and do hereby the said bargain premises together  
 with all singular the right members & appurtenances to the same belonging  
 and to have the same to the said Simeon R Duke his heirs and  
 assigns forever in fee simple the grant hereby containing with the grant  
 here and assigns that the title or conveyance is clear free & unincumbered  
 and they will warrant & forever defend the same against all claims  
 demands or demands whereof the said John J<sup>r</sup> and the said John D Harrell  
 be hereunto set their hands and seals this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July 1868  
 Signed Sealed & Delivered in  
 presence of

H. Whitfield	}	John J <sup>r</sup> Harrell	(S)
W Harrell		John D Harrell	(S)
W Crawford Not Pub			

Know all men by these presents that Perry M Johnson for in consideration  
 of One hundred & thirty five dollars to him paid by Sarah Freeman and  
 Lewis Thomas the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged doth  
 hereby grant bargain and sell unto the said Sarah Freeman and Lewis Thomas  
 their tract of land to wit Two Hundred acres of lot of lands No 162 in the 21<sup>st</sup>  
 District of said County & State The said two Hundred acres being all of said  
 parcel except fifty acres in the South West Corner. The said two Hundred acres  
 with all appurtenances thereto I do by these presents sell release & forever quitclaim  
 my right title interest & claim whatever to the said Sarah Freeman and  
 Lewis Thomas or their heirs and assigns forever in fee simple  
 testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hands and seals this  
 4<sup>th</sup> 1868 Signed Sealed and delivered in  
 presence of

H R Colcord	}	Perry Johnson	(S)
W A Colbert dpty C. S. C.			
S. C. C.			

The Lot of Land herein after described for sale at the Corner House in said County, between the hours bounded by law for such sales and whereas the said James Wood his heirs and assigns, Eighty six acres on the east side of lot number thirty one (31) in the twenty first District of DeWitt County.

To have and to hold said premises to the said James Wood his heirs and assigns forever  
In testimony whereof the said Reuben Chason Administrator has hereto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in presence of  
John H. Brown.  
John M. Jones. J. P.

Reuben Chason  
(L. S.)

Recorded Feby 18th 1871

3 This indenture made this fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of February Eighteen Hundred and Seventy One, between William C. Rawls of the first part and Daniel S. Maxwell of the other part both of said State and County - Witnesseth that the said W. C. Rawls for and in consideration of the sum of Five Hundred dollars to him in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is heretofore acknowledged, hath granted bargained sold and conveyed and doth by these presents grant bargain sell and convey unto the said D. S. Maxwell his heirs and assigns all of that Lot of Land lying and being in the town of Harrell said County described as follows. Viz Lot number Eight (8) Block (B) and bounded as follows North and West by portions of this block from which the was taken, East by McGriff's store, South by the lot now owned by the said W. C. Rawls, said lot remaining Forty (40) feet, on McGriff Street (Ten (10) feet being added from the lot yet owned by the said W. C. Rawls, the original of thirty feet running West 105 feet.

To have and to hold said lot together with all the privileges thereto in anywise appertaining to him and his heirs and assigns in fee simple

And the said W. C. Rawls will and his heirs Executors and Administrators shall the said property to the said Daniel S. Maxwell his heirs and assigns forever warrant and defend against the lawful demands of all persons whatsoever

In testimony whereof the said William

C. Rawls, has set his hand and seal the  
and upon above written

signed sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
R. B. Ferrell  
D. L. Belcher, Alderman  
Not. Officio J. P.

William C. Rawls

Georgia

Recorded July 24<sup>th</sup> 1871

Declarator County } Whereas in obedience to a writ of Execution issued out of the Superior Court  
Said County at Suit of Abram B Belcher Administrator of William C Rawls  
deceased against John D McAlely returnable to the April Term 1870 H B  
Shriffe of said County, did lately sign lots of Land numbers 426, 427 &  
the 21<sup>st</sup> district of said County as the property of said John D McAlely  
being duly and publicly advertised agreeably to Law, did on 7<sup>th</sup> day  
1870, at the place of public sales in said County expose the same to sale  
when Augustus Edwards being the highest bidder the same was knocked off  
for the sum of one hundred and fifty five dollars, it was then  
made this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 1870. between H B Wraugh, Shriffe of said  
as aforesaid and Augustus Edwards, Witness that the said H B  
Shriffe, for and in consideration of the sum of One hundred and fifty  
dollars by the said Augustus Edwards to the said H B Wraugh Shriffe  
paid hath granted, bargained and sold to the said Augustus Edwards  
so far as the office of Shriffe authorizes him, all those tracts or parcels  
Land in the 21<sup>st</sup> District of Declarator County, Georgia, known and designated  
as lots numbers, Four hundred and twenty six (426) four hundred and twenty  
(427) four hundred and twenty eight (428) containing in the aggregate 36  
more or less, with all the appurtenances belonging thereto and also all  
interest claims or demands in Law equity or otherwise belonging to  
John D McAlely aforesaid to have and to hold the said tracts  
and every part thereof unto the said Augustus Edwards his heirs  
assigns forever in fee simple, in as full and ample manner as  
John D McAlely held or might have held and enjoyed had he  
signed and sold under said Execution, In witness whereof  
H B Wraugh Shriffe hath unto set his hand and affixed his seal  
day and year above written

signed sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
William C Groffew  
G A Parrish  
Clk Sup Court

H B Wraugh  
Shriffe

W:148  
Decatur  
Co.  
Deed  
Book

Georgia } Recorded Nov 25<sup>th</sup>,  
 Decatur County } For & in Consideration  
 fifteen hundred dollars  
 paid by Mrs. M B Harrell of the aforesaid Co  
 receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.  
 said County & State above mentioned. do he  
 bargain, sell alien & Convey unto the par  
 sur heirs & assigns. All that tract of land  
 (16) sixteenth Dist of said County, & known as  
 as two hundred & twenty five acres of East pa  
 sixty three, & twenty two acres off of the S  
 side of lot of lands No (64) sixty four in the  
 of said County. So have & to hold the par  
 property, together with all privileges & apper  
 in any wise belonging forever in fee simple  
 And the said J. Foulcock, will, & his heirs,  
 shall, the said property to the said Mrs. &  
 heirs, Executors & Admins. forever warrant &  
 the lawful demands of all persons, whate  
 In Witness Whereof, the said J. Foulcock, h  
 hand & Seal, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Oct 1879.  
 Signed Sealed, & delivered in presence of  
 J. B. Lasseter  
 H S McElroy - Alderman of Whigham

State of Georgia, } Recorded Nov 2  
 Decatur County, } This Indenture M  
 day of October 1879  
 M B Harrell, of the first part, and J. Foulc  
 part, sheweth that the said M B Harrell  
 the said J. Foulcock her intire interest in  
 of the Town of Harrell, also a Certain tract  
 adjoining the Town Survey, & bounded as f  
 north by a Road which runs in a South-w  
 from Broad Street, on the East by lands o  
 on the South by lands of A Whigham, & West  
 of Lodge, the same being part of lot of la  
 19<sup>th</sup> Dist. for & in Consideration of the s  
 hundred dollars, the receipt whereof  
 ledged, doth warrant & defend the title of,  
 said J. Foulcock, his heirs, Executors & A  
 assigns against the Claims of her self, h  
 & Admins, or the lawful Claims of all oth  
 In Witness Whereof the said Harrell has he  
 hand, & affixed her Seal the day & date ab  
 Witness -  
 J B Lasseter  
 H S McElroy  
 Alderman of Whigham.

- 14, 1871

State of Georgia  
County of ...

Know all men by these presents that the fourth day of ...  
 2 thousand eight hundred and seventy one.  
 3 Dudley of said State and county of the first  
 Marcell of said State and county of the second  
 Witnesseth that the said Susan  
 consideration of the sum of thirty dollars to her  
 said John A. Maxwelle as well as for the reason  
 both hereinafter described. Has granted, sold,  
 conveyed and by these presents doth grant, sell  
 unto the said John A. Maxwelle, his heirs &  
 assigns. Half of a piece of land lying in the  
 District of said County and known as of the  
 Marsh descended and of Lot No  
 containing Twenty five acres more or less. To  
 the said piece of land to the said John A. Max  
 and assigns in Fee Simple.

And the said Susan &  
 heirs, executors and Administrators, shall  
 premises to the said John A. Maxwelle, his  
 Administrators and assigns forever warranted  
 by virtue of these presents.

Provided nevertheless  
 Susan Dudley, her heirs, executors or Admin  
 pay unto the said John A. Maxwelle, his exe  
 cutors or assigns the amount of a certain  
 made by the said Susan Dudley, payable  
 A Maxwelle or Pleas, bearing even date  
 and due on the first day of January the  
 hundred and seventy two for the sum  
 together with all legal interest which  
 the same, and all expenses which may be  
 John A. Maxwelle in collecting the same.

Deed as the above described Tommy  
 wholly void, otherwise to remain in full  
 In witness whereof the said Susan Dudley,  
 hand and seal the day and year above

In presence of  
 He. Larkins N.P.  
 E of L.P.  
 Susan  
 Mark



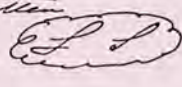
Indenture made this ~~fourteenth~~ day of February, One  
and eight hundred and seventy one. Between Susan  
Widow of said State and county of the first part and John A.  
Mazure of said State and county of the second part.

Witnesseth that the said Susan Widley for and in  
satisfaction of the sum of Thirty dollars to her in hand paid by the  
said John A. Mazure as well as for the securing the payment of the  
indenture described. Has granted, sold, aliened and con-  
veyed by these presents doth grant, sell alien and convey  
to said John A. Mazure, his heirs and assigns, one and  
half of a piece of land lying in the nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>)  
1<sup>st</sup> of said County and known as of the Estate of Robert  
deceased and of Lot No. of said District  
of Twenty five acres more or less. To have and to hold  
said piece of Land to the said John A. Mazure his heirs  
and assigns in Fee Simple.

And the said Susan Widley wife, and her  
executors and Administrators, shall the same granted  
to the said John A. Mazure, his heirs, executors and  
administrators and assigns forever warrant and defend  
in of these presents.

Provided nevertheless that of the said  
Widley, her heirs, executors or Administrators shall  
to the said John A. Mazure, his executors, Administra-  
tors and assigns the amount of a certain Promissory Note,  
of the said Susan Widley, payable to the said John  
Mazure or Bearer, bearing even date with these presents  
and on the first day of January One Thousand Eight  
and Seventy Two for the sum of Thirty dollars,  
with all legal interest which may be due upon  
the same, and all expenses which may be incurred by said  
John A. Mazure in collecting the same, then as well thro  
as the above described Promissory Note, to be  
void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.  
Witness the hand of the said Susan Widley his Bearer set her  
and seal the day and year above written

Witness of  
John A. Mazure N.P.D.  
E of J.P.

Susan <sup>Widley</sup> +   
mark

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Recorded July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1878

In witness where made the Twenty ninth day of August  
in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy  
 between Richard H. Hinesdale of the City County  
 State of New York party of the first part and  
 Maxwell of the State of Georgia of the second  
 Witnesseth, That the said party of the first  
 in consideration of the sum of One Hundred  
 Seventy five Dollars to him duly paid before the  
 signing hereof hath bargained and sold and by  
 presents doth grant and convey to the said  
 of the second part his heirs and assigns  
 ever, All that tract or parcel of Land  
 situate lying and being in the town of Harrell  
 County of Decatur and State of Georgia and  
 more or less as lot number One in Block "B" containing  
 1/2 Acre front running back ninety feet the same  
 on which the House and Lands formerly occupied  
 by Wm B. Rawles in said Town of Harrell with  
 appurtenances and all the estate right title  
 interest of the said party of the first part  
 in. And the said party of the first part doth  
 by Covenant and agree to and with the said  
 of the second part that at the time of the  
 signing hereof the said party of the first part  
 the lawful owner of the premises above  
 titled and seized thereof in fee simple  
 title and that he will warrant and defend  
 said premises in the quiet and peaceable  
 possession of the said party of the second  
 his heirs and assigns for ever. In witness  
 of the said party of the first part hath  
 unto set his hand and seal the day and  
 first above written. Richard H. Hinesdale Seal  
 and delivered in presence of

part in consideration of the sum of One Hundred and Seventy five Dollars to him duly paid before delivering hereof hath bargained and sold and these presents doth grant and convey to the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns for ever, All that tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being in the town of Harris and County of Decatur and State of Georgia and known as lot number One in Block "B" Contain Thirty Feet front running back Ninety Feet the being the House and Lands formerly occupied by Wm C Rawls in said Town of Harris with the appurtenances and all the Estate right title and interest of the said party of the first part therein. And the said party of the first part doth hereby Covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second part that at the time of delivery hereof the said party of the first part is the lawful owner of the premises above granted and seized thereof in fee simple absolute and that he will Warrant and Assign the said premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns for ever. In witness whereof the said party of the first part hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the day and year first above written. Richard H. Hissdale Sen  
Selled and delivered in presence of  
J B News  
A H News

State of New York }  
City of New York } S.S.  
County of New York }  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year One thousand

Georgia                      3 Recorded June 10<sup>th</sup> 1882.  
 Decatur County        3 This Indenture made this twenty fourth day of  
 February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and seventy one (1871) between Euzema C Bowen of the County of  
 Baker of the one part and Isaac E Bowen of the said County  
 of Decatur of the other part Witnesseth that for and in con-  
 sideration of the sum of One thousand Dollars by the said  
 Isaac E in hand paid to the Euzema C at and before the  
 sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is  
 hereby acknowledged the said Euzema C has granted bar-  
 gained sold aliene and conveyed and doth by these  
 presents grant bargain sell aliene and convey to the said  
 Isaac E Bowen his heirs and assigns the following de-  
 scribed real property situate lying and being in the  
 City of Bainbridge in said State and County to wit  
 all that tract or lot of land lying and being on the  
 East side of Broad Street and fronting on said Street  
 Sixty feet and running back one hundred and Ten  
 feet and part of which is covered by two store hou-  
 ses one occupied by Babbit & Warfield and one by  
 Barnett & Co bounded on the West by said Broad Street  
 and on the south by the Tenements where the Post  
 Office is kept and on the north by Bradwell wooden  
 building which stands on the Corner of Square. Said  
 premises being further known as Bowers block -  
 To have and to hold said bargained premises together  
 with all and singular the buildings thereon and the  
 appurtenances thereof or in any wise thereto pertain-  
 ing or belonging to the said Isaac E Bowen his heirs exec-  
 utors administrators and assigns to him and their own  
 proper use benefit and behoof forever in fee simple  
 In testimony whereof the said Euzema C Bowen has  
 hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day  
 and year first above written  
 Signed Sealed Stamped and delivered } Euzema C Bowen (S)  
 in the presence of  
     Thos R Cloud  
     A L Cloud J

Georgia                      3 Recorded June 22<sup>d</sup> 1882.  
 Decatur County        3 Know all men that We J T & J D  
 Harrell for and in consideration of the sum of  
 Sixty five Dollars to him paid by A L Maxwell the  
 receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged doth hereby grant  
 bargain sell and convey to the said A L Maxwell his  
 heirs and assigns forever the following real Estate  
 viz: a Town lot in the Town of Harrell the same

lying between his present lot & the right of way of the A & G R R on lot of land no 31 in the 19<sup>th</sup> District of said County and state, the same bounded as follows on the north by right of way on the East by Blount & Jones' lot. On the south by premises now owned by said Maxwell and on the west by McGriff street the said lot containing seventy five feet more or less on McGriff street running East to Blount & Jones' lot together with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging to have and to hold the same to the said A L Maxwell his heirs and assigns forever in fee simple the grantor here by covenanting with the grantee his heirs and assigns that the title so conveyed is clear free and unincumbered and that he will warrant and forever defend the same against all claims whatsoever. In Witness whereof the said J T & J D Harrell hath hereunto set their hands and seals this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year 1873

Signed Sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
Wm O Fleming  
Hiram Brockett Ordny DC

J D Harrell  
J T Harrell

Georgia } Recorded June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1880  
Decatur County } For and in consideration of the sum of Sixty dollars to us in hand paid by A L Maxwell we have this day sold bargained and conveyed to the said A L Maxwell his heirs and assigns all that town lot in the town of Whigham in the 19<sup>th</sup> Dist of Decatur Co Ga bounded on the north by A L Maxwells residence running south 60 feet bounded on the east by Depot street and on the west by McGriff street To have and to hold said town lot forever in fee simple and we warrant the right and title to the same unto the said A L Maxwell his heirs and assigns against ourselves our heirs executors and administrators and against all and every other person or persons - In Witness whereof the said parties of the first part have hereto set their hands and seals this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 1880

Signed Sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
J T Wimberley Clerk S C  
D W Guilford Mayor

J D Harrell  
J Inlock

Georgia } Recorded June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1882  
 Decatur County } This indenture made and entered into this  
 20<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord 1879 between  
 J J Higdon and D L Maxwell partners trading under the firm  
 name of Higdon & Maxwell both of the County and State  
 above named of the first part and A L Maxwell of the same  
 place of the other part Witnesseth that the said J J Higdon &  
 D L Maxwell for and in consideration of the sum of Five  
 hundred Dollars to them in hand paid at and before  
 the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt where  
 of is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained & sold  
 and do by these presents grant bargain and sell and  
 convey unto the said A L Maxwell their one half interest  
 in all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in  
 the Town of Harrell County and State aforesaid described  
 as follows lot number Eight Block (B) and bounded  
 North & west by part of the Block from which this was  
 taken East by McGriff Street south by the lot formerly  
 owned by W C Rawls said lot running 40 feet on  
McGriff Street Ten feet being added from the lot formerly  
 owned by W C Rawls the original thirty feet running  
 West One hundred and five feet. Also their one half  
 interest in lot number Nine Block (B) in the town of  
 Harrell and bounded as follows: on the north by land  
 owned by G B Walker on the west by land owned by  
 J J & J D Harrell on the south by lot of land first above  
 described, on the east by McGriff Street said lot contain  
 ing thirty feet front on McGriff Street and running  
 West One hundred and five feet To have and to hold said  
 lots of land together with all and singular the rights  
 titles and appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said  
 A L Maxwell his heirs and assigns in fee simple forever  
 and the said J J Higdon and D L Maxwell will and their  
 heirs executors & administrators shall the above named  
 premises forever warrant and defend in the peacea  
 ble and quiet possession of said A L Maxwell and  
 against the claims of themselves or any other person  
 claiming the same In Witness whereof the said par  
 ties of the first part have hereunto set their hands  
 and affixed their seals this day and year first  
 above written

Signed Sealed & delivered }  
 in presence of }  
 L F Foster }  
 J J Harrell Mayor }

J J Higdon }  
 D L Maxwell }

Recorded, May 22<sup>d</sup> 1874.

I know all men by these presents, that I, John Higdon, for and in consideration of the sum of seven hundred fifty Dollars to paid by A. L. Maxwell, The receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, grant, bargain, sell and convey to the said A. L. Maxwell, his heirs and assigns forever, the following real Estate viz: All that certain lot of land, situated, lying and being in part of lot of land Number 311 thirty nine in the district of Deaton County Georgia and known as lot (A) on the north of the survey of the town of Rayell in said county bounded on the north by remaining portion of said lot of land, on Depot Street, on the South by Block (A) and on the West by McGuiff by known as the Davis Hotel, containing sixty Ft on depot street, to McGuiff street, together with all privileges and appurtenances belonging to have and to hold the same to the said A. L. Maxwell and assigns forever in fee simple, the grantor hereby covenanting with is heirs and assigns that the title so conveyed is clear, free and unincumbered and that he will warrant and forever defend the same against all comers. In witness whereof, the said John Higdon hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal this May 22<sup>d</sup> 1873.

and delivered

John Higdon (L.S.)

L. S. of  
J. P.

May 22, 1873

Recorded May 22<sup>d</sup> 1874.

This Indenture made and entered into this twenty eighth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three between P. Smith of the State and county above said part and A. L. Maxwell, J. J. Higdon and A. L. Maxwell Partners in name of Maxwell Higdon of the same place of the second part at the said Joshua P. Smith for and in consideration of the sum of five dollars to him in hand paid by the said partners of the first part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath bargain, sold and conveyed to the said A. L. Maxwell, J. J. Higdon, and A. L. Maxwell partners as aforesaid a parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the same town and district, known and distinguished in the Plan of said District thirty (30) the same being a part of said Lot of land known as Town lot Number nine in Block C. of the town of Rayell in said

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has herts set his hand and seal, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
 Signed Sealed, and delivered in presence of  
 W. J. Thomas - (ES)

Atty. Clerk H

Recorded October 31<sup>st</sup> 1879  
 Know all Men (viz) that for and in Consideration of five dollars in hand paid, by  
 Patterson the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,  
 for the better receiving the payment of the promissory note  
 mentioned; Bradford Rogers do hereby grant bargain  
 sell, Convey & deliver to the said William H Patterson, the  
 real property, to-wit; that lot of land Number Three hundred  
 (369) in the Tenth (10) Dist of said County of De Kalb  
 Ga. Except One hundred acres previously Conveyed to W. B. Bell,  
 the acres sold to Thomas Hain - and five acres sold L. S. Eaton,  
 One hundred & fifteen acres more or less, said tract of land  
 on the South side of lot and - described in the deed of Emily  
 to Rebecca Griffin dated December 31<sup>st</sup> 1874, and afterwards  
 to John Johnson, to said William H. Patterson -

to hold the said bargained property unto the said William  
 his heirs & assigns forever. And the Bradford Rogers  
 waives, renounces & relinquish for himself & all persons  
 singly or through him all right, claim, benefit or interest  
 which he has under the Homestead & Exemption Laws of this  
 State in the property herein & above described, and the full  
 of the note hereinafter mentioned are concerned.

That if the said Bradford Rogers shall pay, or Cause  
 to the said William H Patterson, his or assigns this  
 promissory note, and dated 30<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1879, & due  
 thereon, whereby the said Bradford Rogers hath promised  
 to the said William H Patterson, or bearer seventy five  
 dollars & cents, with the interest from date, at the rate  
 per cent, per annum, as well as all Costs & Expenses that  
 may be incurred in the Collection of said note, then & thereunto  
 he is bound to be bound.

In Testimony whereof the said  
 Rogers hath hereunto set his hand & Seal, this 30<sup>th</sup> day  
 of Sept 1879, Signed Sealed & delivered in the  
 presence of  
 Maston O'Neal  
 J. McGill  
 Bradford Rogers - (ES)

Recorded Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1879  
 Know all men that I M. S. Guilford for and in  
 consideration of the sum of One hundred and fifty Dollars, to be  
 paid by P. P. Maxwell, in receipt whereof is hereby  
 acknowledged, do hereby grant bargain sell, and Convey to the  
 said P. P. Maxwell his heirs and assigns forever the following  
 to-wit: One acre and lot in the town of Cairnes, con  
 taining one acre, and bounded as follows: On the North by  
 the street, on the East by the Post office street, on the South



being part of lot of land No 30 in the 19<sup>th</sup> Dist. & all the premises and appurtenances to the same being and to hold the same to the said T. T. Maxwell his heirs & assigns in fee simple: The grantor hereby Covenanting with his heirs and assigns that the title so conveyed is clear unincumbered, and that she will warrant and defend the same against all claims & objections

In witness whereof the said M. T. Guilford has hereunto set her hand and seal this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 1879  
 Signed sealed and delivered in presence of  
 M. T. Guilford  
 D. W. Guilford

Georgia  
 Decatur County

Recorded Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1879  
 Know all men by these presents that C. William Hampton

of the County of Decatur State of Georgia have granted bargained & sold by these presents & bargain & sell unto the said A. Hinds & Co. The following real & personal property, to wit: Three head of Calico marked crop in left ear, and Swallow fork the right, also one black & called Sam marked under bit not branded, also one white & called Peter marked under bit in one ear & over bit in other ear, not branded. My crop growing & to be grown & raised upon the place the said place. — in said County this year, 1879, bonded for the same, as soon as said crop appear above on the first of May, this paper shall be a mortgage to them as if made on said day, & be as binding upon me when detached or put in shape for market as before actment. And I Covenant for myself my heirs & assigns, that I will, & my heirs shall, the above described property to the said A. Hinds & Co. their legal representatives warrant & defend: Provided nevertheless, that the said William Hampton shall well & truly pay or be paid unto the said A. Hinds & Co. five or six promissory note of even date with these presents me, the said William Hampton to the said A. Hinds & Co. due on the first day of Sept 1879, for forty five dollars supplies to enable me to raise a crop for the present of this mortgage as well as said note to be void, else of force, if not paid at maturity the note is to draw 12% per annum from day it falls due until paid. And I do waive & renounce all right to Homestead & Exemption of Georgia, so far as the property herein described is concerned, witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1879,  
 In presence of  
 C. W. Hampton  
 C. W. Hampton  
 C. W. Hampton

This hand & Seal, this 29th day of March A.D. 1880,

signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of:  
L. Foster,  
Harmon, Moock

N. P. & G. off. J. P.

A. S. Curry, S.S.

State of Georgia,  
Deatur County,

Recorded May 17th 1880.

This Indenture made & entered into this fifteenth day of April the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred & eighty, between M. F. Guilford, & D. W. Guilford, of the State & County above said of the first part, and A. S. Maxwell of the same place of the second part. Witnesseth: That the said M. F. Guilford & D. W. Guilford, for & in consideration of the sum of five hundred and no cents to him in hand paid, by, at & before the sealing and signing of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, conveyed, and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell & convey unto the said A. S. Maxwell that tract or parcel of land lying & being in the County of Deatur containing one acre, & bounded on the north by Fork Street, on the east by Taylor Street, on the south by, and to by land owned by S. B. Bingham, & J. D. & J. D. Horrell, being a part of lot number thirty (30), in the 19th Dist. of Deatur County,

to have & to hold the above described premises together with all & singular the right, titles, buildings, & privileges, appertaining, unto the said A. S. Maxwell, his heirs & assigns in fee simple forever, & the said M. F. Guilford & D. W. Guilford the titles to the above described premises will & their heirs, Administrators, & Executors, therefrom warrant & defend against the claims of themselves & of any other person persons claiming the same. In witness whereof the said M. F. Guilford & D. W. Guilford have hereunto set their hands and signed their Seals the day & year first above written, signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of:

L. Foster,  
Harmon, Moock  
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M. F. Guilford - S.S.  
D. W. Guilford - S.S.

Georgia  
Deatur County,

Recorded May 17th 1880.

I know all Men, That for & in consideration of five dollars and no cents by Gittell Bros the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, as well as for the better securing payment of the promissory note hereinafter mentioned, I, James A. Curry grant, bargain, mortgage, sell, convey, said Gittell Bros the following personal property, to wit: One iron gray Saddle horse, one of the of Den, one of the iron yellow Vest etc. the western property is free from all incumbrance. This Mortgage is given for the

*Property of Jack Kennemur*

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- Rev. Joshua Martin  
~~Whigham~~  
- History of Cairo

June 21, 1965

Honorable R. S. Roddenbery, Sr.,  
605 S. Main St.,  
Moultrie, Ga.

Dear Mr. Bob:

Thank you for yours of Saturday, the 19th.

Since writing you Friday, and thinking further, about when my father moved to what is now Cairo, I have recalled something that my mother told me a number of times, and I have been trying to relate it to what you said here last year, on a basis of which I wrote an item for The Messenger, to the effect that Cairo first became Cairo at its present location in December, 1867, when the railroad trains first began operating from Thomasville to Cairo (and on to Bainbridge) and return, and not in 1870, when Cairo was chartered as a town in Thomas county (by the Georgia General Assembly).

In the days before I married, when I lived with my mother, she enjoyed as much as anything her "spend-the-afternoons" (and sometimes the entire day) with her long-time friends (among whom I particularly recall Mrs. Roddenbery, your mother; Mrs. J. E. "Miss Annie Brown" Hurst; her sisters, Misses Missouri and Kathryn Brown; and Mrs. T. L. Rushin, among others). Next to such visits, however, when I was able to own an automobile, she enjoyed late afternoon rides about town and on such rides she usually wanted to drive out what is now US 84, to the crossroads just west of the Roddenbery Cross Roads Farm, where, she loved to recall, the first "Cairo post office" was located. She said when Cairo was in its first months or years at its present location different ones here would take turns in going to the post office there to get the mail and distribute it among the residents here—and that my father's turn to go (by horse and buggy, of course) was on Sunday mornings. As I recall it, this was Stage Coach mail, according to her information. And his visits there to get the mail were, of course, before he married in 1874.

If, as you established, the trains began running in December, 1867, and if the trains brought mail from when they started, such information would indicate that my father began living in the present Cairo at least a few years before 1867, and not beginning about 1868, as I indicated in my letter last Friday. I'll continue inquiring for any further light on when the Powells, including my father, moved to the present Cairo from Sofkee (or Wightville).

This does not have direct bearing on the Genesis of Cairo but my maternal grandfather, Rev. Joshua Martin, became the first agent for the railroad at Whigham, then Harrell Station. Some of my first cousins in another

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branch of his family have some of the script with which he was paid by the railroad company but which was never redeemed, although part of it was settled for with stock in the railroad company, the old Atlantic & Gulf, but the stock also proved worthless.

In these family records, I have gleaned that Grandfather Martin came to ~~Whigham~~ from Bainbridge and began preaching under a sawmill shed near where the present railroad station stands. When the railroad was extended westward through Whigham, the Harrells deeded four acres of land for a station, and this tract has been owned by the railroad companies through the years. Whigham Baptist Church, which my Grandfather built originally with his own hands, with some help, stands in the northeast corner of this original four-acre tract, he having gotten permission from the railroad to build the church there. His living grandchildren four or five years ago presented a plaque to the church, which was appropriately dedicated at a Sunday morning service with an overflow congregation and home-coming picnic dinner afterward, setting forth that the church was built by him in 1868. Grandfather Martin, according to these records, as I think I have recounted to you several years ago, also was associated in the constitution of what is now the First Baptist Church here and preached for a time at Long Branch Baptist Church, which you and I discussed fully some time back. He moved his family from ~~Whigham~~ for a time to Coon Bottom, at or near Concord, Fla., just south of the state line, but in his last years returned to Bainbridge for a third period of residence with two of his daughters. He died there in 1908 and is buried in Whigham, along with his wife, his only son, and one of his daughters.

Please pardon me for this rambling. I just got started and could not quit. I'll now try to work out some answers to some of the questions Bob asked me some time back.

Every good wish.

Cordially,

Louis A. Powell

# The Weekly Democrat

THURSDAY DECEMBER 2, 1875.

## CITY AND COUNTY AFFAIRS.

**Our Agent in Columbus.**  
Mr. Jas. E. Davis, who is with Burrus & Williams is our authorized agent in Columbus, 16 Bets for \$100 at Rosenfeld's.

**Groceries! Groceries!**  
Go to Ehrlich, the Grocery Man, for your supplies. Fresh goshen butter, cream cheese, prime mackerel, onions, Irish potatoes, cabbage, and in fact any article usually kept in a first-class establishment.

**No Seed Cotton Bought at Rosenfeld's.**

**Tobacco! Cigars!**  
Best tobacco, finest cigars, of all grades to be had at the store of H. B. Ehrlich.

**Fresh Meats.**  
H. B. Ehrlich has market every morning where the choicest fresh meats can be had, or he will deliver same at your residence. Highest market price paid for cattle.

**Finest stock of gents clothing at Rosenfeld's.**

**Fine Liquors.**  
The bar of H. B. Ehrlich is supplied with liquors of every kind. Whiskeys, brandies, wines, champagnes, ales, porters, lager, etc. For something good to drink it is the place.

**Cotton Wanted.**  
The undersigned wishes to buy 1000 bales of cotton, for which I will pay the highest market price at Steam Mill Ga.  
S. H. DICKENSON.  
Nov 4 '75-1m.

**Callio Sugar 8 lbs for \$1.00 at Rosenfeld's.**  
**To Druggists, Hardware and General Merchants.**

I carry in stock from 1,000 to 8,000 boxes of window glass, (the largest stock in the South,) embracing all sizes, from 4x8 to 40x60 in single or double thick and polished plate. Standard brands of French and American make. Stained, Cut, Ground, Etched, and Church Glass. Putty by the Shovel or ton, Glazier's Points, Knives, Diamonds, &c.  
Above are imported direct from the factories and I guarantee bottom prices. Send for latest quotations.

Truly yours,  
P. P. FOALE.  
Charleston, S. C.

**Commented.]**  
Newport, Ga., Nov. 10th, 1875.

**The Superior Court** opened here Monday last, Hon. W. D. Hideo presiding. Byron B. Bower, Solicitor General, in attendance. A large number of legal lights from Bainbridge, Oglethorpe, Albany, Camilla and Macon, are in attendance. After impairing the

## Decatur Mortgage Sheriff's Sale.

Will be sold before the court house door in the town of Bainbridge, Decatur county, Georgia, on the first Tuesday in December next, between the usual hours of sale the following property to-wit:

Lots of land No. 201, 202, 241, fractional lots No. 252 containing ten acres, 253 containing 199 1/2 acres, 85 1/2 acres of 254, being in the southeast corner of said lot, 185 acres of lot number 240, described as follows: commencing at the southwest corner of the last mentioned lot, running north sixteen chains, and sixty-six links to a station, thence east of north sixty-four degrees to the east, north and south line of the lot last mentioned; the land being south of the the same being the said 185 acres aforesaid, and the north half of fractional lot number 242, the south half of number 203, containing 125 acres, the same being in the 14th district of Decatur county—levied on as the property of B. F. Bruton Administrator of estate of John P. Gaulden to satisfy one Mortgage in favor of Henry D. Sheeshee vs B. F. Bruton Adm'r.

L. F. BURKETT,  
Sheriff.  
October 5th, 1875.

## WHEN YOU ARE READY

—to—  
**PAINTE,**  
USE  
Wadsworth, Martinez & Long-  
man's,  
**PURE PAINTS**  
PREPARED FOR IMMEDIATE USE.

—o—  
FOR SALE BY  
**BABBIT & WARFIELD,**  
Bainbridge, Georgia.

Sep. 30—3m.  
**Levy E. Byck,**  
Wholesale and Retail Dealer in  
**PARLOR, CHAMBER and KITCHEN  
FURNITURE.**

**86 Broughton Street,**

OVER JEFFERSON AND BROUGHTON N. OPPOSITE  
St. Andrew's Hall, Savannah, Ga.  
All the latest styles kept on hand. Mattres renovating and repairing of furniture executed promptly and at reasonable prices.  
April 2 1874-1y]

## CRAMPTON'S IMPERIAL SOAP IS THE "BEST"

This Soap is manufactured from pure materials, and as it contains a large percentage of Vegetable Oil, is warranted fully equal to the best imported Castile Soap, and at the same time possesses all the washing and cleansing properties of the celebrated German and French Laundry Soaps. It is therefore recommended for use in the Laundry, Kitchen and Bath-rooms, and for general household purposes; also, for Printers, Painters, Engineers, and Machinists, as it will remove stains of Ink, Grease, Tar, Oil, Paint, etc., from the hands. Manufactured only by

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2, 4, 8, and 10 Rutgers Place, and 38 and 36 Jefferson Street, New York.  
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## The Best Household Oil in the World

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**ALADDIN SECURITY OIL**

Warranted 150 Degrees Fire Test.  
Endorsed by the Fire Insurance Co.

Read the following certificate, selected from many others:

HOWARD FIRE INS. CO., OF BALTIMORE,  
December 28, 1874.

Messrs. C. West & Sons: Gentlemen—  
Having used the various oils sold in this city for illuminating purposes, I take pleasure in recommending your "Aladdin Security" as the safest and best ever used in our household.  
Yours truly,  
(Signed) ANDREW REESE, Pres't.

## It Will Not Explode

Ask your Storekeeper for it  
Wholesale Depot: C. West & Sons,  
113, 115 W. Lombard Street, Baltimore.  
Sept. 5.—6m.

## Tax Collector's Notice.

I will be at the following places, at the times designated, for the purpose of collecting the taxes for the year 1875:

914th District, Faceville, Saturday Oct. 16th and Monday, Nov. 15th, 1875.  
694th District, Atapulgus, Monday, Oct. 18th and Tuesday, Nov. 16th 1875.  
1005 District, Coopers Shop, Tuesday, Oct. 19th and Wednesday, Nov. 17th 1875.  
553 District, Higdon's Store, Wednesday, Oct. 20th and Thursday, Nov. 18th 1875.

1258 District, Raigins, Thursday, Oct. 21st and Friday, Nov. 19th 1875.

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1188 District, Pine Hill, Thursday, Oct. 28th and Friday, Nov. 26th, 1875.

518 District, Bainbridge, during November Term Superior Court.

I will be in Bainbridge every Tuesday and Saturday until 16th October and also the first week in December at which time the books will be positively closed.

JACOB HARRELL,  
Tax Collector, D. C.

Sept. 22nd, 1875.

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BAY & WEST BROAD STREETS,  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

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This establishment has just been overhauled, refitted and renovated, is first class in all respects. The furnished with every luxury the markets, together with fish, oysters, &c. Meals furnished from 15 cents upwards. We do business on the plan—you get what you call for, and only what you order. Good cooks and waiters.

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We also have a first class Bakery with our Establishment, and always a large supply of fresh bread and hand.

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We also supply the market daily with beef, pork, mutton, etc., which is wagon at your houses every morning sausage always on hand. We have arrangements to keep supplied with and oysters from Apalachicola, will be delivered every morning in ket wagon.

## WANTED

We will pay the highest market price for Beef Cattle, Pork, Mutton and Veal and see us.

**Wm. HEPPIE & 1**  
Walt

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THE GREAT REPUBLIC



**Elbow Shots.**

Happy New Year to all.  
Leap Year once more.  
Superior Court this month.  
Beautiful moonlight nights now.  
Coquetish weather—"Old Prob" gives it up.

The planting of early vegetables has commenced.

The election last Saturday passed without a single "corner" on whiskey.

We heard of but few "New Years calls" in this city.

The show bills are up, and the juveniles are happy.

Business has been dollar than usual cents the holiday dime commenced.

Our farmers experience no difficulty in procuring farm laborers for the new year.

We intend to run the spiciest paper in the Second District this year. We mean what we say.

The middle of the month will have passed before some people leave off writing 1875.

A Bainbridge man is advertising in the Savannah News for the position of auctioneer.

About two weeks ago weather prophets told us there would be a cold spell after Christmas, but how long after they unfortunately failed to state. We have not yet experienced that spell.

Mayor Campbell held a little soiree last Monday, when the leading colored barber of Bainbridge was taxed a V. and costs for disturbing the peace.

Christmas casualties were scattering this year in Bainbridge. We heard of but one fight, and that was of so little importance that no arrest was made.

Billy Gottlieb, for a year or more one of the accomplished salesmen of the Flint River Stores, left for his home in New York on Sunday last. We are sorry to lose Bill, for he was very popular with our young people.

Base Ball item. The Georgia Base Ball Club, of Savannah, have defeated the Juniors, of same city, and are now rightfully champions of Georgia.

Smart and Kit had a lively tussle with an obstreperous colored female whom they arrested yesterday afternoon. The woman was drunk, and gave the officers some little trouble before they succeeded in storing her away in the "way side home."

Thomasville Enterprise: "Miss M. H. Munnerlyn, who filled the position of instructress in instrumental and vocal music to the entire satisfaction of all her patrons, resigned her place in consequence of having made other arrangements, the nature of which is fully explained in another column, and Miss Mary Chaires has been selected in her stead."

**What We Have Seen.**

We have seen a young man sell a good farm, turn merchant, be sold out by the Sheriff and die of poverty.

We have seen a young farmer travel about so much that after awhile there was nothing at home worth looking after.

We have seen a young girl marry a young man of desolate habits, and regret it as long as she lived.

We have seen a man depart from the

**Citizens Meeting.**

In pursuance to a call the people met in the Court House, and on motion of Col. Fleming, Major Duncan Curry was called to the Chair, and J. W. Curry was requested to act as Secretary. At the request of Chairman, Col. C. J. Munnerlyn stated to the meeting the object of the call.

The following resolutions were offered:

**Resolved 1st;** That this is a preliminary meeting, preliminary to a Mass Meeting of the citizens of this county, which is hereby called for the second Wednesday in this month with a view to the consideration of abuses and reforms.

**Resolved 2nd;** That a committee of two from each Militia District, be now appointed by the Chair, to whom motions and resolutions originating with the meeting be referred for report at the meeting to be held on the 2d Wednesday.

**Resolved 3d;** That the members of the Legislature, Judges of County Courts and Court of Ordinary, Solicitor General of Albany Circuit, Chairman Board of County Commissioners, and all other County Officials, are hereby invited to attend the meeting to be held on the 2d Wednesday in this month, with a view of giving information touching matters in their several departments.

The following resolutions were offered by Capt. C. G. Campbell:

**Resolved 1st;** That the Committee to be raised under resolutions already adopted, be instructed to enquire whether any, and if any, what legislation is necessary to provide for either the enforcement of the present laws against vagrancy, or whether, and if so, what amendment is advisable to the present laws against vagrancy?

**Resolved, 2d;** Also to enquire whether instead of paying its per diem for board of convicts the true interests of the county do not demand that their labor be utilized by the establishment of a Chain Gang.

**Resolved.** At the suggestion of Dr. J. A. Butts that the Committee be requested to look into the laws of Registration as now existing, and to suggest such changes as they may think suitable.

**Resolved on motion;** That the Secretary be instructed to notify the Committees of their appointment and to furnish them with a copy of resolutions, and that Saturday the 8th of January be appointed as a day for a preliminary meeting of the committee.

The Chair appointed the following committees under these resolutions:

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>BAINBRIDGE</b>         |                     |
| Dr. J. A. Buttat,         | F. L. Babblitt.     |
| <b>FACEVILLE</b>          |                     |
| C. J. Munnerlyn,          | William Dickinson.  |
| <b>ATTAPULGUS</b>         |                     |
| Mitchell Griffin,         | William Davis.      |
| <b>PINE HILL</b>          |                     |
| Reuben Donaldson,         | Simeon Brinson.     |
| <b>ROCK POND</b>          |                     |
| A. A. Allen,              | E. O. Mosley.       |
| <b>LOWER SPRING CREEK</b> |                     |
| Reuben Chason,            | T. J. Denard.       |
| <b>LIME SINK</b>          |                     |
| Rufus Condel,             | Thomas Barrow.      |
| <b>HIGDON'S STORE</b>     |                     |
| James Butler,             | Jackson Higdon.     |
| <b>NEW DISTRICT</b>       |                     |
| George Wight,             | Peter Vanlandigham. |
| <b>2d NEW DISTRICT</b>    |                     |
| A. B. Belcher,            | Daniel S. Oliver.   |
| <b>BELLS DISTRICT</b>     |                     |
| D. B. Curry,              | John A. Boyce.      |
- The meeting then adjourned to the 2d Wednesday in January.
- DUNCAN CURRY, Chairman.**  
J. W. CURRY, Secretary.

**About Bankruptcy.**

The impression is erroneous that before a man can become a bankrupt he has to show an ability to pay fifty per centum

**Decatur Mortgage Sale.**

WILL BE SOLD before the Court House door in Bainbridge, Decatur county Georgia, on the first Tuesday in February next, between the usual hours of sale, the following property to-wit:

Lots of land Nos. one (1) two (2) and forty (40) in the 15th District of Decatur county Georgia—levied on as the property of John Harrell and James Blaneett to satisfy one Mortgage & in favor of S. C. Sims, Adm'r. for the use of Dickinson & Simall, vs John Harrell and James Blaneett.  
Nov. 11, 1875. L. P. BUCKNER, Sheriff.

**GEORGIA—DECATUR COUNTY.**

ON THE FIRST MONDAY in January application will be made to the Court of Ordinary of said county, for leave to sell the lands belonging to the estate of Jesse Collins, deceased. For the benefit of heirs and creditors of said dec.

B. A. J. COX,  
Administrator with the will annexed of  
Jesse Collins—  
per-25.

**GEORGIA—DECATUR COUNTY.**

Bradford Rodgers Guardian of R. C. Gray, having applied to the Court of Ordinary of said county for a discharge from his Guardianship of R. C. Gray person and property, this is therefore to cite all persons concerned to show cause by filing objections in my office why the said Bradford Rodgers should not be dismissed from his Guardianship of R. C. Gray and receive the usual letters of Dismissal. Given under my official signature.

HIBAM BROCKETT,  
Ordinary D. C.  
Dec. 28, 1875.

**GEORGIA—DECATUR COUNTY.**

WHEREAS Reuben Chason adm'r of H. B. Overstreet represents to the Court in his petition duly filed and entered on record, that he has fully administered H. B. Overstreet's Estate. This is therefore to cite all persons concerned to show cause if any they can, why said administrator should not be discharged from his administration and receive letters of Dismissal on the first Monday in April next.

HIBAM BROCKETT  
Ord'y D. C.  
Dec. 30th, 1875.

**Citation.**

**GEORGIA—DECATUR COUNTY.**

WHEREAS MATHEW SWICORD, Administrator of the Estate of Allen J. Swicord, represents to this Court in his petition duly filed, that he has fully administered said Estate. This is therefore to cite all persons concerned, kindred and creditors to show cause if any they can, why said Administrator should not be discharged from his Administration and receive letters of Dismissal on the first Monday in February 1876.

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**Notice for leave to Sell land.**

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FOUR WEEKS after first publication of this notice, application will be made to the Court of Ordinary of said county for leave to sell all the lands belonging to the estate of Noah McNabb, late of said county, dec. For the benefit of heirs and creditors of said dec. JOHN B. DONALSON, adm'r on estate NOAH MCNABB, dec. dec. 2-4-w.

**GEORGIA—DECATUR COUNTY.**

JAMES BYRD, }  
vs. }  
DANIEL BYRD, }  
November Term, 1875.

It appearing to the Court by the return of the sheriff that the defendant Daniel Byrd resides beyond the limits of this State in the State of Florida; It is therefore ordered that the said Daniel Byrd do appear at the next term of this Court in answer to petition of Libellant, or in default thereof the court will proceed as to justice shall appear. It is further ordered that notice be published on said defendant by publica-

We hear, ever and anon, a great hue and cry about the extravagance of the county administration—we hear it hinted that officials are growing fat off of the sufferings of a tax-ridden people—and yet nothing definite is known. It is the business of the Grand Jury to look into these matters, make a full and complete presentment and publish the same for the information of the people they represent. Let it all come out—let the tax payers know what is being done.

**Lands For Sale in Decatur.**

The Savannah News has asked the question: Are there any lands for sale in Southern Georgia? We answer for Decatur, in the affirmative. There is plenty of land in this county, land capable of producing any thing that grows in this semi-tropical climate, which can be bought at a bargain. For instance, not long ago, a splendid farm of 125 acres, all necessary buildings, fine orchard, etc., situated in the Fowlstown District, one of the richest in the State, sold for \$100. There is arable land enough in this county to sustain 50,000 people, which can be bought and cheap too.

One reason why the public do not know that lands are for sale in this section, is because those who wish to sell do not advertise the fact, as such a proceeding would cost something; but now to all of that way of thinking, we would say: Maj. H. S. Haines, Superintendent of the Atlantic & Gulf Railroad, will soon issue a pamphlet for general distribution, giving a description of the lands lying along the line of his road, and he extends an invitation to publish for all the lands for sale in Southern Georgia. Now all who wish to sell land, should send a description and terms to Maj. Haines forthwith, as it will cost nothing but a postage stamp.

**Too Many Officers.**

It strikes us that one of the great curses of this country is the multiplicity of civil offices. In the State of Georgia, for instance, one-third at least of the offices might be cancelled, thus saving thousands upon thousands of dollars to the tax payers annually.

Beginning at the Capital we could easily do away with a number of offices in the executive department; and by the Legislature we could do away with the present force of clerks in the various departments. The business of the Court could be transacted by a few clerks and the number of

advantages of Southern and Southwest Georgia, and I cordially invite and earnestly hope that every regular practitioner of medicine in the section of country named having at heart the interest and welfare of the profession and country, will make it convenient to be present. One fare only will be required by the railroad. The meeting will adjourn in time to leave on the 3 o'clock train on Wednesday.

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McGILL & O'NEAL, Attorneys for Libellant. A true extract from the minutes of said Court, this Nov. 23rd, 1875. T. F. HAMPTON, Cl'k.

GEORGIA—DECATUR COUNTY.

R. M. Griffin having applied to be appointed Guardian of the person and property of Mattie McDonald, Bency McDonald and George McDonald, minors, under the age of fourteen years, residents of said county, this is to cite all persons concerned to be and appear at the January Term of the Court of Ordinary, 1876, and show cause if any they can why said R. M. Griffin should not be intrusted with the Guardianship of the person and property of said wards. Witness my official signature.

HIRSH BROCKETT, Ord'y. D. C. Nov. 23d 1875.

For Rent.

The prompt paying tenant, I will rent the premises on which I reside for 1876, for a reasonable figure. The place is located on Broughton Street, and opposite residence of M. N. Scott, and is one of the most desirable in the city. Mrs. M. M. HINES. Nov. 18th 1875.

THE SHARON HOTEL JOHN SHARON PROPRIETOR

This large, commodious and elegant Hotel has been thoroughly and renovated for the Fall and Winter travel. It is one of the largest Hotels in this section of country, as its many patrons abundantly testify.

Visitors From the I

Seeking a healthful and salubrious climate would do well to sojourn in this beautiful and picturesque city, and enjoy the fine hunting, fishing, and navigation of the Flint River, we get the delicious Apalachicola oyster steamer. Terms of board most reasonable. Address

T. J. PEARCE Late T. J. Pearce & Co. R. J. HINCHON, late with Briggs, Payne & Co., New

PEARCE, BINFORD,

WHOLESALE & RETAIL DEALERS in GROCERIES No. 20 BROAD STREET COLUMBUS GA. Cash advances made on consignments of Syrup, Wool, Sep. 30—5m.

lots of land Nos 264, 14th dist of Decatur as the property of J. F. in favor of L. Cre. Also at same time No 164, part of lot No north side of said lot dred and fifty acres, Decatur county, Ga., 27th, District—levied of Belchers & Terrell of Joseph D. Mc vs Belcher & Terrell. Also at same time livery stable and the ed in the city of Baie bounded on the north enson & Stegall and Broad street south b by West street, conta legs—levied on as the Williams vs said G I the said property bel said G D Griffin. Also, at same time nos. 116, 124, 157 an district of said coun property of John Jon other files in my han possession of John Je. Also at same time 271 in the 27th dist c on as the property o satisfy one file in Wing vs Belcher & T returned to me by co. Also at the same ti land No 397, in the l levied on as the J Godwin, to satisfy on Wright Color, va. 3 Property pointed out in possession of M made and returned to Nov. 11, 1875.

## Whigham Local School District.

Application has been filed with the County Board of Education for the enlargement of the Whigham School District. The following are the new boundaries which are proposed:

Commencing at the Decatur county line at the southwest corner of lot number 95 in the 19th district, and thence east on the original south land line of lots numbers 95, 94, 93, and thence on the south line of number 92 to Turkey Creek, thence on Turkey Creek through lots numbers 92, 110, 111 and 112 to the original south land line, and thence east on said south land line of 112 to the southeast corner of lot number 112, thence north on the original east land line of lots numbers 112, 89, 72 to the southwest corner of lot number 48, thence on the south lines of lots numbers 48, 47, 46 and 45 to Big Tired Creek, thence north on Big Tired Creek to the north land lines of lots numbers 45 in the 16th district, and thence west on the north lines of lots numbers 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, to the Decatur county line, thence south on the Decatur county line to the southwest corner of lot number 95 in the 19th district, the same being the starting point.

Notice is hereby given that this application will be heard at the next meeting of the County Board of Education on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, 1909.

J. B. Wight, C. S. C.

### President Helps Orphans.

Hundreds of orphans have been helped by the President of The Industrial and Orphan's Home at Macon, Ga., who writes: "We have used Electric Bitters in this Institute for nine years. It has proved a most excellent medicine for stomach, liver and kidney troubles. We regard it as one of the best family medicines on earth." It invigorates the vital organs, purifies the blood, aids digestion, creates appetite. To strengthen and build up thin, pale, weak children or run-down people it has no equal. Best for female complaints. Only 50c at all drug-gists.

## Blair-Eubanks.

On Sunday, January third, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blair, Miss Ollie Blair and Mr. Henry Eubanks were united in marriage, Rev. W. C. Jones performing the ceremony. Miss Blair was one of Cairo's many beautiful young ladies and held in high esteem by all who knew her, and Mr. Eubanks is an industrious young farmer of

## Newsy Notes From Whigham.

(BY MISS DOLLIE WELDON.)

Whigham was shrouded with sadness Friday morning when a phone message came from Mars hill section, telling of the death of Mrs. Mandy Moore, which occurred at her home at 5 o'clock Friday morning, after a few days confinement to her bed. She had not been in good health for several years, however, she was seldom confined to her room. She leaves 5 daughters to mourn the loss of a mother, and several sisters, three brothers and an aged mother. Interment Saturday morning in the family cemetery near her home.

Quite a number of the K. of P's. of Whigham, together with the goat, went over to Climax and enjoyed the hospitalities of that little neighbor city, who we learn did justice in caring for the Whigham K. of P's. and also a good number from Bain bridge. They speak in highest praise of the supper given at the hotel.

Mr. Norman Cox filled the Baptist pulpit at Calvary last Sunday morning and evening, in place of Rev. Christopher.

Miss Lizzie Johnson of Swi-cord section and Mr. DeCalb Herring were happily married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnson. Congratulations follow the young couple for a long and happy married life.

Mr. Harry Peebles has accepted a position with McNair & Co., and will be found handling the yard-stick there for the spring season.

Prof. Clemons of North Ga., opened school at the Jones Academy Monday with a full attendance.

Mr. Joe Nicholson of Cairo was shaking hands with his many friends in Whigham Friday afternoon.

Mr. Perry, Whigham's electrician, spent Sunday with relatives in Quitman and Moultrie.

Miss Etta Jones spent Sunday the guest of Misses Virtie and Hattie Taylor, in Thomasville.

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## Notice.

The Union Meeting of the Bowen Association will convene with the Providence Church, three miles from Whigham, on Friday before the 5th Sunday in January, 1909.

### PROGRAM OF BUSINESS.

Friday 10:30 a. m.—Devotional Services, Rev. E. D. Johnson.

11:00 a. m.—Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. G. Sellers.

Adjourned for dinner.

2:00 p. m.—Devotional Services led by Rev. E. F. Massey.

2:30 p. m.—Query No. 1. Is our Union Meetings what they ought to be? If not who is to blame for it? Opened by Rev. B. M. Pack.

Saturday 9:30 a. m.—Devotional Services led by Rev. T. A. Cumby.

10:00 a. m.—Query No. 2. Has a church the Scriptural Authority for calling Pastors annually? If so where is it? To be opened by Rev. W. A. Parker.

11:00 a. m.—Preaching.

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1:30 p. m.—Devotional Services by Rev. Jesse Cannon.

2:00 p. m.—Query No. 3. Does the lay by you in store on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered, 1st Cor., 16-2, apply to Christians at this time? If so how can we best enlist our entire mem-

bership in carrying out this scripture. To be opened by Rev. J. P. Swan.

Sunday morning 9:30 a. m., Sunday School Mass Meeting, 11:00 a. m., Missionary Sermon by Rev. N. G. Christopher.

M. M. Kinchen, Pastor.

### Don't Get A Divorce.

A western judge granted a divorce on account of ill-temper and bad breath. Dr. King's New Life Pills would have prevented it. They cure constipation, causing bad breath and liver trouble, the ill-temper, dispel colds, banish headaches, conquer chills, 25c at all druggists.

## City Court Jurors.

### CITY COURT OF CAIRO.

Traverse Jurors drawn for January Term, 1909, by his Honor J. R. Singletary, Judge of said Court, on 21st day of October, 1908:

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H W Maxwell,	R L Forester,
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D G Dickey,	G E Prince, Jr,
G B Lee,	G B McElvy,
Walter R Singletary,	T J Hall,
E O Hawthorn,	Wm R Harrell,
J T Elkins,	W H Maxwell,
T L Rushin,	Thomas Wight,
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## Christ's Letter, Man Blessed Is He That Keep

### LOVE

This letter was found eight miles from Iconium, sixty-five years after our blessed Saviour's crucifixion; translated from the holy city by a converted Jew; faithfully translated from the original Hebrew copy now in Lady Cuba's family of Missopotamia. This letter was written by Jesus Christ and found under a great stone, both round and large, at the foot of the cross near a village called Missopotamia. Upon that stone was engraved: "Blessed is he that turn me over." All the people who saw it, prayed to God earnestly, and desired he would make known to them the meaning of this writing, that they might not attempt in vain to turn it over. In the mean time there came a child of about six or seven years old and turned it over, without help, to the admiration of all the people that stood by; and under this stone was found a letter written by Jesus Christ, which was carried to Iconium and published by a person belonging to Lady Cuba. On the letter was written the commandments of Jesus Christ, signed by Angel Gabriel, ninety-eight years after our Saviour's birth, to which is added King Agbarus' letter to our Saviour, and our Saviour's answer; also, his miracles.

### COPY OF THE LETTER:

"Whoever worketh on the Sabbath day shall be cursed. I command you to go to church and keep the Lord's day holy without doing any manner of work. You shall not idle, mispend your time in bedecking yourselves with superfluities of earthly apparel and vain dresses, for I have ordained it a day of rest. I will have that day kept holy, that your sins may be forgiven you. You shall not break my commandments, but observe and keep them; written with my own hand; write them in your hearts and steadfastly observe. This was written with my own hand, spoken with my own mouth. You shall not only go to church yourselves, but also your manservant and your maidservant and observe my words, and learn my commandments. You shall finish your labor every Saturday in the afternoon by 6 o'clock, at which hour the preparation of the Sabbath begins. I advise you to fast five Fridays in the year, beginning with Good Friday and continuing four Fridays immediately following; in remembrance of the five bloody wounds I received for all mankind. You shall diligent-

Cairo, Gray County, Georgia, June 8, 1906.

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## Death Has Gorman

Arthur P. Gorman of the United States Maryland died at home in Washington last. He long been a member of the National Congress took his seat in 1881. He was a Democratic side much for his country. Senator Gorman's Senate began with a page the age of 13. His appointment as Senator Stephen and Gorman against Abraham Gorman missed in his party by the nation. of age.

Read ad of call on J. M. P.

## Fired Bull His

The capture of night at Torrejon de Maroles, the chief outrage against King Victoria adds another to the incidents of the wedding. Morales little town of Torrejon between Madrid sought to detain him a revolver. Then he turned to the inhabitants of him and turning himself he sent a shot near, exploding a

and completely a recent guest. It was afternoon when a workman, entered rejon de Ardo. next train would and then sought

Senator J. G. Gorman, the much victed Senator at last resigned in order to may by his colleague Grafton.

Grady 1904-1968 1915 In February 1915, both the Bank of Whigham and the Farmer State Bank in Whigham failed to open on a Monday morning after a routine weekend closing. Seven bank officials were arrested "creating a great deal of talk and all kinds of predictions." Whigham businessmen and farmers hired lawyers to look after their interests and a "large sum was raised to prosecute the guilty." It was revealed that the Farmers State Bank was a "mere branch of the Bank of Whigham" and depositors "feared it would take all assets to satisfy the preferred creditors." At the time of the crisis the Bank of Whigham had deposits of \$71,000 and the Farmers State Bank had deposits of \$11,000 and it was believed "that the downfall began because of a debt held against A. D. Oliver, the "Climax Banker", for \$14,000, only \$6,000 of which was recovered." After Oliver's brief banking escapade in Climax, which ended suddenly with his being returned to Mississippi to serve a prison term he entered the banking business in Leesburg, Ga., and had been assassinated by four gunmen as

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Profits, \$12,500.00.  
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## Messenger Man Visits Goat Pen.

Speaking of secret orders and what it takes to build and keep life in an Order. It is that interest and brotherly love that is ever prominent in all societies, and it is this spirit that draws us to Cairo that proud distinction of having one of the best and best K. of P. Lodges in existence today. They are certainly alive as a visit to their hall will show that they have one of the neatest, nicest, coolest, pleasantest, and since they have installed electric lights, it is certainly a pretty hall when lit up by electric lights. Long live the K. of P's!

## LOW RATES Louisville, Kentucky, via Atlantic Coast Line.

The Atlantic Coast Line will sell tickets to Louisville, Ky., on June 10th, 11th, 12th, with return limit June 23rd, at a rate of one first-class fare plus 25c. for round trip.  
Extension of final limit can be obtained to July 23rd, by deposit of ticket and payment of fee of 50c.  
See your Ticket Agent or communicate with T. C. White, D. P. A., Savannah, T. J. Bottonis, T. P. A., Thomasville.

## About 30 Members Added Thereto.

The revival services at the Baptist church in Cairo that closed last week, resulted in adding something like 30 members to the church. Mr. White has done a wonderful work in as much as he did all of the work, you may say, by himself, and finally, "this is my beloved son whom I am well pleased."

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Newspaper Notes from Whigham (by Miss Belle Beck) Jun 15 1906

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Mr. Chesnut of the Tribune and the politest newspaper man in Georgia was on Whigham streets this week in interest of that newsy-little paper.

Rev. Mr. Blawett of Spring Hill vicinity was in Whigham Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkland of north Grady was in Whigham Saturday.

Mrs. Lizzie Bryant and son, John Henry of Pine Hill, were Whigham Saturday en route to her daughter, Mrs. Dave Logue.

Mr. Gus Maxwell of Calvary was among his friends in Whigham Saturday.

Mr. L. O. Maxwell was a guest in Whigham Saturday.

Miss Ethel Mills arrived home Thursday from Cuthbert to the delight of her many friends

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Several of Whigham's professionals looked after the fly tribe at Lake Iamonia this week. Mayor Harrell, Capt. Catue of the police force, Dr. Herring, Judge Joe Swicord, Messrs. Joe Lane and Dick Trulock.

Chief Police Bob Allen of Climax was in Whigham during the week.

Dr. George Collins was in from his country home Thursday.

The street scraper arrived this week and the city duds and street commissioners tested its remedy by adjusting it, and they tried it with two mules and found it required two more. They were soon secured and so the dust and sand were soon moved.

Mr. Elmer Massey of New Orleans was on a short visit to his sister, Mrs. Harvey Carter in north Whigham last week.

Real estate is still on the change in Whigham. Postmaster Quinn sold to Herbert Swatts a handsome home near the Academy this week; also Mr. Quinn sold to Mr. Eugene Thomas, the old wooden store near the depot. Mr. Quinn believes in keeping propositions moving. He has purchased a very desirable place in Fitzgerald, Ga.

Another change in business. Mr. Swatts sold his interest to Mr. Harrell in the livery business. Mr. W. A. Powell immediately bought the Swatts interest from Harrell, now the firm is Harrell & Powell.

Miss Esthell and Ida Terrell spent a few days at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Maxwell, near Sockee and attended the foot washing Sunday at Sockee church.

The good people of our town are cherishing the idea of having another saw mill plant in the near future. The timber buyers have been in and around Whigham for some weeks, buying options on all the timber they could get.

Mr. Will Hawthorn, a prominent saw mill operator near town, was on Whigham streets Thursday.

Mr. Frank Simon of the Palmetto Chemical Co. of Monticello, Fla. was a guest of Dr. D. M. Jordan on Friday, with the object of securing him as a partner and chemist in flourishing business at Monticello.

Mr. Bob Booth and lady returned to their home in Hossemer, Ala. Tuesday after an extended visit to Capt. Cain's family.

The Whigham Bottling Works can't scarcely supply the demands, the ginger ale, soda water and cold schnapps is the finest on the market.

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Messrs. Ardie Stuart and Horace Cochran passed through here last Wednesday.

Messrs. A. J. Young and C. M. Gordy spent last Monday and Tuesday on Lake Iamonia, and with a meat skin bob, caught about sixty pounds of fine trout. Their good luck was the cause of a genial exodus of citizens of the Cairo district to the Lake, and it has looked like a camp at the bay in the fall so many people have been camping there and trying their luck by moonlight.

Miss Grace E. Beach, who has been a student at Youngs Female College at Thomasville during the past nine months, returned home last Thursday.

Mr. Walter Wilson spent last Tuesday and Wednesday on Lake Iamonia, recreating.

Dr. J. G. Kincaid of Morganton, Faunin county was here last Thursday looking for a location to settle where he can practice his profession. Ever since the death of Dr. Robertson we have been without a medical attendant here, and we believe there is a good opening for such a man, and we hope Dr. Kincaid will decide to settle here.

Sheriff Tyrus and his deputy, Joe Nicholson, were visitors to the Lake last Thursday and Friday.

Alright neighbor, we will walk over your crop just as soon as you send us word that it is clean.

Don't forget that the next term of our county court commences on the twentieth.

We need telephone connection with Cairo and Thomasville.

Don't forget when buying labor saving machinery to think also of your wife and children as well as yourself. Maybe they would like a pump, or a well instead of that old rickety windlass, or a patent washing machine, or some kitchen necessities which all women love to have, and can be bought so cheaply these days.

Mr. Albert Winter of Thomasville drove to that city last Monday a herd of milch cattle which he has had on pasture at the Bell place.

### Communicated.

A large crowd attended church, and all report a nice.

Jack Fain attended church Saturday night. Guess who was with him?

Miss Verale Rogans spent Saturday p. m. with Miss Opale Taylor. Call again, Verale.

Miss Dora Frier from N. O. is visiting her cousin, Miss Opale Taylor.

The Abribe school will be out in a few days and there will be a picnic next Friday, or don't forget to be in the evening. The subject is War and Whiskey.

Quite a crowd attended the dog at Dave Joiner's Sunday evening.

Mr. Arthur Gooding and others, of the...

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Whigham visited Mr. O. U. Boyett Saturday evening.

We learn that Mrs. B. B. Martin who has been very sick is slowly improving. We hope she will continue to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cone spent Sunday with Mrs. Cone's father, Mr. F. M. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Dugger, and Miss Maud Mashburn dined with Mr. J. A. Rigsby and family Sunday.

The Misses Moores attended the June meeting at Prosperity Sunday.

Miss Melissa Williams was the pleasant guest of Miss Romell Barineau Sunday.

If you want to know what is being done all over Grady you just ought to subscribe for the Messenger.

Judge McCown and Miss Ester Collins was in our midst Sunday evening.

Miss Pearl Moore visited Misses Maud and Claud Whigham Friday evening.

Remember the picnic at New Hope church Friday June, the 22.

Protracted meeting will soon start at Spring Hill.

Look out for an agent. There was one in our midst Monday selling smoothing Iron Heaters, a very useful article which every house keeper should have.

Mrs. D. M. Morrison was the pleasant guest of Mrs. W. D. Cone Monday evening.

Mrs. Oliver Scarborough from Mitchell county visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cutts last week.

Mr. A. E. Whigham went to Whigham Saturday on business.

Messrs. R. A. Thomas and F. M. Cox was in Whigham Saturday evening on business.

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Mr. F. Borroughs, an old and well known resident of Bluffton, S. C. regard Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as the very best remedy for bowel trouble. I make this statement after having used the remedy in my family for several years. I am never without it. For sale by Wight & Brown.

### Centennial Items.

Mr. Jack Blackburn and wife were in Cairo Saturday.

Miss Nellie Johnson has had some fever this week.

Mr. O. W. Johnson went to Cairo on business Wednesday.

Centennial school closed last Wednesday.

Miss Laura Johnson will leave by her home Tuesday.

Miss Lela Johnson was the guest of...

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## Newsy Notes From Whigham.

(BY MISS DOLLIE WELDON.)

### CHURCH DIRECTORIES.

Baptist, 1st and 3rd Sunday morning and evening. Pastor, N. G. Christopher. Methodist, 2nd and 4th Sunday, morning and evening. Pastor, Rev. Stubbs.

**PICTURE FRAMES**—I am now prepared to make almost any size picture frame. Prices very moderate. V. S. PARKER, Whigham, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Clisby Trulock attended services at the Presbyterian church in Climax last Sunday.

Mr. J. W. Bryan of Bainbridge spent Monday afternoon among his old friends in Whigham.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oates were shopping in town Monday.

Miss Dollie Weldon will have on hand a selection of Christmas Postal Cards, that will interest the young ladies and gentlemen.

Mr. Roy Powell of the Search Light force was in Whigham Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Allen Wamble and son Wain of north Grady was on business in Whigham Monday.

Miss Sarah Brinson of near Pelham was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Adams, during the week.

Miss Lula Bloodworth returned a few days since from a visit to relatives in Alabama.

Mr. W. C. Bell attended to business out of town Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Ab Logue is up again after several days confinement with iagrippe.

Mr. George Clark is on the sick list with cold.

The hammer and saw is heard in every direction in Whigham these days.

Tax Collector, Mr. Roy Ponder, made his last round in Whigham for the year the past week.

Miss Zimmie Harrison went to Cairo Monday to attend the marriage of Miss Annie Lor Kinchen, which was solemnized at the home of her father, Rev. Kinchen, about four miles from Cairo.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of north Grady spent Sunday afternoon the guest of the their father,

Mr. John Robison. Mr. J. F. Singletary and Miss Grace Stubbs of Ochlockonee, returned home last Friday after visiting their brother, Rev. H. P. Stubbs, a few days ago.

Mr. J. B. Butler has just presented the Methodist church with a beautiful lot for the new parsonage.

All enjoyed the shower Monday afternoon.

Wonder who will be the next to marry. Better hurry, 1906 will soon be out.

Mrs. Alice Butler of Jacksonville spent Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Connell near Whigham.

Mrs. Byron Lewis of Jacksonville, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Cobb and other relatives near Whigham.

Mrs. Jessie Allen went over to Climax Tuesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ira Allen for a short while.

Miss Shirley Rigsby and Mr. Cox were happily married at the home of the brides father, Mr. John Rigsby, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Whigham returned from south Florida during the week, and reports a delightful trip.

Prof. Ed Duggar of Quincy, Fla., was in Whigham one day this week.

Those who want a lovely home in Grady, call on Major R. A. Connell. It is one of the best built and planned houses in the county.

### Cure for Sore Nipples.

As soon as the child is done nursing, apply Chamberlain's Salve. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the child to nurse. Many trained nurses use this with the best results. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Wight & Browne.

Dealers say that those who have used Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are quite loyal to them and cannot be persuaded to take any substitute. Get a free sample at Wight & Browne's drug store; give them a trial and you, too, will want them in preference to any other.

Georgia—Grady County. To whom it may concern: J. E. Hurst having made application to me in due form to be appointed permanent administrator upon the estate of Mrs. J. H. Hurst, late of said county, notice is hereby given that said application will be heard at the regular term of the Court of Ordinary for said county to be held on the first Monday in January, 1907. Witness my hand and official signature this 10th day of Nov., 1906. J. H. HARRING, Ordinary.

## Two or Three Hours Spent in the Prosperous and Fast Growing Town of Whigham.

Whigham, Grady County, Georgia is a prosperous, thriving town of about eight hundred population on the A. C. L. R'y, between Thomasville and Bainbridge, in the richest and most productive part of South Georgia. Several different kinds of crops a year are produced in this section. Old mother earth is very kind and yields readily all kinds of succulent foods as well as corn cotton and tobacco. It is demonstrated that this section produces as fine tobacco as Gadsden county, Fla., Quincy now being the richest town of its size in the U. S. Where one man last year planted thirty-three acres in tobacco and after deducting \$14.00 for fertilizers had in clean cash \$25,000. Over a million dollars is deposited in one bank in Quincy.

Whigham has grown rapidly for the past half a dozen years. There are sixteen business houses, one bank, one lawyer, one drugstore, three doctors, one wire house and a charming hotel, the Magnolia, brand new, well furnished, comfortable, clean beds and excellent fare. There are thirty rooms, hot and cold baths, excellent sample rooms, everything managed on a liberal scale and all trains met day and night. Mrs. C. M. Evans, manager. Mrs. Evans is an exceedingly pretty and attractive woman, the daughter of Judge Tucker of Lakeland, Fla.

Hon. A. Harrell, merchant, is the progressive mayor of Whigham. Whigham has excellent educational advantages, Prof. J. M. Stovall, principal of the High School, has brought the school up to its present high standard. Enrollment 200.

The dispensary yields a revenue of about \$9,000, half of which goes to the public school, the other half for the general expenses of the town. Prof. Stovall was born in 1876. Graduated from the Penbody Normal at Nashville, Tenn. He has taught successfully at several places. Georgia and Florida enrollment in 1904 only 78.

Ten thousand dollars are invested in water works. Capacity 30,000 gallons every two days. Mr. G. W. Lawrence is superintendent.

Mr. A. S. Mayo is the popular R. R. Agent, Express Agent and Telegraph operator for the A. C. L.; a Mississippian. Came here from Lake City, Fla.

Dr. J. E. Hurst, D. D. S., is the best dental practitioner in this part of the State. He is skillful dentist and in the execution of his work has given great satisfaction. He graduated from the Southern Dental College at Atlanta. He will put in all the latest improvements, fountain quippers, etc.

The Trulock-Peebles Supply Company is one of the wealthiest and most progressive firms in Whigham. Organized two years

ago. They are cotton buyers and supply farmers. Business about \$80,000 a year. The firm conducts a general merchandise business and are prominent cotton buyers and dealers in country produce. They make a specialty of Georgia cane syrup. The firm is E. P. N. Z., C. M. and T. B. Trulock and N. R. Peebles. The firm handles a thousand bales of cotton a year. Dimensions of the store 46x90 feet.

Three crops a year can be profitably grown on the lands surrounding Whigham—cotton, tobacco and syrup. Slade tobacco (whatever kind that is) sells from 60cts to 75cts per lb. Sumatra tobacco which sells for 27cts per lb. grows 1200 lbs. to the acre. South Georgia has come to the front so rapidly that it has called the attention of people from all over the Union. There is plenty of money in this part and untold wealth in the lands where scientifically tilled. Whigham offers fine opportunities for persons wanting nice homes and good outlook for business. Mr. N. Z. Trulock very kindly gave me information regarding the fertility of the lands surrounding Whigham.

Mr. E. C. Jordan, druggist, and chairman of the Board of Trustees, is a South Carolinian by birth from Marion county, Fla. Jordan is the only exclusive drug store. Mr. Jordan is a member of the city council and an influential citizen of Whigham.

The Bank of Whigham has \$15,000 capital. Deposits about \$79,000.

There are many good business houses in Whigham.

Carmichael Buggies the kind you can't break down. J. E. Hoffman.

### Sheriff Sales.

Georgia—Grady County. Will be sold on the first Tuesday in January, 1907, at public outcry at the court house in said county, within the legal hours of sale to the highest bidder for cash, certain property of which the following is a full and complete description: 75 bushels of short cotton seed, estimated; one black horse mule about 8 years old; also one black mare mule about 8 years old; also one milch cow, dark red color; also one small Jersey bull yearling; also one heifer yearling with white face and red color. Said property levied on as the property of W. W. Scott to satisfy an execution issued from the Superior Court of said county in favor of J. T. and E. H. Roberts against said W. W. Scott. Said property being in possession of W. W. Scott. D. W. TYUS, Sheriff. This Dec. 4, 1906.

Georgia, Grady County. By virtue of an order of the Court of Ordinary of Grady County, Ga., rendered at the December term, 1906, will be sold at public sale for cash before the court house doors at

Whigham, Georgia, on the first Tuesday in January, 1907, the saw timber on eighty-three (83) acres of land of lot No. two hundred and eighty-one (281) situated in the southwest corner of lot 1. Also the saw timber on forty seven (47) acres situated in the northeast corner of lot of land No. two hundred and seventy-two (272). All the above timber and lands being in the (18th) district of Grady County, Ga., and being part of the estate of T. T. Taylor, deceased and sold for the payment of debt.

T. H. TAYLOR, executor for the Estate of T. T. Taylor, deceased, and J. L. Oliver & Son, Auctioneers.

Georgia—Grady County. By virtue of an order of the Court of Ordinary of said county, rendered at the November term, 1906, will be sold at public sale for cash before the court house doors at Whigham, Georgia, on the first Monday in November, 1906, the following property: 100 acres of land in the 18th district of Grady County, Ga., being part of the estate of T. T. Taylor, deceased and sold for the payment of debt. Witness my hand this 5th day of Nov. 1906. J. H. HARRING, Ordinary.

Georgia—Grady County. To whom it may concern: J. G. Dickey having due form to be appointed trustee upon the estate of J. H. Dickey, late of said county, notice is hereby given that said application will be heard at the regular term of the Court of Ordinary for said county to be held on the first Monday in January, 1907. Witness my hand this 5th day of Nov. 1906. J. H. HARRING, Ordinary.

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# NO ELECTION ON COUNTY SIDE

## Whigham Jacks Among Names to Secure Vote And Cairo Wins

There will be no election in Grady county as to removing the county seat from Cairo to Whigham, as the petition of the Whigham people for same lacked the requisite two-fifths of the registration list for calling the battle of ballots. The citizens of Whigham have agreed to make no further agitation of the matter for five years. This news is of great interest to the people of Thomas county, who have watched the course of events with interest.

The petition of the Whigham people was presented to the ordinary of Grady county on Tuesday by Messrs. N. Z. Trulock and W. A. Powell. It contained 1,375 names. The people of Cairo presented a number of letters to the ordinary from signers of the petition asking that their names be stricken therefrom.

Wednesday a delegation of Whigham citizens appeared with their attorney, Judge Harrell of Bainbridge, made the point that these requests should not be considered as after the petition had been presented to the ordinary it was not legal to add to or take from it. Col. M. L. Letford on behalf of the people of Cairo made the claim that the requests for removal were valid and pointed to an agreement of the day before whereby the lists were to remain open both for addition and withdrawal until Monday August 6.

While Ordinary Herring was considering this point Mr. W. B. Roddenberry suggested a consultation with the view to compromise, saying that Cairo was willing to fight the matter out at the polls, though he would regret an election with the resultant hard feeling. In order to avoid the likelihood of protracted litigation this proposition was agreed to by both sides, and terms of a compromise were drawn up.

By this agreement Cairo agreed that parties who had written the ordinary asking that their names be withdrawn should be left on the list. Whigham recognized that no names should be counted except

### Women Who Wear Well

It is astonishing how great a change a few years of married life often make in the appearance and disposition of many women. The freshest, the blimmest, the brilliant, vanish like the bloom from a peach which is roughly handled. The matron is only a dim shadow of a faint echo of the charming maiden. There are two reasons for this change: ignorance and neglect. Few young women appreciate the shock to the system through the change which comes with marriage and motherhood. Many neglect to treat with the unpleasant pelvic drains and weaknesses which too often come with marriage and motherhood, not understanding that this secret drain is robbing the cheek of its freshness and the form of its fairness.

As surely as the general health suffers when there is derangement of the health of the delicate womanly organs, so surely when these organs are established in health the face and form at once witness to the fact in renewed comeliness. Nearly a million women have found health and happiness in the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It makes weak women strong and sick women well. Ingredients on label—contains no alcohol or harmful habit-forming drugs, made wholly of those native American medicinal roots most highly recommended by leading medical authorities of all the several schools of practice for the cure of woman's peculiar ailments. For nursing mothers, or for those broken-down in health by too frequent bearing of children, also for the expectant mothers, to prepare the system for the coming of baby and making its advent easy and almost painless, there is no medicine quite so good as "Favorite Prescription." It can do no harm in any condition of the system. It is a most potent invigorating tonic and strengthening nerve-nutrient adapted to woman's delicate system by a physician of large experience in the treatment of woman's peculiar ailments. Dr. Pierce may be consulted by letter free of charge. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.

influenza has been many thousands of people.

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said to be crystals. I recommend it. For sale by all dealers. Foster-Mulburn Co., N. Y., sole agents for States.

Remember the name and take no other.

### RODDENBERRY AT

One Thousand Voters He Counted Candidate For

Omega, Ga., August 10 to Times-Enterprise.)—Roddenberry, of Thomas here today. This town county of Tift, just across from Colquitt. There are about one thousand of the counties of Tift, Clinch and Turner in the heard the speech.

Judge Roddenberry slightly on politics, a himself to the theme. Notwithstanding this collected many assurances and the crowd was practically for him.

Mr. T. F. Nicholson day from Cairo.

### THE FIRST IN

T. A. Teate's Plan Historic Relic and Ind

T. A. Teate, who set vitrified brick that was the Masonry corner of last April, finished and had it on display in a glass case.

to use this brick as a record for raising for the paving on Broad St. C. L. railroad at Mr. Teate has been a and some expense to souvenir that he put in his collection of rel turn it over to the put The brick is a polished

# S. S. CHRONIC ULCERS

Ulcers are the result of a deeply polluted and foul blood supply, with impurities and germs which are being constantly carried through the circulation, until all the surrounding tissues and the sore are an obdurate and permanent trouble. An old ulcer suggests pollution, the discharge is red, the inflammation and discoloration of surrounding parts is ulcer is prevented from healing by the constant draining of impurities from the blood. This impure condition of the blood, or it may be the remains of some constitutional disease, a long spell of sickness, leaving disease germs in the system, or the refuse of the blood, which has not been properly eliminated through the natural channels. Let whatever the cause, the blood is so polluted that it does not properly nourish and stimulate the sore cannot heal. Salves, plasters, lotions, etc., keep the can, relieve pain, and perhaps reduce inflammation, but cannot heal them because they do not reach the blood. S. S. S. he very fountain head of the trouble, drives out all poisons, builds up the weak, sluggish blood, gives energy and strength and by sending a fresh, healthy stream of blood to the diseased hamper to heal naturally and permanently. Nothing reaches a like S. S. S. It cleanses the circulation of every trace of impurity, and those who have nursed an old treated an old will experience good results as soon as the system becomes S. S. S. Book on Sores and Ulcers and medical advice free to THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

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those appearing as poll-tax payers on the digest. Whigham was to have two representatives at the counting. The remainder of the story is told in the following dispatch from Cairo under date of August 2:

Immediately after the above agreement was reached, Messrs. Trulock and Thomas, of Whigham and Letford and Crawford of Cairo, began work with the ordinary checking up the petition, and striking those names which did not appear as poll tax payers from the tax digest. This work was completed this morning, when it was seen that 465 names were not entitled to a place on the petition, not being poll tax payers, as shown by the tax digest and were therefore stricken. This leaves Whigham's petition with only 910 names entitled to remain so they lack 113 names of having enough to call the election. Under the agreement which was reached, the county seat agitation, is now settled, and no doubt the commissioners will soon take active steps for the erection of the public buildings at Cairo, the county seat.

Mr. J. E. Soory has purchased the Sol Leitchworth place on the Waukegan Road, and has decided to become a citizen of Jefferson county. Mr. Soory has already made many friends here, and the News wishes him success, hoping that others like him, seeing the advantages of this section, will decide to cast their lot

There are many things that should be incorporated into law. But the platform is the work of a few men. It might almost be said to be the work of one man, Editor Gray of the Atlanta Journal. We were at the Mason convention and are familiar with the circumstances surrounding its adoption.

So far as the issue upon which the people spoke in the last primary, it is embodied in the platform as far as the legislators consider themselves bound. But there is no reason why they should not go further, as they did in the case of state prohibition, sentiment having changed. There is also no reason why they should not stop short if they wish, for sentiment can change in one direction as much as in another, and can obb back as far as it can flow for

ward. It is a little difficult for the platform committee reported late in the afternoon when the delegates were worn with rhetoric, weary with the heat, and wanted three things, to hear Hoge Smith nominate him, and go home. They cared but little about the platform, save to adopt it in a hurry and get on to the nomination.

In spite of this disposition to accept the hot and dried platform as was presented there was no unanimity. There was dissension among the leaders. Tommy Hardwick fought certain provisions. Boykin Wright opposed others, and the convention threatened to become snarled in an interminable wrangle. So they cut the Gordian knot by voting the thing through. Many of the delegates did not know what the Mason platform was until they read it in the newspapers the next morning. Many of the Democrats of the state could not repeat its provisions today if they were to be shot for failure to do so.

This world is a small one, we have only a little time to stay here, and all of us ought to get along as peaceably as possible with everyone, especially our neighbors.

The people of Whigham have no reason to feel chagrined over the narrow margin by which they failed to get an election. Their little city has displayed a commendable public spirit that, when exerted in other lines, will mean much for the town and the whole county.

The people of Calro should remember that it takes a broader and better people to be generous in victory than it does to be cheerful in defeat. They should go on in their efforts to build up their town and county, harboring no animosity against their rivals.

We earnestly hope to see the new county well-equipped with public buildings in the near future, and believe that with the dispute over the county seat settled they should proceed with the work at once. South Georgia is setting a hot pace for Gray and we believe she will keep up with it.

The Atlanta Constitution has an interesting editorial on the passing of Democracy in Georgia. It makes no wall, attempts no explanation of the cause, but contents itself with the statement that cannot be denied, that organized Democracy is no longer held in the reverence it once was. There will be few to dispute this claim. The name Democrat is no longer the shibboleth that it once was. The younger generation know little of the battles fought under that banner by their forefathers, and seem to care less. This is the day of independentism in politics, and the platforms of the Democratic party are accepted more as a matter of habit than desire. We are all Democrats but we are not enthusiastic about it. When it is con-

Smith this week.

Mr. H. C. Copeland, Jr. of Montgomery, Ala. came down last Thursday to spend a while with home folks.

Mrs. E. E. Rose, and children, of Brinson, Ga. were the pleasant visitors of Miss Bessie Copeland last week, but left Monday for Bechton to visit relatives.

Miss Catharine Clark of Thomasville is visiting friends here this week.

Messrs. H. C. Copeland and Co's new ware house is nearing completion. It will be quite an improvement to that part of the town.

Misses Cora and Jennie Bet Belcher of Whigham, Ga. and Misses Amandy and Clara Neel and Rose Evans of Thomasville spent several days with Mrs. Missouri Connell last week at her home on Broad street.

Mrs. Mattie Ward and children returned from Boston Monday where they have been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Will Stringer, of Calro is visiting her parents Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Monroe.

Mr. John Swift and family of Boston, Ga. spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Mary Swift.

Mrs. J. T. Strickland and children left Sunday for North Carolina, where they will spend a month.

Mr. Tom Connell returned from White Springs last Thursday.

Mr. O. S. Russell, who has been quite sick for a week is improving and will soon be able to attend to business again.

Professor W. H. Searey of Calro was here Monday looking after the interests of the school.

Mrs. O. S. Russell returned from Panacea Springs Thursday.

Miss Julia Edwards and Master William and Julian Saunders are spending several weeks in St. Augustine.

Miss Rosa Bruton of Thomasville was the guest of Miss Myrtle Knapp last week.

Thomasville,  
To our Friends and the

The period for which we chartered expires at 11 today.

We desire to announce that the charter has been extended for twenty years from the name of the bank has **THE FIRST NATIONAL** in accordance with the Articles of Association meeting of the shareholders of May, 1907.

We desire to thank our general patronage accorded us, respectfully solicit a continuance of the same, assuring them that our attention is given to the satisfaction consistent with

be granted.

- T. J. Ball, J. W. Peacock
- G. W. Ferrill, W. A. Pritchard
- M. R. Mallett, W. I. Mack

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Who give you your mother & others of your family medicine when they needed it . . . Who give you credit in Thomasville when you could not buy anything without money and who rented you land when no others would do it Who bought bagging & rope when you could not get it do you think of these things<sup>104</sup>

Some Thomas County disputes led to the seizure of crops at Savannah **until** those involved work out a settlement. Contracts, **although** not always honored, provided some protection for the parties involved, but the Bureau agent in Bainbridge reported that the majority of freedmen worked without contracts.<sup>105</sup>

The new railroad towns at Cairo and Harrell attracted a few more families and businesses. John Watts and H. M. Mitchell operated stores in Cairo in 1868 and 1869.<sup>106</sup> At Harrell, Joshua Martin served as the first railroad agent and Baptist preacher. Ordained in Baker County in the 1840s, he preached at Bainbridge before moving to Harrell about 1868. Martin was described as interesting and instructive: "His voice strong and clear, his manner earnest and fervent with power to hold the attention of the congregation to the close of the service. He cultivated the art of music and with his strong voice used the Gospel songs with great power."<sup>107</sup> Martin's employment with the rail line provided a convenient sawmill shed for his services, and led to the construction of a Baptist church **on the northeast corner of the depot site with the railroad's permission.**<sup>108</sup>

In May 1868, Samantha A. Whitfield became Harrell's first postmaster.<sup>109</sup> The first streets named in deed records were Broad, Broughton, Depot, Drayton, **Parallel (First and Second Parallel), McGriff, and Poudras.**<sup>110</sup> Community tradition dates its first school **to a building constructed at the corner of First Parallel and McGriff streets** in 1869. The school building also housed the first Methodist meetings, held by a circuit rider. The minister assigned to rural Decatur County in 1869 was W. M. Hays. Early Methodist Church participants included the Coopers, Browns, Guilfords, and Mills families.<sup>111</sup>

Harrell, the town at Station 21, was also known as *Whigham*. **The area of Thomas Whigham's home had been called *Whigham's* or Whigham since before the Civil War. When the Harrells purchased the land and named their new town *Harrell* it challenged but did not replace the**

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<sup>104</sup> Madison Atkinson account, Account Book of S.A. Dickey, 1867-1872, Dickey-Atkinson and Heirs Collection, microfilm drawer 71, box 51, Georgia Archives.

<sup>105</sup> Cimbala, *Under the Guardianship of the Nation*, 154, 163.

<sup>106</sup> "Cairo Department," *Thomasville Times*, Jul 8, 1876 (Mitchell, Watts); Georgia, Vol. 9, p.120 (Watts, Mitchell), R.G. Dun & Co. Collection, Baker Library, Harvard Business School.

<sup>107</sup> "Joshua Martin" in Miller, *History of Bethel Association*, 314.

<sup>108</sup> Decatur County, Superior Court, Deed Record Book T:144 and Book Q:50; "Some Historical and Important Facts about the Whigham Baptist Church. Whigham, Ga. November 7, 1968," TS, and Louis A. Powell to R.S. Roddenbery Sr., Jun 21, 1965, TS, Church-Whigham Baptist folder, Grady County Collection.

<sup>109</sup> U.S. Post Office Department, *Records of Appointments*, Georgia, Decatur County, Harrell, May 26, 1868.

<sup>110</sup> Decatur County, Superior Court, Deed Record Book P:279 (Jul 24, 1868), Book Q:50 (Jun 26, 1868), and Book R:117 (Apr 11, 1868).

<sup>111</sup> "Grady County United Methodist Churches," 21; *Minutes, Methodist Episcopal Church, South*, 3:326.

The Whigham district had six teachers in 1900 (table 8.1). A new brick Whigham Academy was built for the 1901–1902 year after the school's former building was moved and converted for Masonic use.<sup>255</sup>

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<sup>255</sup> Whigham Masonic Lodge No. 356, 1891–1905 Minutes Book, Jul 18 and Dec 19, 1901, and Feb 20, 1902, ac 80-041, Georgia Archives; U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Twelfth Census* (1900), Decatur County, *Population Schedule*; Decatur County, Board of Education, Minutes, Book 1, Sep 4, 1900 (Whigham schools).

Y	M	D	GrantorFirst	GrantorLast	GranteeFirst	Grantee Last	Dls	Lot	County of	Ins	Boo	Page	Notes/Description
1867	11	7	WW & JT	Harrell		A&G RR	19	30	Decatur		P	58	one hundred yards width and four hundred and eighty four yards in length the sides right angles with each other. The southern boudary being the northern ...of the ROW of the A&G RR commencing at a point opposite the east swithch of #21 and extending four hundred & eighty yards towards the west.  <i>300 ft. X 1440 ft 9.917 acres</i>
1867	11	7	WW & JT	Harrell		A&G RR	19	31	Decatur		P	58	same
1867	10	9	WW & JT	Harrell		A&G RR	19	30	Decatur		P	58	bounded on the north ..... From said line seventy five feet on the south by a line paralel to the last line one hundred and fifty feet from that line and seventy five feet from the central line on the east by the east boundary of said Lot no 31 and on the west by the west boundary of lot no 30 containing twenty three acres more or less.
1867	10	9	WW & JT	Harrell		A&G RR	19	31	Decatur		P	58	same

birthday. Another was to travel to Philadelphia and visit the centennial exposition. G. A. Wight and his wife Margaret (Powell) Wight were among several area residents who took an excursion train to St. Augustine and then proceeded up the St. Johns River on their way to Pennsylvania. Most southwest Georgians only read about the exhibits and events in a series of letters and reports in the weekly papers.<sup>179</sup>

Calvary's population was about fifty in the mid-1870s, according to a state business directory. James J. Higdon operated a general store with one of the Maxwells as Higdon and Maxwell, in addition to their business at Harrell. A second general store, J. Higdon and Son, was listed in the same directory, and other records document a third store, owned by farmers John Darsey and Robert Daniell.<sup>180</sup>

A guidebook characterized the town of Harrell as "Pleasantly situated on high, rolling ground, and remarkably free from the malarial diseases which infest many localities in the Southern country. A never-failing spring, equal in its character to the water of the hill country, is near the depot, discharging daily ten thousand gallons of pure, cold, freestone water."<sup>181</sup> R. H. Harris described the landmark spring as "magnificent," discharging "the coldest and clearest of water into a copious reservoir, at the rate of four hundred and fifty gallons per hour" from a "noble, oak-crowned bluff."<sup>182</sup> The town's population was estimated at one hundred. D. W. Guilford and W. J. Hornsby operated businesses in 1874, and H. C. Carter ran a grocery 1875–76. Hornsby began with a general store, but closed it to give his attention to the Hornsby and Porter sawmill. John F. Wooten, from North Carolina, operated a turpentine distillery for a few years.<sup>183</sup> The 1876 statewide directory identified the Harrell businesses of carpenter H. Mock, blacksmith G. B. Walker, surveyor J. D. Williams, and listed four general stores—M. Barnett, Maxwell and Higdon, T. B. Maxwell, and G. B. Trulock. Two physicians, H. L. McElvy and G. M. Jones, an 1872 graduate of the University of Maryland, were also residents.<sup>184</sup>

The town at Station 21 continued to operate under two names. State maps clarified or confused the issue by distinguishing between the Harrell *Post Office* and the Whigham *Station*.<sup>185</sup> The Decatur County Board of Education called the district Whigham; a business directory identified the town as Harrell. By either name, the town boasted of "Two churches, good school convenient, good society, and one of the finest springs in the State; good boarding house, and the most healthy location in Southwest Georgia."<sup>186</sup> In addition to the Missionary Baptist and Methodist churches in town, Pisgah Primitive Baptist church was nearby.<sup>187</sup> The area around Whigham claimed to be unsurpassed in growing fruit.<sup>188</sup>

179. "Cairo Department," *Thomasville Times*, Aug 19, 1876.

180. *Georgia State Directory*, 1:147; Georgia, Vol. 9, p.122<sup>9</sup> (Darsey), 122<sup>11</sup> (Higdon & Maxwell), 122<sup>12</sup> (Higdon & Maxwell), R.G. Dun & Co. Collection, Baker Library, Harvard Business School.

181. Derry, *Georgia: A Guide*, 102.

182. "Cairo Department," *Thomasville Times*, Jun 24, 1876.

183. Decatur County, Court of Ordinary, Retail licenses, vol. B, 1874 (Guilford), microfilm drawer 127, box 17, Georgia Archives; Georgia, Vol. 9, p.95 and 122<sup>18</sup> (Hornsby), 122<sup>18</sup> (Wooten), 122<sup>22</sup> (Carter), R.G. Dun & Co. Collection, Baker Library, Harvard Business School; *Georgia State Directory*, 1:203.

184. *Georgia State Directory*, 1:203 (McElvy); Decatur County, Superior Court, Physicians Register, 1882, microfilm drawer 130, box 21, Georgia Archives.

185. Frank A. Gray, "Gray's New Map of Georgia" (Philadelphia, 1877), original print (two versions, one possibly 1880), Georgia Archives; see also Asher & Adams, "Map of Georgia" (Washington, DC, 1874), Georgia Archives.

186. Griffin, *Guide to Southern Georgia and Florida*, 25.

187. "Statistical Table," *Minutes, Ocklocknee Primitive Baptist Association*, 1876. At least five churches in the future Grady County were listed: Tired Creek/ "Sofka" post office, Mizpah/ Camilla P.O., Piedmont/ Calvary P.O., Poplar Spring/ Cairo P.O., and "Pisga"/ Whigham P.O.

188. Derry, *Georgia: A Guide*, 102.

Table 7.1 Selected non-farming occupations in four districts, 1880

	Duncanville District <sup>a</sup> GMD 579, Thomas Co.	Lime Sink GMD 621, Decatur Co.	GMD 1258, Decatur Co.	Pearce's GMD 1324, Decatur Co.
Blacksmiths	Jake Mateland (b) D.B. Oliver	Charles W. Johnson		Larry Jones (b) <sup>b</sup>
Carpenters	Holton James (b) Joseph James (b)	Charles Blaker		
Laundresses		Clarissa Seabrook (b) Lou Ryals (b)		Melinda Maxwell (b)
Millers		Samuel Griner, gristmill L.O. Jackson, gristmill <sup>c</sup> James A. Willder	David A. Singletary	
Mill workers			W.G. Baggett, sawmill Handy Burnes Dennis Griffin	
Teachers	Mitchell Frenk	Wilburn Dollar Oleann Pope		J.W.C. Critchell William Gray

SOURCES: U.S. Bureau of the Census, *Tenth Census* (1880), Decatur County and Thomas County, *Population and Manufacturing schedules*.

NOTE: Column heads reflect census record divisions. (b) = black

<sup>a</sup> The Duncanville district listing is incomplete; sections of the microfilmed Thomas County census are illegible.

<sup>b</sup> It is not clear from the census whether Jones was a resident of GMD 1324 or GMD 720.

<sup>c</sup> L. O. Jackson owned the mill at the Lime Sink but was a Bainbridge resident.

Whigham was still known by two names. In the 1879 gazetteer, Harrell—"the station is known as Whigham"—gave its population as about 200. An 1881 gazetteer stated that Whigham, "known also as Harrell," had a population of 225. The census taker recorded about 140 people living in twenty-four houses on Broad Street in 1880. The town exported two thousand bales of cotton and a thousand barrels of turpentine annually.<sup>33</sup> The distinctive spring near the depot attracted visitors, among them Thomasville's Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Jewish congregations who arrived to spread their 1882 joint picnic in the "beautiful grove around the finest spring in South Georgia."<sup>34</sup>

Documentation of Whigham's original date of incorporation has not been found, although evidence places it between 1872 and 1879. Town incorporation in Georgia was by legislative act until August 1872, after which any town with a population of one hundred and a petition signed by twenty voters could hold a local referendum. After voter approval, the county superior court issued a certification of incorporation and elections were held to choose the town officials. No notice of incorporation or announcement of the town's first elected officials has been found in the Bainbridge newspapers, but existing collections do not include issues for the years 1877 through 1879.

33. *Sholes Georgia State Gazetteer*, 529; *Georgia State Gazetteer 1881–82*, 515. Populations provided to the publishers of gazetteers were often "rounded up" to make a town more attractive.

34. *Thomasville Times*, May 13, 1882.



Whigham had finally settled into its one-name status, and its alternate name of Harrell had been taken by a community about fifteen miles northeast of Bainbridge on the Camilla road.<sup>144</sup> In 1885, the Thomasville Sunday schools again chose Whigham as their picnic destination. One of the five hundred in attendance described the spring as “[bursting] out at the foot of the little hill near the church.” After the picnic, the children played on swings and the youth engaged in games of tennis or croquet. Some of the visitors strolled through town, reporting its streets to be “well graded and clear of trash,” the stores “full of goods,” and the homes “cozy and neat.”

There are five general stocks of merchandise, viz: Pearce & Sutton, W. A. Davis, G. P. [B.] Trulock, J. B. Lasseter and T. B. Maxwell. These gentlemen all carry good stocks. In addition to these there is a millinery store, Miss M. B. Martin, proprietress; one drug store, Dr. B. F. [P.] Clayton, proprietor, and one bar, C. Williams, proprietor. There are three churches—Methodist and Baptist—one being a colored church.—An excellent academy school and a good private school afford fair educational advantages. They have also a good colored school. Two manufacturing establishments deserve mention, Mr. H. Mock, manufacturer of buggies, wagons, &c., and Mr. John E. Cox, who is engaged in manufacturing an excellent quality of machine pressed brick.

While there is no large hotel in Whigham, the Rev. J. Martin fills the place of one with his large and excellent boarding house. His house is conveniently and pleasantly located and is kept in exceptionally good style.<sup>145</sup>

Several of the Whigham businesses were well-established. The Trulock and Maxwell stores and the shop of carriage maker Harmon Mock had been in operation at least ten years. The Davis and Lassiter stores were five and six years old, respectively. A black carpenter listed in an 1886 record, Louis Armstrong, had been in business at least seven years. An 1885 newspaper article, an 1886 voter list, and a gazetteer of the same year identified two additional merchants, Joe Averitt and R. M. Bower and Company, as well as several other businesses and professionals.

Millers	W. J. Hornsby, sawmill
	C. H. Martin, gristmill and gin
	S. S. Moor, sawmill
	J. L. Perrett, sawmill and gristmill
	G. B. Trulock, gristmill
Ministers	J. M. Boland
	C. H. Branch, Methodist
	Flem Fiveash (black)
Physicians	Joshua Martin, Baptist
	B. P. Clayton
	G. M. Jones
	H. L. McElvy <sup>146</sup>

The new occupations represented in town that suggest increased business activity included A. L. Maxwell, cotton and guano broker, and G. D. Mills, express agent. Sending a telegraph regarding a shipment or an order no longer required a trip to Bainbridge; C. H. Martin was the resident telegraph operator. W. M. Quinn ran a pool hall; he would open a beef market in 1888. Town and county

144. [*Georgia State Gazetteer* 1886], 514. The new Harrell applied for a post office in 1887; U.S. Post Office Department, *Reports of Site Locations*, Georgia, Decatur County, Averitt (map shows Harrell) and Harrell.

145. “Whigham,” *Thomasville Times*, May 16, 1885. “Pearce & Sutton” were C. C. Pearce and M. O. Sutton; [*Georgia State Gazetteer* 1886], 764.

146. Decatur County, Court of Ordinary, Voters Registration Book 1886, Whigham, 67–72, 189–193; [*Georgia State Gazetteer* 1886], 764; “Whigham Dots,” *Bainbridge Democrat*, Aug 27, 1885.

an 1891 graduate of Louisville Medical College, opened a drug store with Dr. G. M. Jones.<sup>40</sup> Other new physicians hanging out their shingles in 1892 and 1893 would be B. F. Frye (Arkansas Medical Institute, 1881), and D. F. Morrison (Atlanta Medical College, 1891).<sup>41</sup> F. S. Harrell opened a law office.<sup>42</sup>

The Whigham Alliance attracted two thousand people to the grove near the Whigham depot in April 1890. They heard speeches and enjoyed performances by the Magnolia Cornet Band, led by Whigham Academy professor L. F. Shuford, and the Mocking Birds, a women's choir led by Mrs. L. B. Wilson. Following the presentations was the obligatory feast. "No people on earth can beat the women of Decatur when they take a notion to have a big dinner." The purpose of the event was to promote investment in a cottonseed oil mill and guano factory for the town. A twelve-ton mill running day and night was predicted to yield 480 gallons of oil every twenty-four hours. The day-long effort successfully raised eight of the ten thousand dollars required to build the factory by selling shares at ten dollars each, with a limit of five hundred dollars per investor.<sup>43</sup>

Groundbreaking for the Whigham Oil Mill and Fertilizer Factory was scheduled for May.<sup>44</sup> G. B. Trulock purchased a town lot between the railroad and Broad Street as president of an enterprise called the Whigham Manufacturing Company, possibly a related endeavor. It, too, was owned by stockholders and operated by a board of directors.<sup>45</sup> An 1892 newspaper notice, placed by its president, G. M. Jones, announced the manufacturing company's annual meeting. An oil mill and guano factory was also planned for the water falls at the Lime Sink, and the Bainbridge newspaper promoted the idea of constructing one for that town, but a list of active oil mills in the state in 1900 did not include any in Decatur County.<sup>46</sup>

A short walk through the grove near Whigham's depot led to the town's famed spring of cool, clear water. Rufus A. Connell built a brick and cement wall to accent the Whigham Spring, extending the bricks twenty feet uphill to its source. The *Whigham Advance* advised that it was worth a day's trip to see the pool and "quaff the sparkling life invigorator that ever flows; cool enough to make a glass tumbler sweat."<sup>47</sup> Connell, a former legislator and an eastern Decatur County booster, owned fifty-five acres around the spring and offered to donate two acres for a good hotel and five acres for the use of a college. The following January, he would advertise the sale of over ten thousand acres of farms and Whigham town lots.<sup>48</sup>

Whigham's newspaper, the *Advance*, ceased publication in December 1890. Its former editor began submitting regular Whigham columns to the *Bainbridge Democrat*, which had purchased the

40. "Whigham Department," *Bainbridge Democrat*, Jan 15, 1891; *Bainbridge Democrat*, Mar 26, 1891.

41. Decatur County, Superior Court, Physicians Register, 52, Oct 14, 1892 (Glenn), 54, Jan 10, 1893 (Frye), 58, Nov 23, 1893 (Morrison), microfilm drawer 130, box 21, Georgia Archives.

42. *Bainbridge Democrat*, Oct 9, 1890.

43. "Gala Day at Whigham" (quoted), *Bainbridge Democrat*, Apr 3, 1890; "An Oil Mill," *Bainbridge Democrat*, Jun 12, 1890. As used here, guano means a fertilizer with high nitrogen derived from cottonseed meal.

44. *Bainbridge Democrat*, May 8, 1890.

45. Decatur County, Superior Court, Deed Record Book GG:427 (Jun 10, 1890); "Whigham Department," *Bainbridge Democrat*, May 7, 1891.

46. *Bainbridge Democrat*, Jun 30, 1892; "Mr. Connell's Patents," *Bainbridge Democrat*, Oct 23, 1890; Georgia Department of Agriculture, *Georgia Historical and Industrial*, 350-52.

47. "The Whigham Spring," reprinted in the *Bainbridge Democrat*, Sep 25, 1890.

48. "Whigham Department," *Bainbridge Democrat*, Jan 15, 1891; "Mr. Connell's Patents," *Bainbridge Democrat*, Oct 23, 1890.



The P&H Railroad improvised seats and railings to convert its open flatcars to passenger use for the annual Sunday school picnic. John Wyeth Walker Collection. *Courtesy of Grady County Historical Society.*

Although the new courthouse at Cairo and the southbound railway attracted the *Messenger's* attention, the *Whigham Journal* continued its town's tradition of promoting the area's natural beauty and healthfulness. The spring of pure water near the depot was attributed with curative powers, and the newspaper suggested that Forest Falls, no longer the site of an active gristmill, would make an excellent hotel location or perhaps a suitable resort for tuberculosis sufferers.<sup>99</sup> An essay written by an out-of-state high school student described a visit to the site. She and her friends heard the waterfall before they could see it.

Now the ripple has changed to a roar, but we see nothing but a clear sparkling creek, almost a river, gliding on smoothly [*sic*] over pebble and stone. We must go down the steep hillside ahead of us, almost on "all fours." Be careful, or else you will land on your head, and that will not be very pleasant. We must cling to the branch of the tree while we grasp that of another; then try some rock to see if it will hold us. As last we are down to a little ledge of earth, just wide enough for one person to walk over, and now we see a rolling tumbling stream which falls ninety-two feet.

The cliff is a mass of ferns: long, broad ferns, small, slender ferns, and maiden-hair ferns everywhere you look . . .

We watch the water as it breaks over the rocks so far above us, but we cannot watch it flow off in a crystal stream. No, for when it strikes the earth, as if by magic it seems to disappear back in the earth under the cliff and we can find it no more. We take a last look at the falls in the afternoon before leaving, about two or three o'clock, half way up the falls we see a rainbow in all its beauty. As we turn to go we feel that our whole being is filled with a sense of the beauty of nature and we stand silent, awed at her grandeur.<sup>100</sup>

98. "Sunday School Picnic," *Cairo Messenger*, May 13, 1910; "The Cairo Concert Band," *Cairo Messenger*, May 6, 1910; R.S. Roddenbery Jr., Apr 12 and 17, 1966, Roddenbery Family Papers.

99. "Lime Sink, or Picturesque Forest Falls," *Whigham Journal*, Mar 5, 1909; "Surpassing Beauty of Natural Scenery," *Whigham Journal*, Apr 30, 1909.

100. "Lime Sink Falls," *Whigham Journal*, May 28, 1909

The *Journal's* descriptions of Whigham featured not only the town's well-known spring but also its trees. "The main street of the town is shaded on both sides by tall spreading oaks, while in the center is planted pecan trees. Above the depot we have a number of beautiful groves of oak, pine and hickory, a pleasant sight which greets the stranger alighting from the train, or a visitor to our little city."<sup>101</sup>

The Pelham and Havana Railroad officially began operation in July 1910, with fifteen miles of standard-gauge track extending to Calvary. The agent at Cairo was P. W. Camp.<sup>102</sup> The train stopped frequently to load freight and for the fireman to load the water and wood necessary for its steam engine. Since there was no means of turning the train around, the locomotive pushed the cars from Cairo to Calvary, and pulled them on its return. The first published timetable listed three stations along the route: Gradyville, Cranford, and Reno.



*Courtesy of the Roddenbery Family*

The third stop was named after Reno, Nevada, which received worldwide attention as the location for a championship boxing match held on July 4, 1910. World heavyweight champion Jack Johnson, the son of former slaves, had triumphed over Jim Jeffries, a retired and previously undefeated champion. The match between the two men, one black and one white, aroused widespread interest. The use of the name for the Grady County station has been attributed to either a scuffle on the train platform or to a disagreement over the location of the station between two (white) property owners, John Garland and Jesse N. Maxwell.<sup>103</sup>

Garland's right-of-way crossed a public road, which seemed to him the logical place for a railroad town, but Maxwell's 1908 agreement with the Pelham and Havana Railroad Company specified that a depot would be located on *his* property.<sup>104</sup> Soon the "new town of uncle Jesse Maxwell's, ten miles out from Cairo" was booming with land sales. The railroad built a large depot, the Bell store opened, and several new homes were constructed, including one for Grier Garland.<sup>105</sup> W. G. Baggett began constructing a warehouse, and by December the depot was described as inadequate for the volume of shipping it was handling.<sup>106</sup>

101. "Surpassing Beauty of Natural Scenery," *Whigham Journal*, Apr 30, 1909.

102. *Poor's Manual* 1911, 1847.

103. "Jesse Gainey tells how Reno was named," *Cairo Messenger*, Jan 30, 1987; Louis A. Powell, "Railroads of the Past in the Grady County, Ga., Area," 1969, 5, Railroads-P&H folder, Grady County Collection.

104. Grady County, Superior Court, Deed Record 4:278 (Jun 2, 1908).

105. "Reno, Grady County, Georgia" (quoted), *Cairo Messenger*, Aug 5, 1910; *Cairo Messenger*, "Grady in 1911," in *Grady: a folk history*, 19; "Reno News Items In and Out," *Cairo Messenger*, Oct 7, 1910.

106. "Reno Fooled 'Em," *Cairo Messenger*, Dec 23, 1910.

Eli and Dollie Walsh, of Fla., were the guests of na Dixon last week.

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WHIGHAM, GEORGIA, FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1908

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WHIGHAM CITY COURT IN SESSION MONDAY

Three Criminal Cases Disposed of. Civil Cases Continued to Next Term of Court.

The city court of Whigham convened at the town hall Monday, Judge John R. Singletary presiding, with Officer H. T. Swatts waiting on the court.

Business was dispatched rapidly and in a manner most creditable to the officials.

Three criminal cases were disposed of as follows:

A. M. Myrix, white, charged with cheating and swindling, acquitted, represented by Esford & Ter-

dan Hendley, colored, charged with trespassing, acquitted, represented by Attorney Lucien Bower.

L. Prince, colored, charged with selling cigarette papers and tobacco, convicted, fined \$50.00, including cost, or six months on the chain.

Represented by Col. Lucien Bower.

Practically all the civil cases were adjourned to the next term of court, which convenes on the fourth Monday in July.

Among the attorneys attending court were Col. Lucien Bower, of Cambridge; Col. M. E. Esford, of ... and Col. W. J. Wilke, of ...

LIVE OAK

The Bible Institute held by Dr. Peter and Rev. J. C. Mays, at the Baptist church, Pine Level, last week was well attended and enjoyed very much by our people.

Miss Gladys Williams is visiting her sister, Mrs. Robt. Allen, in Claxton this week.

Some of the men of this section have been taking an outing down at Lake Lanonia recently.

Mr. Norman W. Cox, of Whigham, passed here Sunday enroute to Pleasant Grove church to preach.

Mr. Norman W. Cox's speech, "The Soldier that wore the Gray in the New South," and Mr. J. Roy McGinty's on "Peace," given at Live Oak school, Friday afternoon, were very much enjoyed by the patrons, school children and teacher. D. C.

Misses Trulock Give Party.

At their home, Friday and Saturday evening, Misses Dixie and Bonnie Trulock entertained a number of friends in honor of their guests, Misses Addie Lou Powell and Bessie Odum, two charming young ladies of Cairo. Both evenings were passed pleasantly with various games of amusement, and refreshments were served. Misses Trulock are charming young ladies and proved their skill at entertaining.

Those present were: Misses Addie Lou Powell, and Bessie Odum, Messrs. L. C. Brownlee, H. Brownlee, D. F. Pearce and C. J. Driscoll.

Miss Dixie Trulock left Thursday for Columbus on a visit to friends. She will be gone for about two weeks.



REV. Z. J. EDGE, Pastor of the Whigham Baptist Church

Missionary Institute

The long looked for Missionary Institute, to be held at Calvary Methodist church, will convene on Friday night before the fifth Sunday in May.

Rev. W. E. Towson will lecture on Japan on the first night. Rev. Towson is a very able lecturer, having been connected with the work in the Orient eighteen years.

Rev. V. P. Scoville, a returned missionary from Cuba, will take up the morning hour on Saturday.

Dinner will be served on the ground on Saturday.

Other lecturers will be Miss Mary E. Herring on Mexico; Mr. C. C. Brown, of Bainbridge, and Dr. A. M. Williams, of Thomasville.

Everybody invited; a large attendance desired.

SOCIETY MEETING TUESDAY EVENING THE SUNDAY SINGING CONVENTION DEBATE

The meetings of the Whigham Literary Society are proving to be most helpful and entertaining to those attending. It is hoped that before long every young person in Whigham will be enrolled as a member of this society. When this is done, its permanency will be established, and the beneficial effects of the work of the united young people along the line of education will be apparent on every hand.

It is most earnestly desired that a large attendance be had at the meeting next Tuesday night at the town hall, 8 o'clock sharp.

The following program has been arranged for this meeting:

Reading from Lanier—Mrs. Britton. Lanier as a writer—Dr. Gollins. Debate: Resolved, That man should be more highly educated than woman. Affirmative—Norman W. Cox. Negative—J. Roy McGinty.

Mr. R. H. Whigham and wife, of Havana, Fla., are the guests of J. O. Bumpson on Sunday. They will return to the country place at 5 o'clock.

Mrs. McCord Entertains.

A delightful entertainment and party was given Monday evening, by Mrs. M. M. McCord, in honor of Misses Addie Lou Powell and Bessie Odum, of Cairo. Excellent music was furnished for the occasion by Miss Powell. Various games were played after which cream and cake was served. The guests departed at a late hour expressing themselves as having had a pleasant time.

Those present were: Misses Addie Lou Powell, Bessie Odum, Dixie and Bonnie Trulock, and Abbie Mae Maxwell. Messrs. L. C. Brownlee, D. M. Jordan, C. J. Driscoll, H. Brownlee, D. F. Pearce, L. McElvy, W. H. Peebles, Wm. Bell.

At the Methodist Church

Rev. V. P. Scoville delivered a most interesting sermon to the Knights of Pythias at the Methodist church Sunday morning. A large crowd of Pythians and others attended.

At the evening service Rev. W. E. Towson, of Cairo, delivered a lecture on Japan to an appreciative audience. Rev. Towson was for a number of years stationed in the Orient, and the manner in which he handled his subject showed that he was well acquainted with it.

The pastor has announced that the regular annual protracted meeting will begin the fourth Sunday in May.

Business Men's League

In accordance with the action of the Business Men's League at the meeting of that body last Saturday night, the meetings of the League will hereafter be held on Monday night, instead of Saturday night as heretofore.

T. J. Mills, President.

\$1.00 buys twenty-five glasses of Soda Water at the fount of The Pearce Drug Co.

GOV. SMITH AT PROGRAM FOR



REV. V. P. SCOVILLE, Pastor of the Whigham Methodist Church

At the Baptist Church Sunday

"Seeing the Invisible," will be Rev. Z. J. Edge's subject at the Baptist church Sunday at 11 a. m. Evening subject, "God is Love." A hearty welcome to all. Baptismal services at 10 o'clock Sunday.

The Journal in Arkansas

Argenta, Ark., April 25, 1908. Editor The Whigham Journal, Whigham, Ga.

Dear Sir: I have received quite a number of issues of the Journal, and think it a fine paper. Each week when it is received I know that I am going to read the news from GRADY COUNTY, GA., and not merely a few uninteresting facts from distant parts of the U. S. It's the best paper to its size I have ever seen. Respectfully, W. P. Chesnut.

Final arrangements have been made for the debate between Norman W. Cox and Jesse J. Sellers on the singing convention question, which is to be held at the town hall next Friday, May 7, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The two principals have agreed for Mr. Cox to open the debate with a speech of thirty-five minutes, followed by Mr. Sellers, who will speak forty-five minutes. Mr. Cox will close with ten minutes of prayer.

J. Roy McGinty has been chosen to preside over the meeting, and the following gentlemen, who will select a fifth man, have consented to serve as judges: W. C. Bell, D. M. Jordan, T. J. Mills, and Paul ... It was a little difficult for the judges to select a set of judges, as there were both, and the ... gentlemen have been complimented by the ... of the ... and the ...



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some to be able to note the fact that the culture of this one of our most valuable commodities, which is the natural product of our soil, has long since passed out of the experimental stage and now is as successfully grown here as cotton or corn is elsewhere.

Now for a bit of history. Several decades ago the first tobacco grown anywhere near here was grown in the vicinity of Quincy, Fla.; and the people of that section seemed to believe that theirs was the only section in this part of the country in which cigar tobacco could be successfully grown. Time rolled on down the corridor of years, until about forty years ago, or somewhere thereabouts, the first tobacco was planted in this section by Mr. Geo. Wight, six miles south of Whigham, soon after the war. It has been planted since that time in this section of the county by practically all the leading farmers, until today it is one of the staple crops grown here, and the harvest obtained has demonstrated the significant fact that tobacco can be grown as successfully here as elsewhere, and the production of this crop is now one of the most valuable natural assets of this section.

The culture of tobacco is something that appeals very strongly to the farmers of this section for several reasons, namely: 1st, because of the simple fact that it is the quick-



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in the past, that in a few years the amount of shade grown tobacco in this vicinity will be doubled if not trebled.

The writer regrets very much on account of lack of space not being able to present in full the methods of cultivation and the cost of the production of tobacco, but perhaps the reader may gather some idea from the following condensed table

It's quite impossible for the pen of man to portray and describe the real beauty of the natural scenery in and about Whigham. To the stranger on first getting a glimpse of Whigham and her surroundings, it's almost always a fact that he is at once greatly impressed with the natural beauty of the place, which nature has lavishly showered upon her. Here, nestling among the hills of Grady county, and surrounded by beautiful groves of pine and oak, and many other species of valuable timber-land, is, what is generally termed, the garden spot of Southwest Georgia.

The streets of Whigham are beautifully laid off, though there is still plenty of improvement to be done. The main street of the town is shaded on both sides by tall spreading oaks, while in the center is planted pecan trees. Above the depot we have a number of beautiful groves of oak, pine and hickory, a pleasant sight which greets the stranger alighting from the train, or a visitor to our little city. A little to the east of these is one of the many ever-running springs of pure water, of which Whigham is especially noted. This water has been analyzed by a noted physician of Atlanta, Ga., and many cases can be cited where it has been beneficial in the restora-

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### SOME OF THE MAKERS OF WHIGHAM



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est, grown and harvested of any of the other crops grown on the farm; ninety days after the plants are set out the tobacco is ready for market. Just as an illustration: tobacco set out on the 20th of April will be ready for market on the 20th of July. 2nd, the tobacco comes off early enough so that the land may be planted in sweet potatoes, peas, cabbage and other crops, all of which can be grown successfully after the tobacco has been harvest-

something of the profit to be made from the culture of tobacco in this section:

Estimate for One Acre	
First cost of shade	\$250.00
Cost of fertilizer	60.00
Cost of labor	75.00
Incidentals	30.00
Total cost including shade	\$415.00
Average crop 1200 lbs. at 50c. per pound	\$600.00
Profit for first year	\$185.00

to build, so the profits are \$250.00 more than those of the first year. These estimates are based upon the average crop at about what is generally the average price.

In conclusion, there are splendid tobacco lands in this section that can be bought at the extremely low price of from ten to thirty dollars per acre. The people of Whigham and surrounding vicinity offer many inducements to strangers to settle in their midst and to become one of

capitalist desiring to engage in either specialized or general farming."

### Crops of County.

The summary of the report follows:

Sugarcane for syrup, shade-grown and sun-grown Sumatra cigar wrapper tobacco, Cuban filler cigar tobacco, long-staple cotton and watermelons are special crops that are giving a success in this county. Irish and sweet potatoes, cantaloupes and other truck crops are specialties, the production of which could be profitably extended. In addition to

are inclined to go too much to weed on this phase.

### Method of Cultivation.

"The methods of cultivation in general are very well suited to the soils and conditions, especially so in the production of sugarcane, tobacco, cotton, melons and peanuts. As grazing can be done the year round on green forage, such as vetch, rape, rye, oats, Bermuda grass, cowpeas sorghum and velvet beans, it would seem that the raising of more live stock would be quite profitable.

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tion of health, and the curing of diseases of many a person who came to this section of Grady to reap the benefits of the pure air and mild climate. Fish is found in abundance in the streams and ponds around the vicinity of Whigham. The land in general is rolling and serves as a good natural drainage.

To the north of us we have vast stretches of land under cultivation, dotted here and there with forests and groves of stately pine, oak, hickory, etc., as well as many orchards of fruit-bearing trees, such as peaches, pears, plums, pecans and the like. About eight miles north of Whigham is the greatest natural attraction of dame nature, in South-west Georgia; it is called Lime Sink or Forest Falls. The Falls are about 98 feet deep; the land about it is high and dry and covered with plenty of pine, of which much is used in the turpentine and rosin industry. There is quite a history attached to the Falls and surroundings. About thirty two years back there was a large mill in operation here, which was wrecked in a washout. Some years latter another mill was started on the place, but met with the same mishap, and has remained to this day a beauty spot of nature. To

the person with a little understanding of what an ideal spot it really is for a health or pleasure resort, it suggests a fine opening for a person with a little capital to invest in a hotel for such a purpose. The land is cheap today, but as the place grows in popularity there is bound to be a rise. At present crowds of pleasure seekers and picnickers drive as much as twenty miles from around the county to spend a day or two of pleasure among the pines and beautiful scenery of the Lime Sink.

To the east there are more orchards of good fruit-bearing trees, and plenty of good timber land and many species of hard wood, such as used in the manufacture of crates and baskets, etc.

To the south and west the land is chiefly devoted to the growing and cultivation of some of the finest cigar tobacco grown the world over. Including these vast stretches of tobacco and other richly cultivated lands there is plenty of the fine timber lands which has made this section of Grady county famous.

The Grady county Whigham of today is far ahead of the Whigham of yesterday. Awakening to the dawn of a new era, and to the call of her valuable natural and mineral resources she holds her place well in the onward march of progress and modern civilization.

### Grady County's Mineral Deposits

It has now been thoroughly established that Whigham is only a few miles from as fine deposits of Fuller's Earth and phosphate beds as any one needs to find. The United States authorities have made investigation and pronounce the deposits of Fuller's Earth in large quantities from one to four miles of Whigham. The state geologist has made similar investigation for phosphate, and finds that there are large beds of phosphate deposits from four to twelve miles from Whigham.

Northern capitalists are already investigating the advisability of going to work to dig for the two minerals at an early date.

Most of the Fuller's Earth deposits are to be found on Major R. A. Connell's plantation near Whigham.

A tram road will probably be built from Whigham out to the seat of these minerals if the A. C. L. refuses to put in an extension switch or branch.

The discovery of these two minerals so near Whigham is causing considerable excitement and, in all probability, at a very early date material will be secured from this section.

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weary of the controversy, resigned, and Alice Herring became the second teacher of the new school at Whigham.<sup>68</sup>

Schools formed more often for convenience than from controversy. Parents wanted schools within walking distance of their homes, and petitioned the board of education as soon as there were sufficient children to support a teacher. In 1890, Thomas County had fifty-four schools for white children and thirty-seven schools for black children. Decatur County had fifty-six white and fifty-two black public schools. The average monthly cost of tuition in the two counties varied significantly. Decatur County's average was \$1.20, with the state providing \$0.90. In Thomas County the average tuition equaled the state allowance of \$0.77. Neither county reported any private high schools.<sup>69</sup>

North of Whigham, the Sixteenth District was labeled a "fat section" by the *Bainbridge Democrat*. It encompassed all of Lime Sink militia district, GMD 621, and part of the Whigham district, GMD 720. Cattle ranged through the pine woods, some residents claiming herds numbering in the hundreds. Horses and swine were raised as well as the oats and corn with which to feed them. The people were said to "live at home and board at the same place," proof of the benefits of self-sufficiency. Conrad Harrell Jr. was offered as one example of a successful farmer from the district. He had grown sixty bushels of sweet potatoes in "32 short rows," made eight bales of cotton from twelve acres, produced sugar and thirteen barrels of syrup from one acre of cane, and his corn yielded ten bushels an acre. "Now the above results are from land which sells for a song, and is taxed on a valuation of about \$1 per acre. Of course Mr. Harrell would not take that price for the land on which he farms, but plenty in the county, perhaps as good, can be gotten for that price."<sup>70</sup> R. A. Connell contributed a school house to the Sixteenth District, hiring Professor Walker, a graduate of the University of Georgia, to offer a seven-month school term.<sup>71</sup>

A letter to the *Bainbridge Democrat* from the community of Cain Water commented on crops of watermelon, peaches, corn, and cotton, and on the area's naval stores business.<sup>72</sup> One turpentine company in the district was that of E. E. Babb.<sup>73</sup> Another business was the mill of Council Sapp on McElvey Mill Creek at the Hawthorn Trail crossing; it was among nine gristmills or sawmills operated by the water power of the Ochlockonee River and its tributaries within the two counties.<sup>74</sup> E. F. Dollar advertised a general store at Blowing Cave, where he bought and sold produce and kept a good selection of liquors for sale by the gallon.<sup>75</sup> At least one district farmer

16-13 Connell School  
16-19 Trinity PB Church  
19-30 Whigham B Church

Gleanings p 55  
Connell Farm

<sup>68</sup> 'Prof. C.C. Lowe' "Whigham Department," *Bainbridge Democrat*, Mar 5, 1891; Decatur County, Board of Education, Minutes, Book 1, Feb 2, Apr 15, and May 10, 1892.

<sup>69</sup> Georgia Department of Education, *Annual Report 1890*, Table II, Table V.

<sup>70</sup> "In the Sixteenth," *Bainbridge Democrat*, Jan 29, 1891.

<sup>71</sup> *Bainbridge Democrat*, Jun 19, 1890.

<sup>72</sup> "From the Sixteenth," *Bainbridge Democrat*, July 28, 1892.

<sup>73</sup> *Bainbridge Democrat*, Jan 29, 1891.

<sup>74</sup> Nesbitt, *Georgia: Her Resources*, 168; "High-Ways and By-Ways of Thomas County," *Thomasville Times-Enterprise*, Apr 25, 1890; R.S. Roddenbery Jr., "Sapp (Bodiford) Mill," Sketches folder, Roddenbery Family Papers; Ada Mitchell, "Sam Butler Family," in Connell, Roebuck, and Williams, *Gleanings*, 29.

<sup>75</sup> E. F. Dollar advertisement, *Bainbridge Democrat*, Apr 10, 1890.



The crowd assembled in the grove near the Whigham depot to hear speeches and enjoy music. Performances were given by the Magnolia Cornet Band, led by Whigham Academy professor L. F. Shuford, and the Mocking Birds, a women's choir led by Mrs. L. B. Wilson. Following the presentations was the obligatory feast. "No people on earth can beat the women of Decatur when they take a notion to have a big dinner." The purpose of the event was to promote investment in a cottonseed oil mill and guano factory for the town. A twelve-ton mill running day and night was predicted to yield 480 gallons of oil every twenty-four hours. Shares sold at ten dollars each, with a limit of five hundred dollars per investor. The day-long effort successfully raised eight of the ten thousand dollars required to build the factory.<sup>55</sup>

Groundbreaking for the Whigham Oil Mill and Fertilizer Factory was scheduled for May.<sup>56</sup> G. B. Trulock purchased a town lot between the railroad and Broad Street as president of an enterprise called the Whigham Manufacturing Company, possibly a related endeavor. It was also owned by stockholders and operated by a board of directors.<sup>57</sup> An 1892 newspaper notice, placed by G. M. Jones, president, announced the company's annual meeting. An oil mill and guano factory was also planned for the water falls at the Lime Sink, and the Bainbridge newspaper promoted the idea of constructing one for that town. A 1900 list of active oil mills in the state did not include any in Decatur County.<sup>58</sup>

A short walk through the grove near the Whigham depot led to the town's famed spring of cool, clear water. Rufus A. Connell built a brick and cement wall to accent the spring, extending the bricks twenty feet uphill to its source. The *Whigham Advance* advised that it was worth a day's trip to see the pool and "quaff the sparkling life invigorator that ever flows; cool enough to make a glass tumbler sweat."<sup>59</sup> Connell, a former legislator and an eastern Decatur County booster, owned over three hundred acres including the spring site, and offered to donate two acres in town to any person who would build a good hotel and five acres as the site for a college. The following January, he would advertise the sale of over ten thousand acres of farms and Whigham town lots.<sup>60</sup>

Connell, a resident of the Sixteenth District, was also an inventor, and demonstrated his manure distributor "which will do the same amount of work in a day as six men" to all interested parties. He took several of his inventions to the Piedmont Exposition in Atlanta and the Southern Exposition in Montgomery, Alabama, in November 1890. The latter exposition, only a few hours train ride from Bainbridge, attracted several residents of the county to view the exhibits of

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<sup>55</sup> "Gala Day at Whigham" (quoted), *Bainbridge Democrat*, Apr 3, 1890; "An Oil Mill," *Bainbridge Democrat*, Jun 12, 1890. [As used here, guano means a fertilizer with high nitrogen derived from cottonseed meal.]

<sup>56</sup> *Bainbridge Democrat*, May 8, 1890.

<sup>57</sup> Decatur County, Superior Court, Deed Record Book GG:427 (Jun 10, 1890); "Whigham Department," *Bainbridge Democrat*, May 7, 1891.

<sup>58</sup> *Bainbridge Democrat*, Jun 30, 1892; "Mr. Connell's Patents," *Bainbridge Democrat*, Oct 23, 1890; Georgia Department of Agriculture, *Georgia Historical and Industrial*, 350-52.

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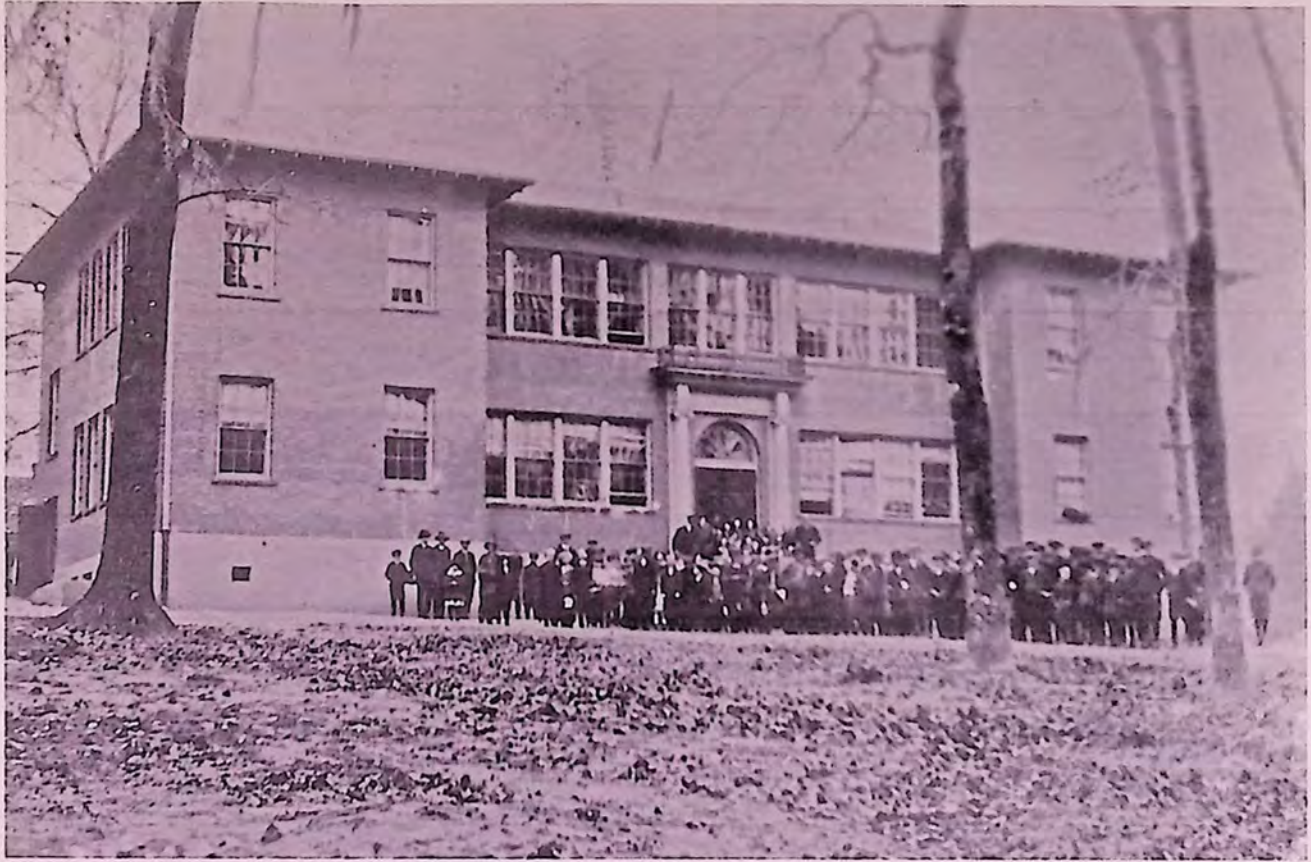
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building constructed at the corner of First Parallel and McGriff streets also housed the first Methodist meetings. Early Methodist Church participants included the Coopers, Browns, Guilfords, and Mills families.<sup>101</sup> The Methodist minister assigned to rural Decatur County in 1869 was W. M. Hays.<sup>102</sup>

Harrell, the town at Station 21, was also known as *Whigham*. Thomas Whigham had owned the land for many years before the two Harrells purchased it from his estate. The use of one name or the other in records and on maps was inconsistent; there seems to have been no consensus during the town's early years. In January 1868, Decatur County issued Levi F. Burkett a retail license for his business at *Harrell Station* while in April of the same year the license record for John W. D. Girtman and David W. Guilford identified the site of their grocery store as *Whigham*. Two months later, William Marshall and Henry Blount opened Marshall & Blount at a location identified only as *No. 21*, and, interestingly, William W. Harrell chose the railroad station to identify his business location rather than using either town name. Another business at *Harrell* soon opened as Smith & Weil, while merchant Riley Johnson claimed to be located at *Whigham*. In 1870 and 1871, Bavarian-born merchants Simon A. Weil and Ferdine Lohnstein operated a dry goods business as Weil & Lohnstein at *21, Atlantic & Gulf Railroad*, while merchant Simeon R. Dukes, tax assessor John C. Blount, and the firm of Jones & Bird took licenses for business at *Whigham*. Loyalty to one or the other name on the part of individual retailers is not apparent. Henry Blount, licensed in 1868 at *Station 21*, went into the partnership Blount & Hines at a *Harrell* location in 1869. In 1869 and 1870, John W. D. Girtman, at *Whigham* in 1868, renewed his license at *No. 21*, and in 1871, decided he was doing business at *Harrell*.<sup>103</sup>

In Atlanta, in the fall of 1868, the new legislature did not settle into routine state business. In September, an alliance of Democrats and moderate Republicans took the position that the right to vote did not convey the right to hold office. They expelled twenty-five black representatives and all three black senators, filling their seats with the conservative white opponents they had defeated at the polls. Statewide, white officials followed their lead, deeming blacks ineligible to hold office and barring them from jury duty. White Democrats across the state prepared to challenge the Republicans in the coming presidential election. A letter from a Bainbridge man to a friend in the Tired Creek area expressed a widespread intention: "I hope your part of the County are makeing arrangements to beat the Radicals and Carpetbaggers this

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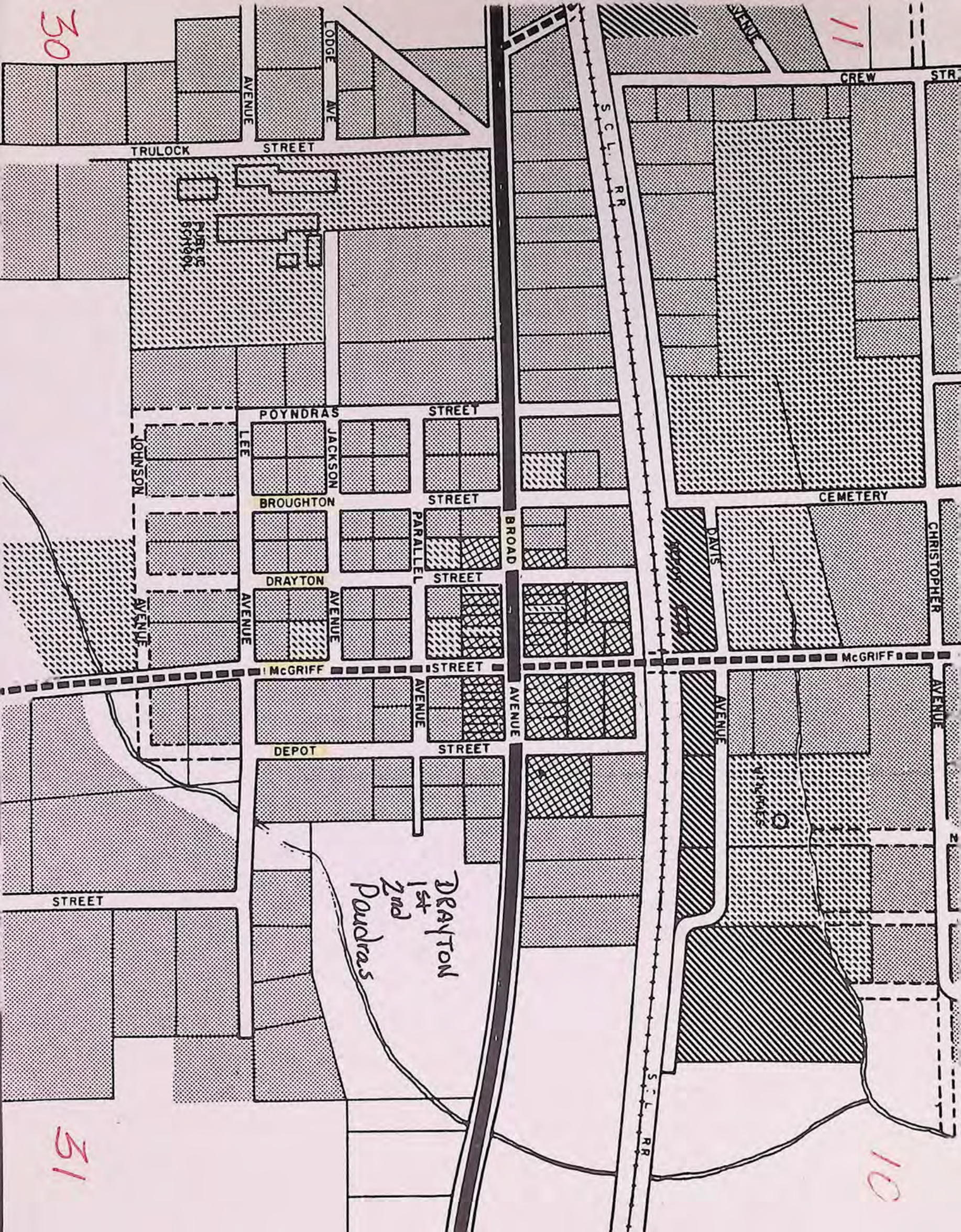
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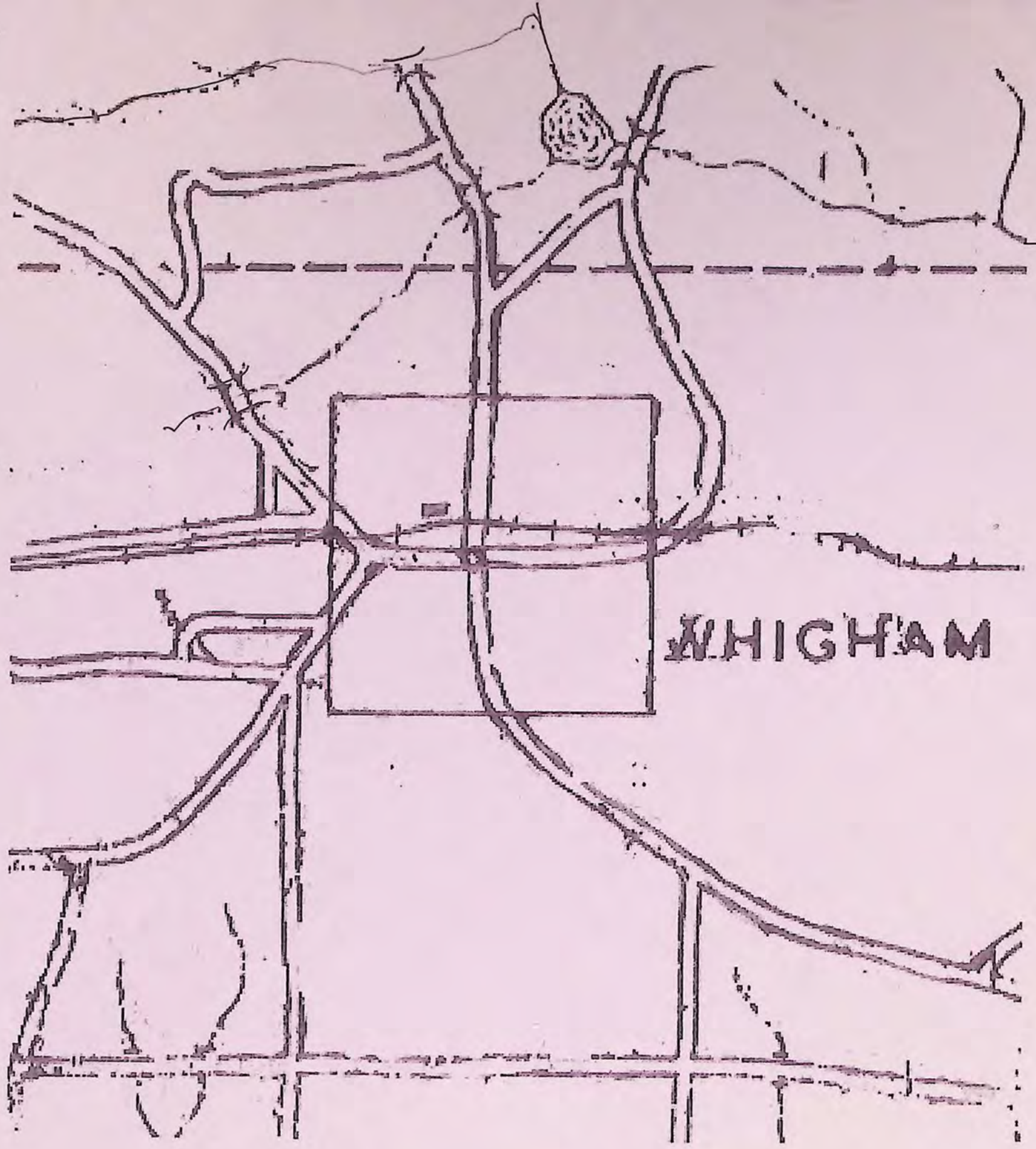
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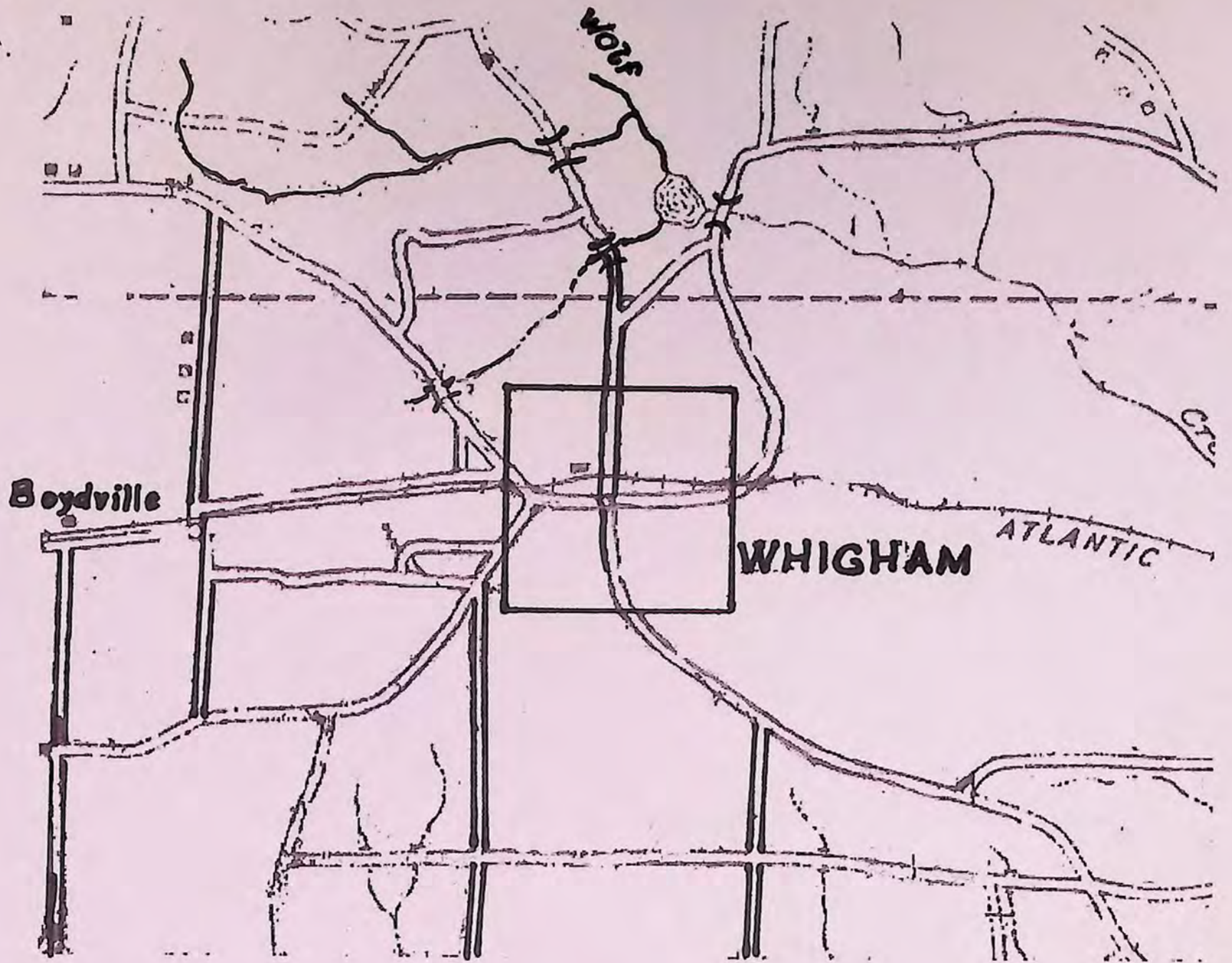


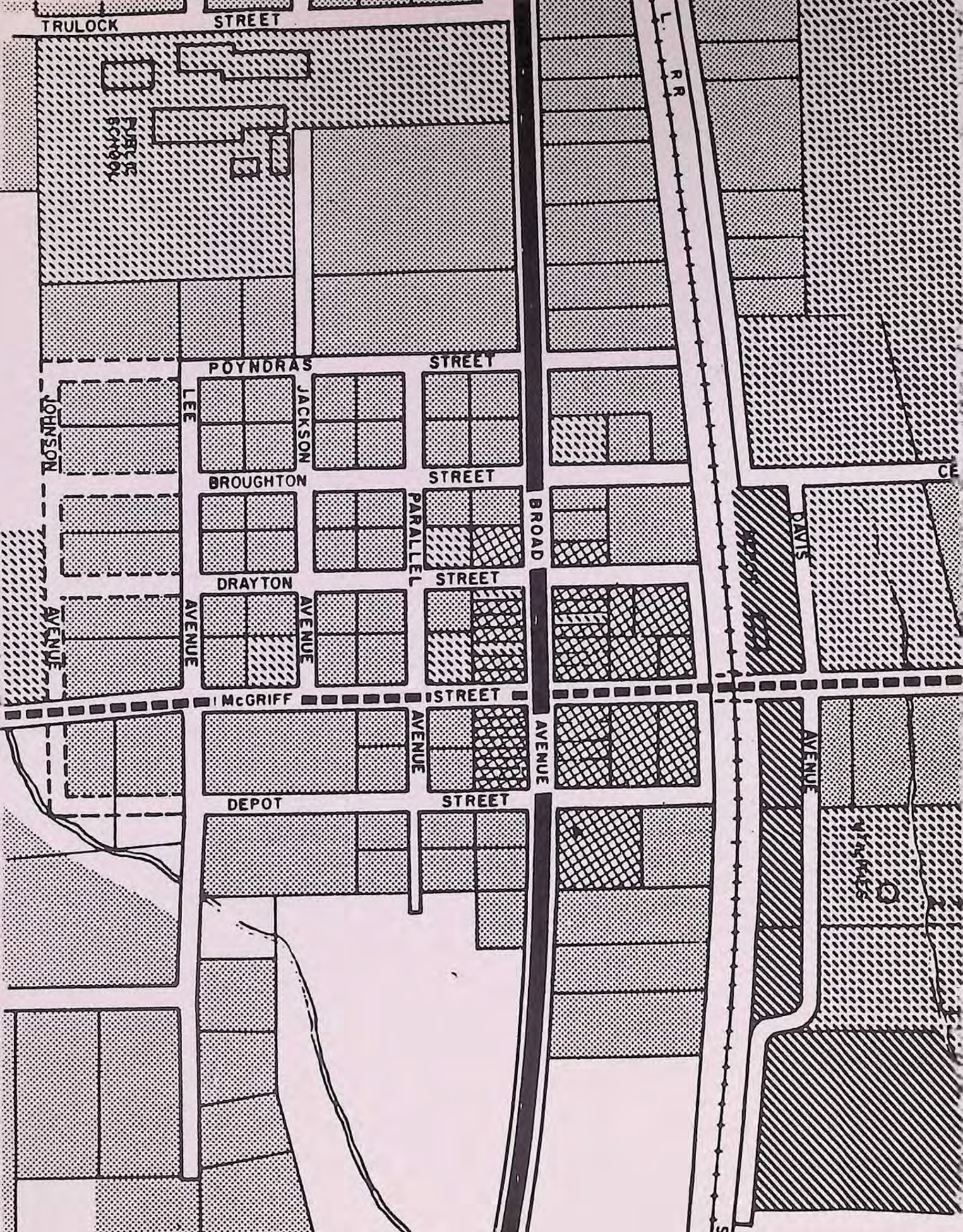
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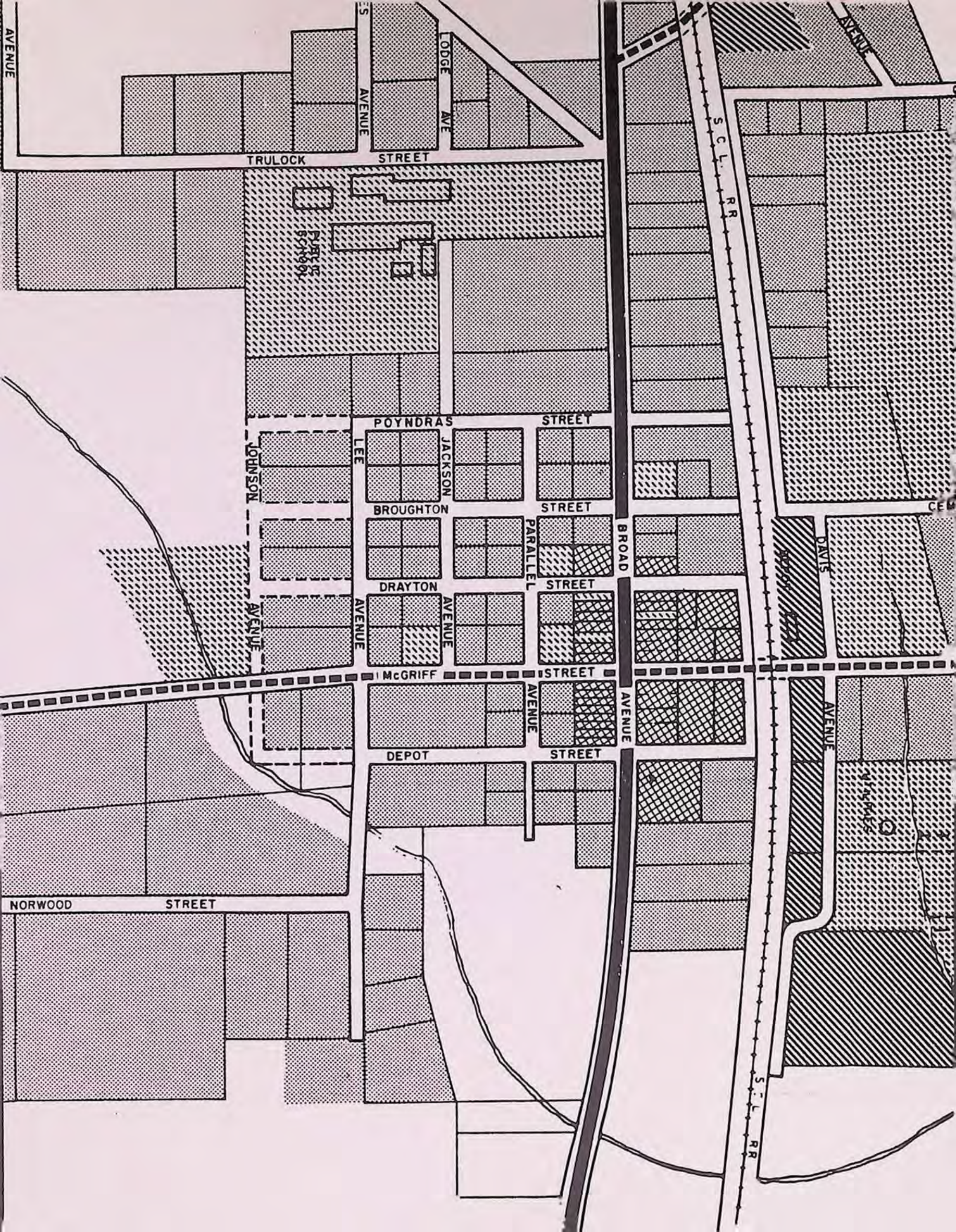
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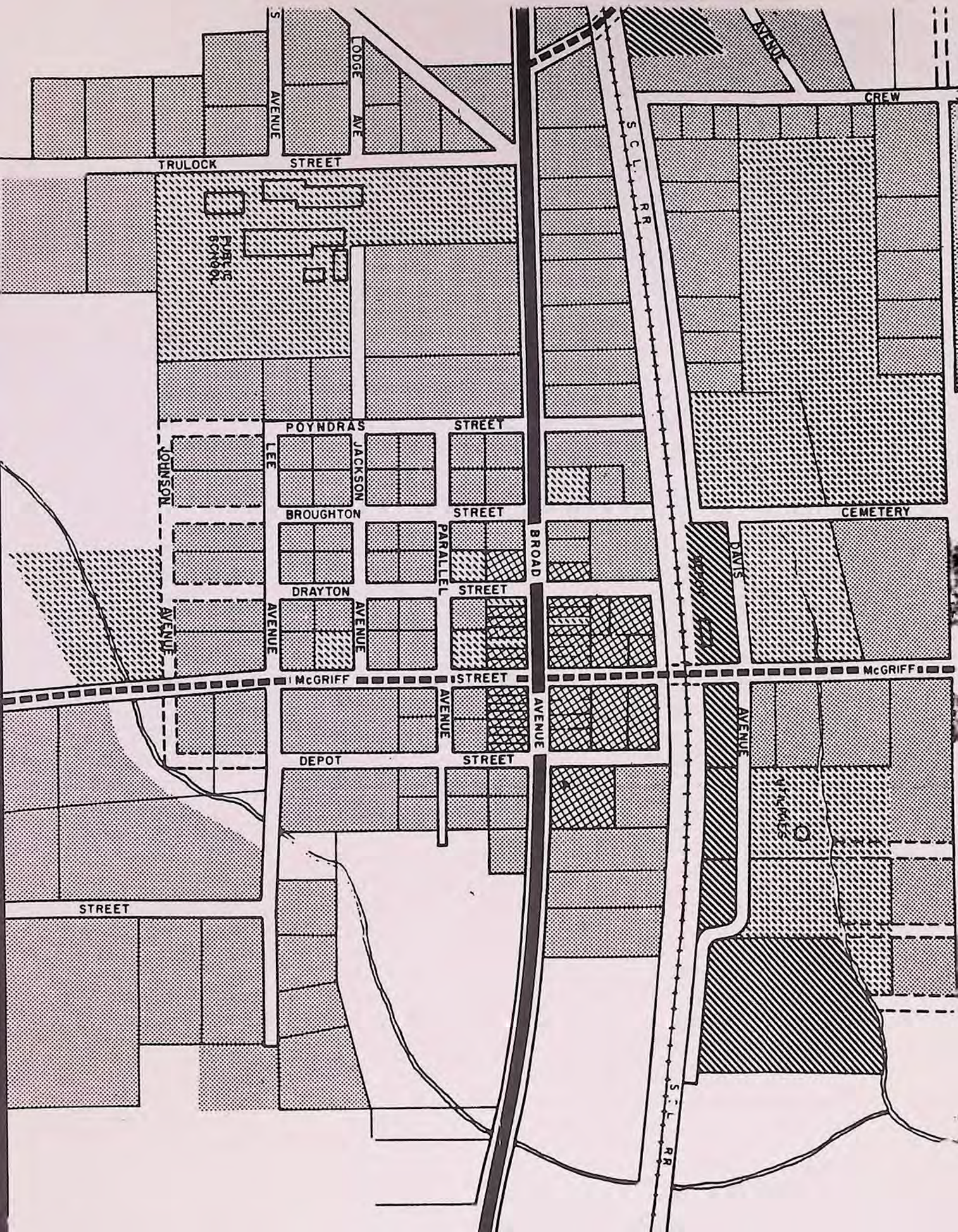
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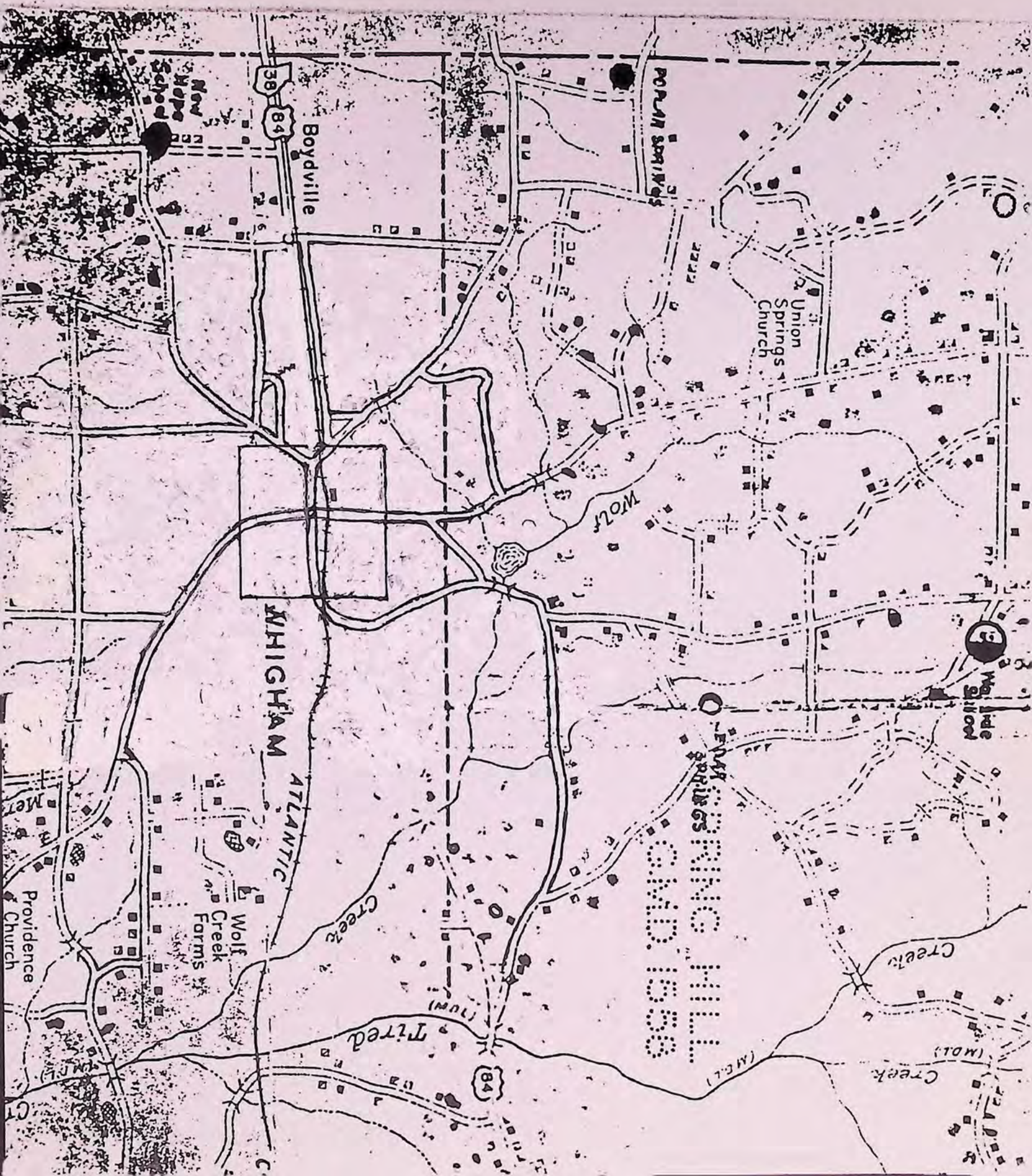
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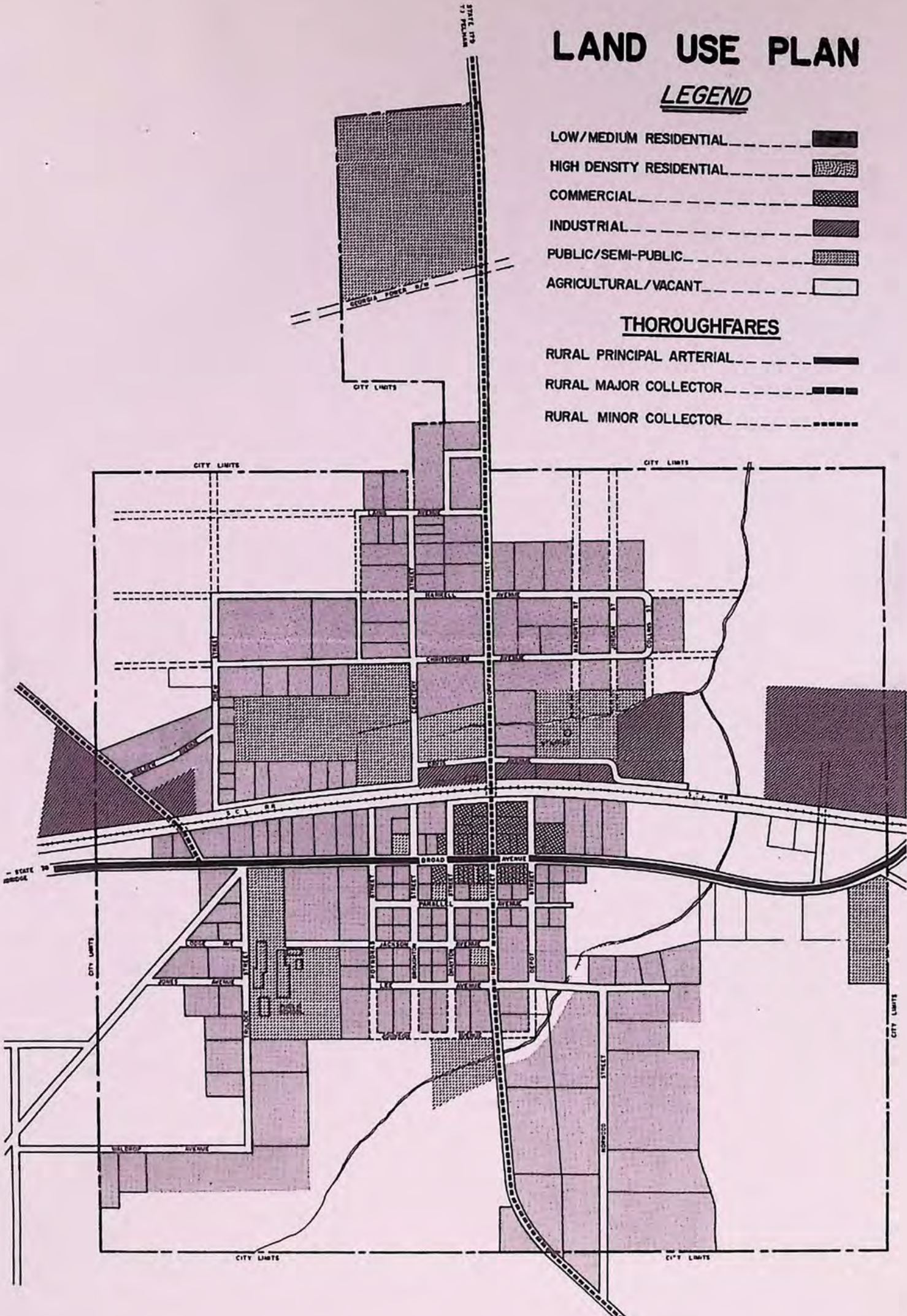
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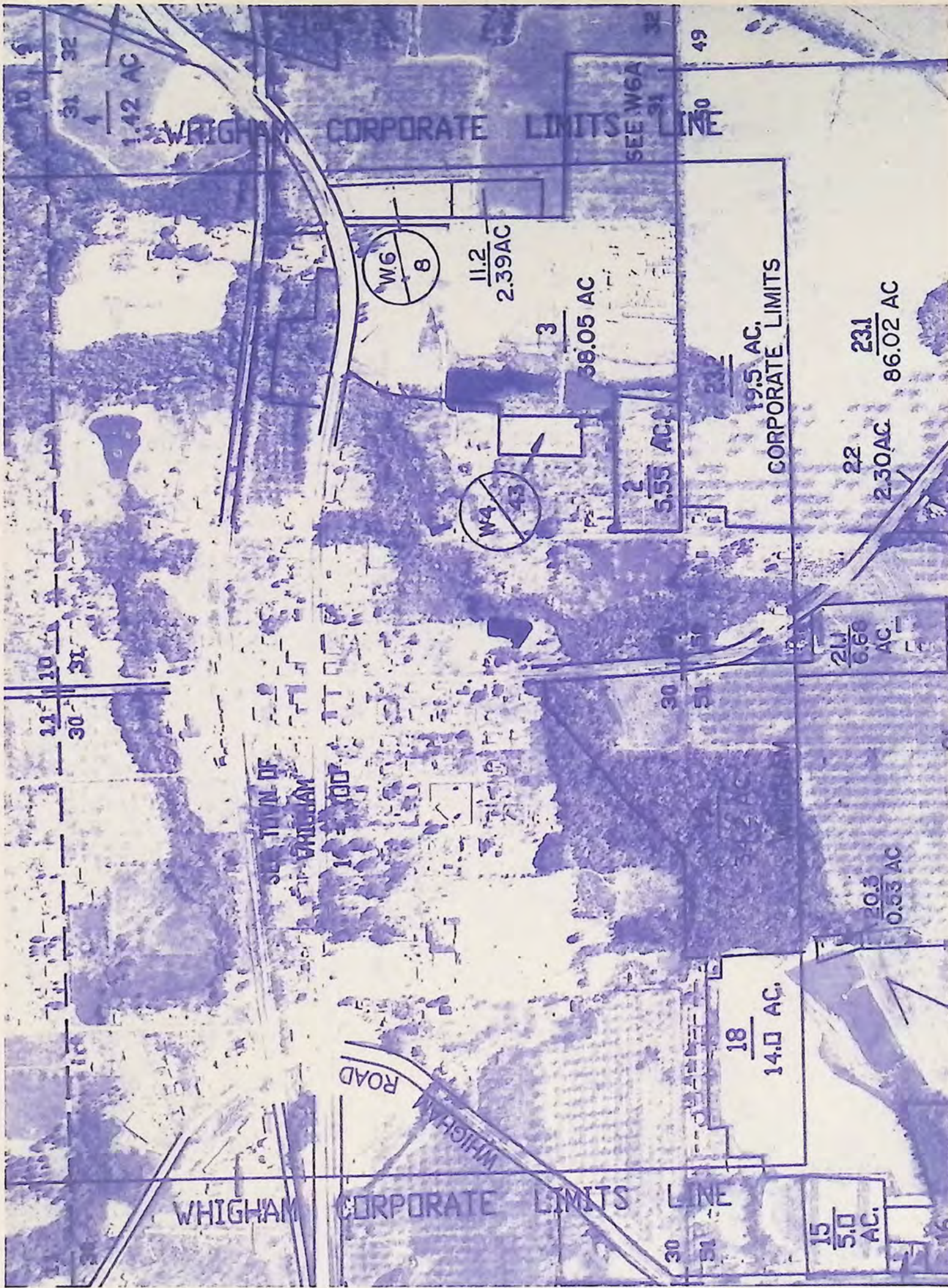
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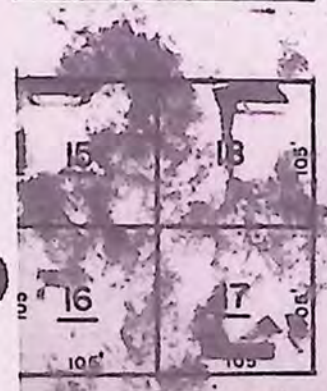
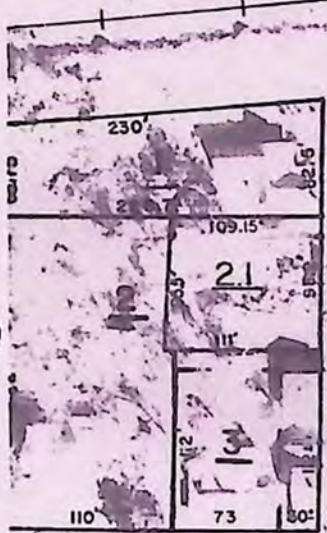
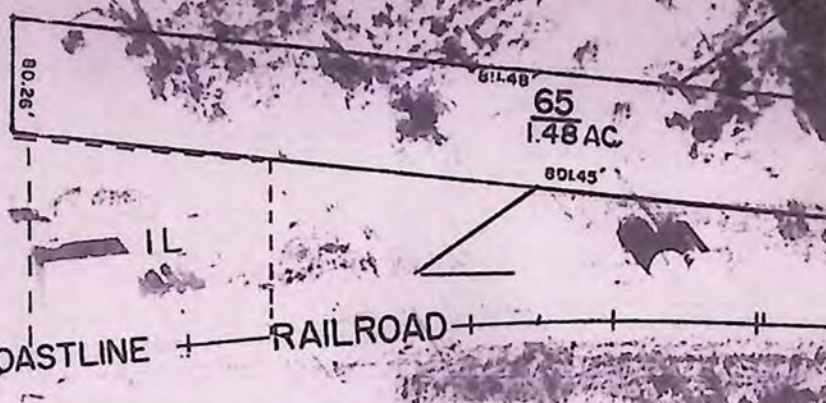
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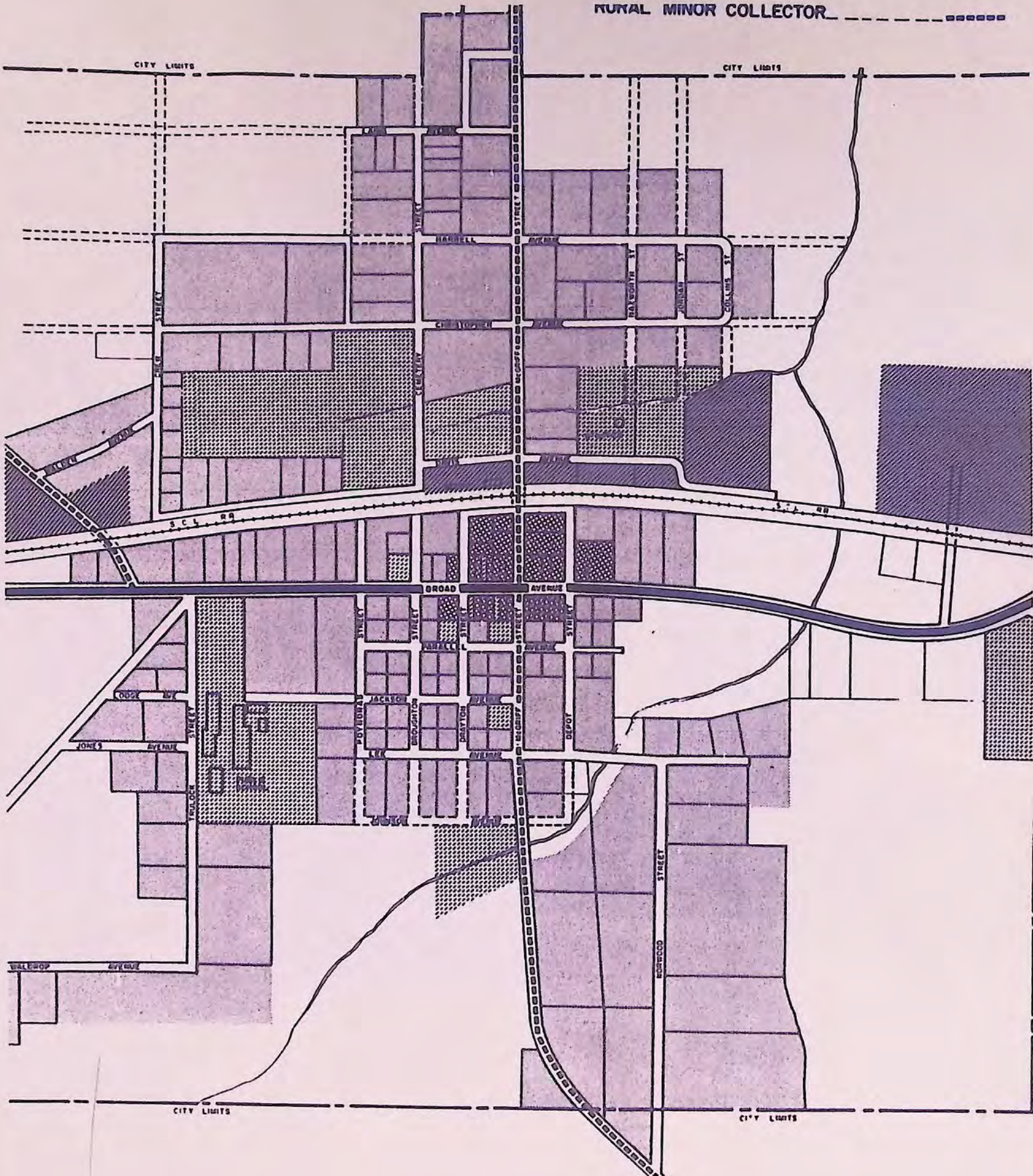
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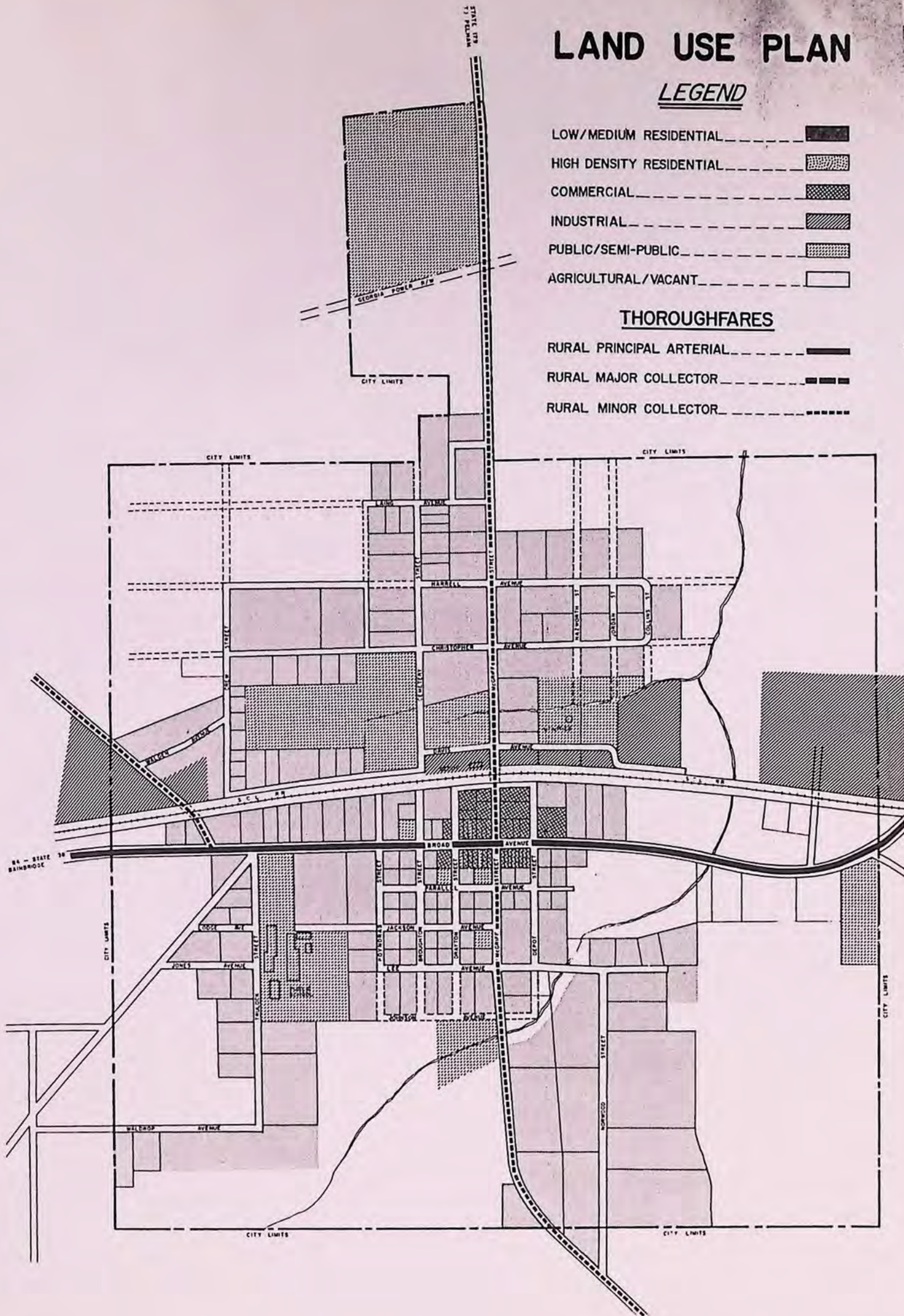
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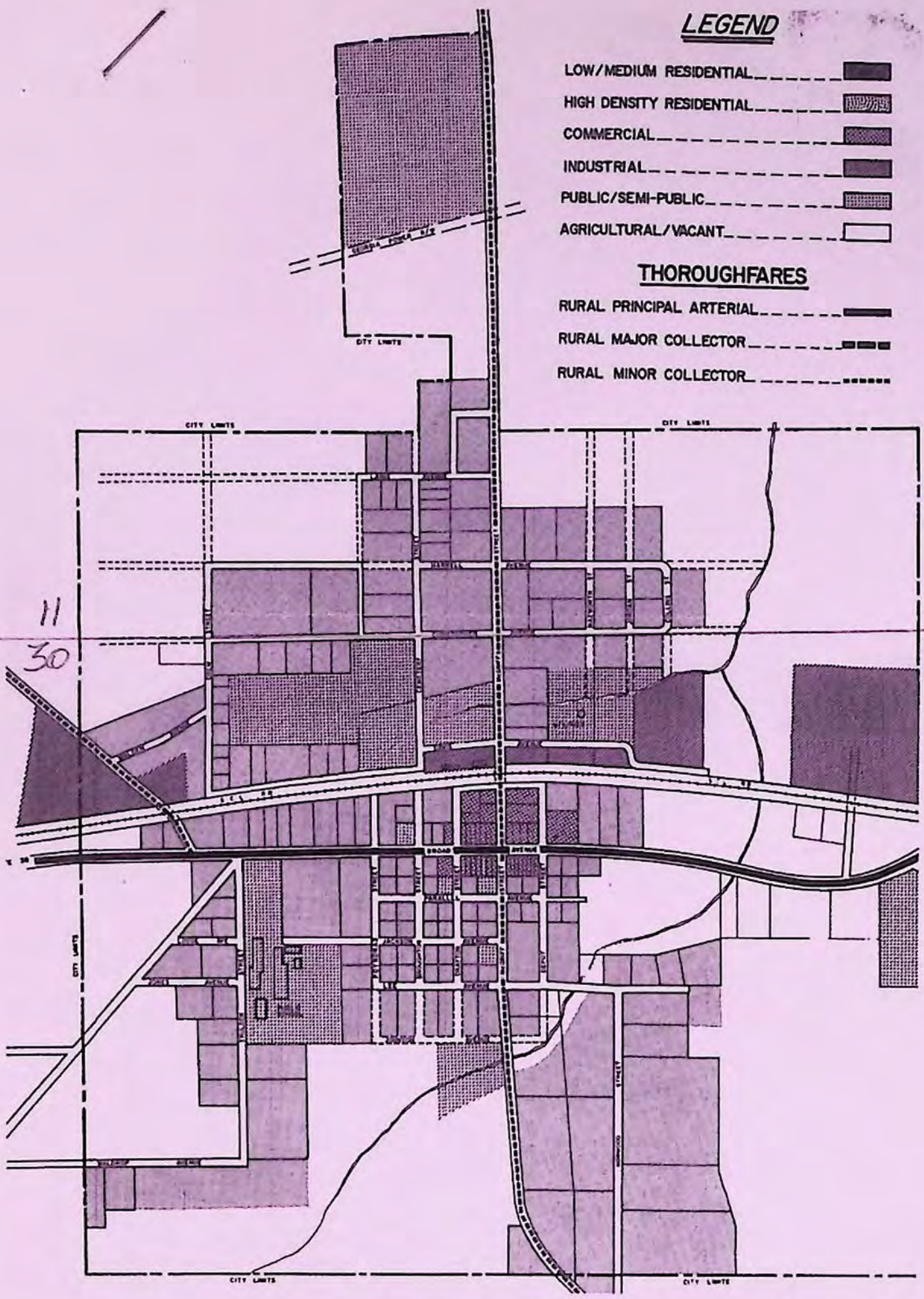


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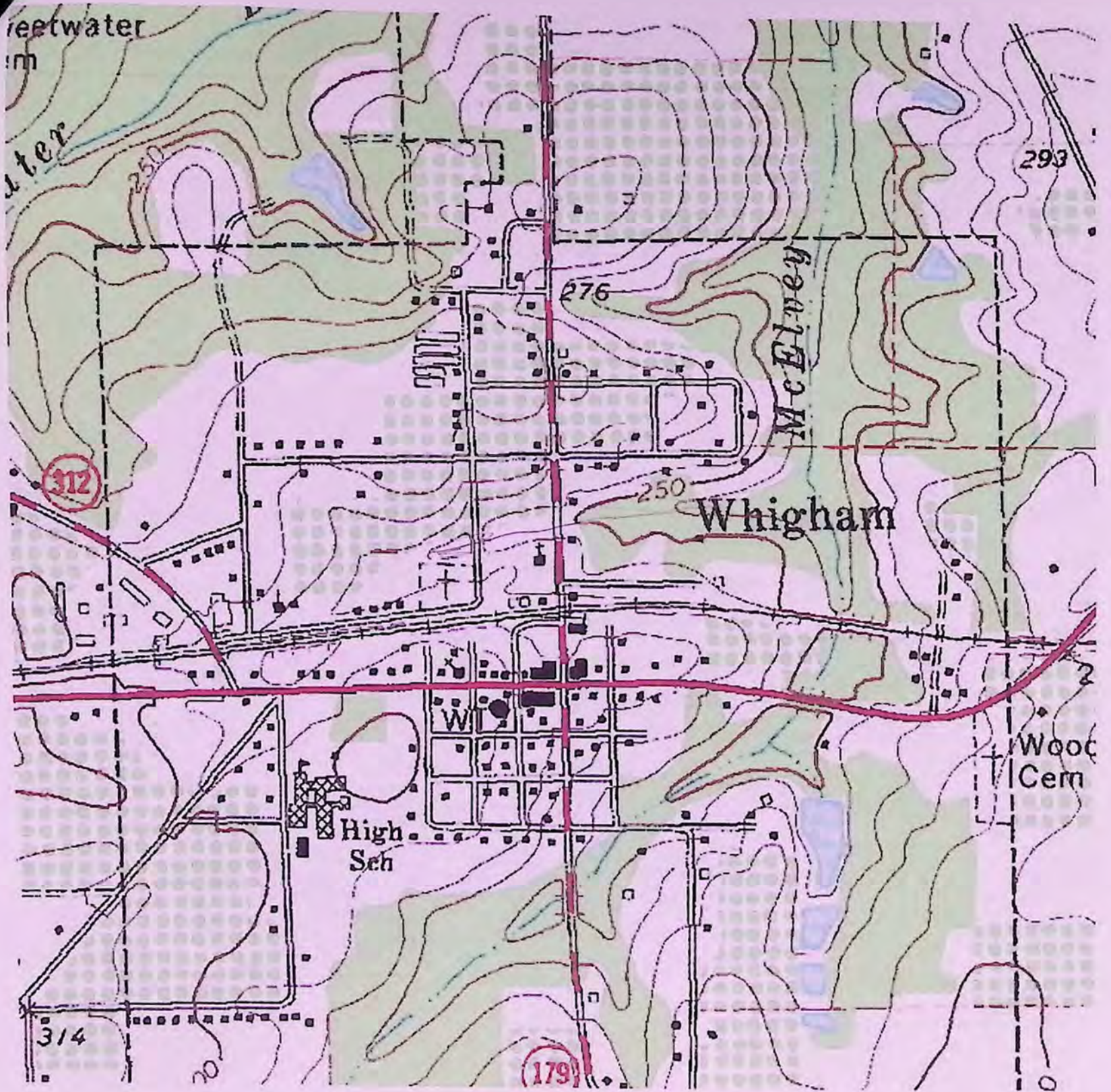
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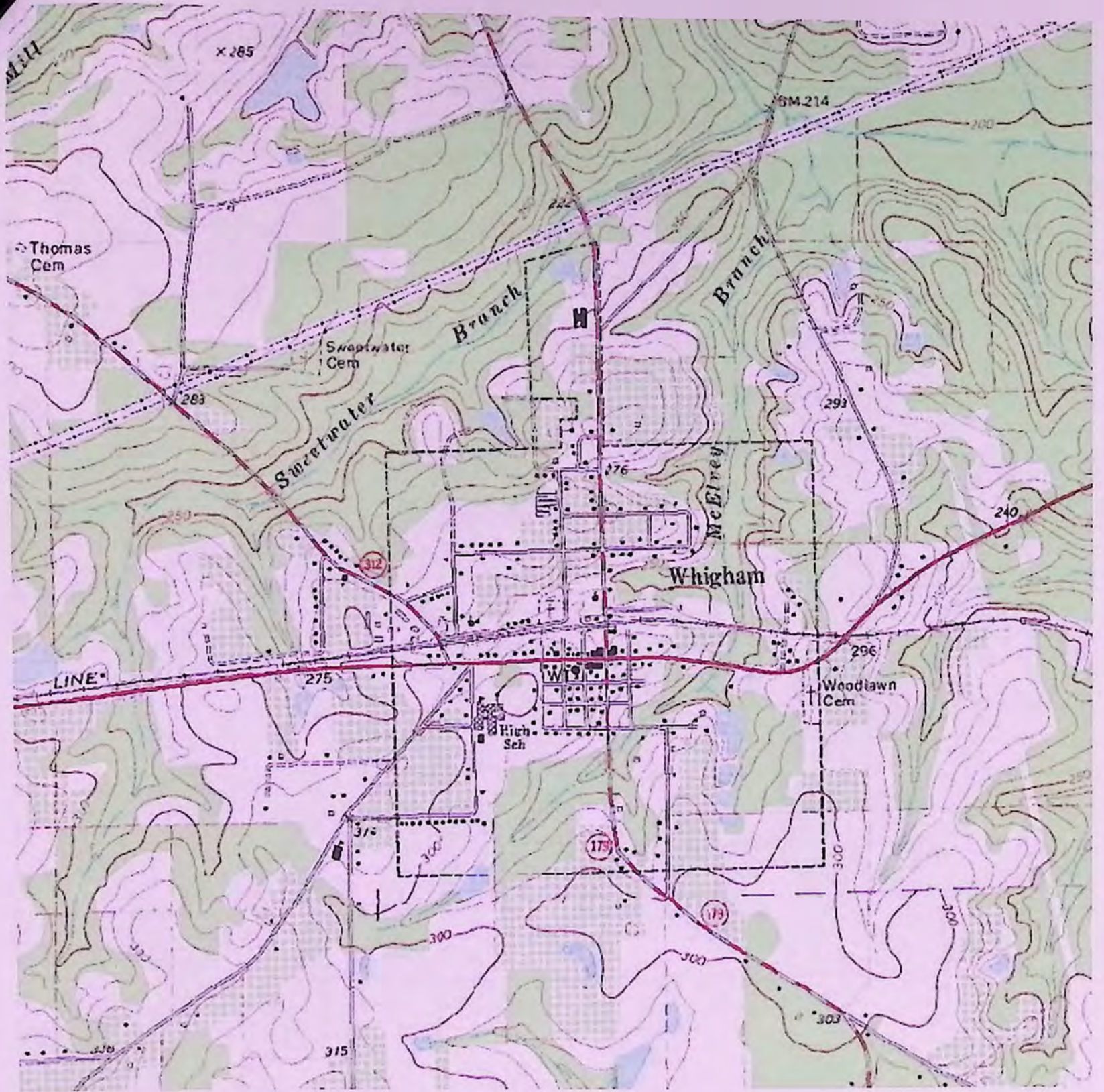
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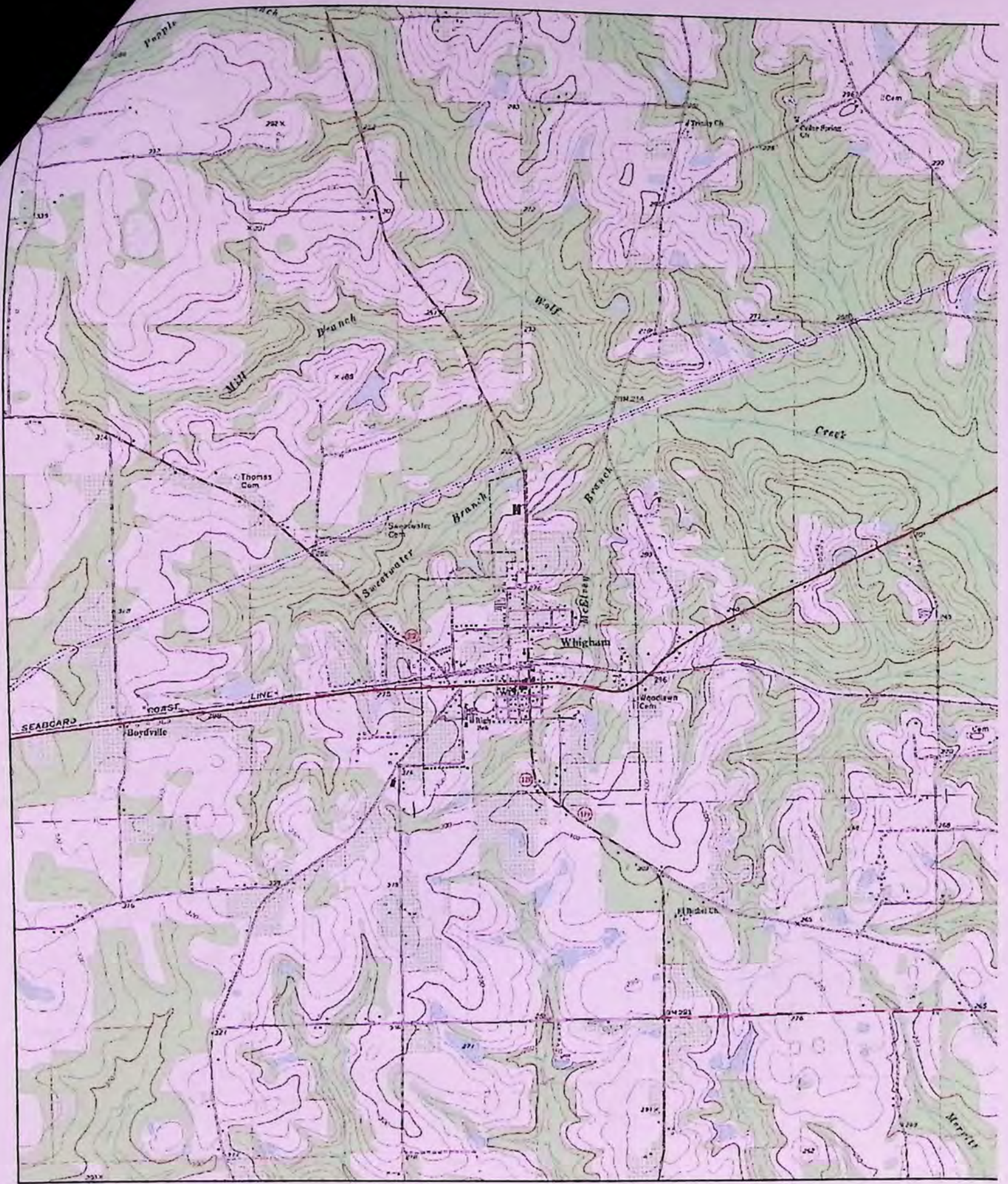


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WHIGHAM CORPORATE LIMITS LINE

W6 / 8

11.2 / 2.39 AC

38.05 AC

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5.55 AC

W4

19.5 AC. CORPORATE LIMITS

2.30 AC

231 / 86.02 AC

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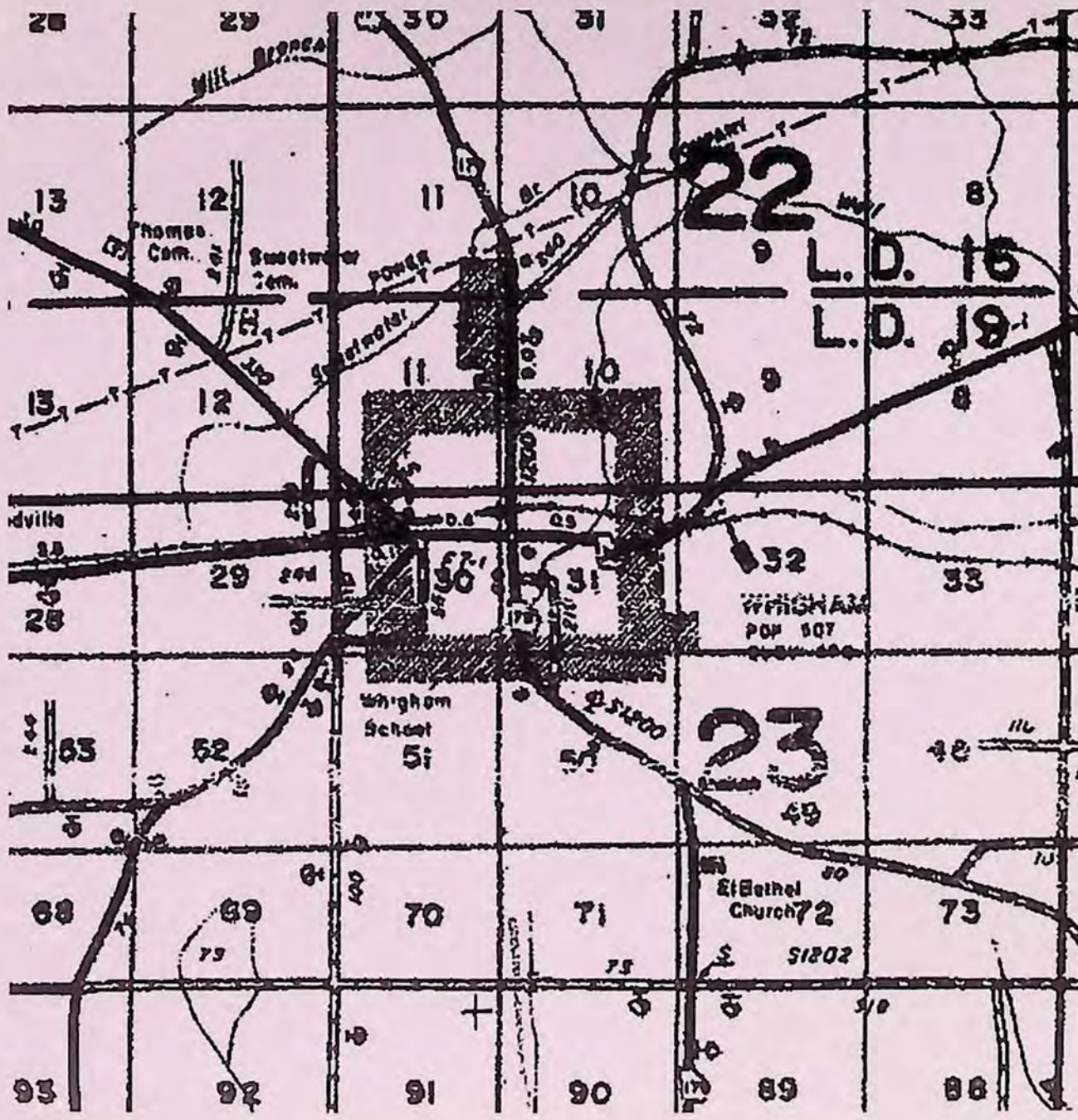
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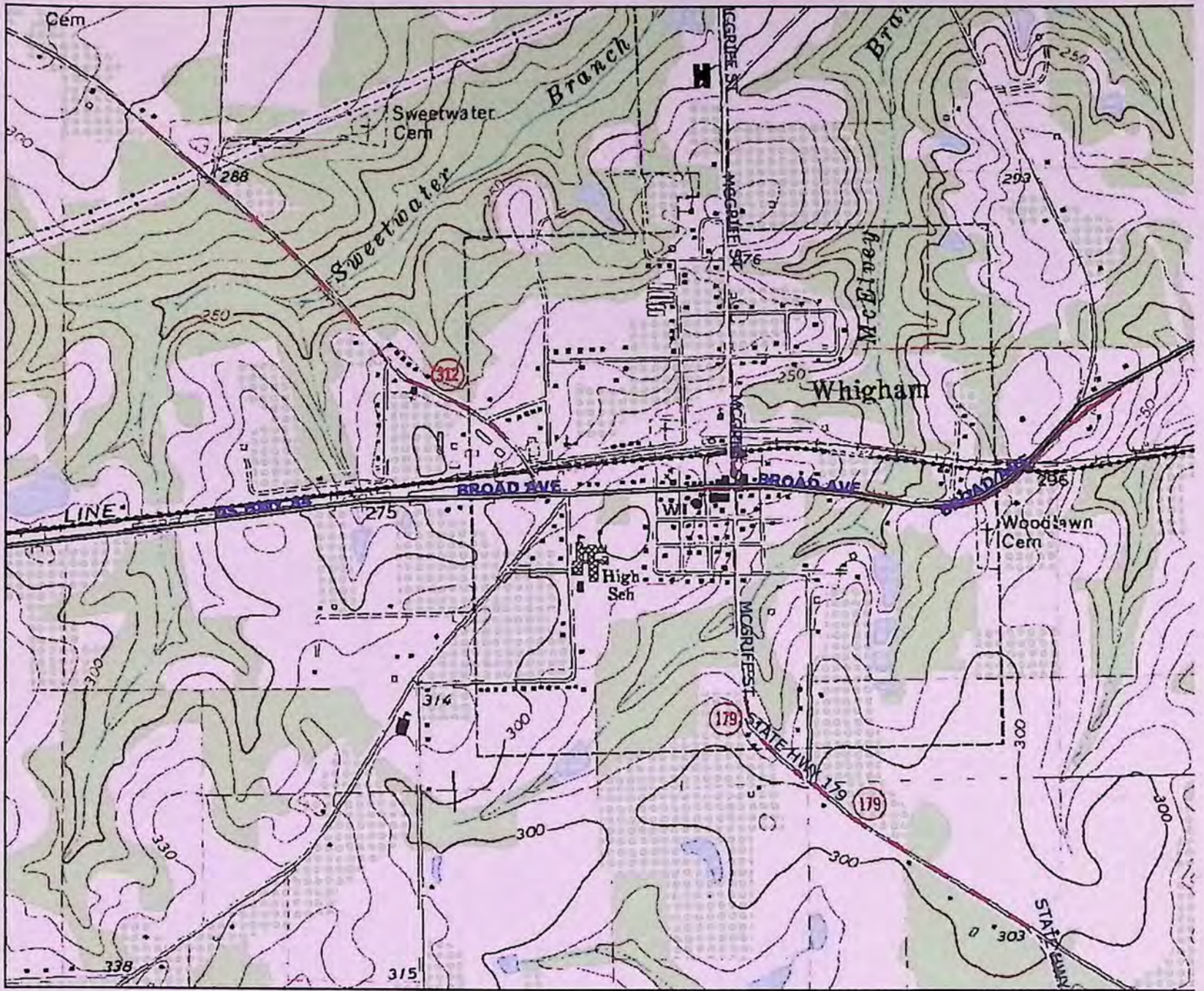
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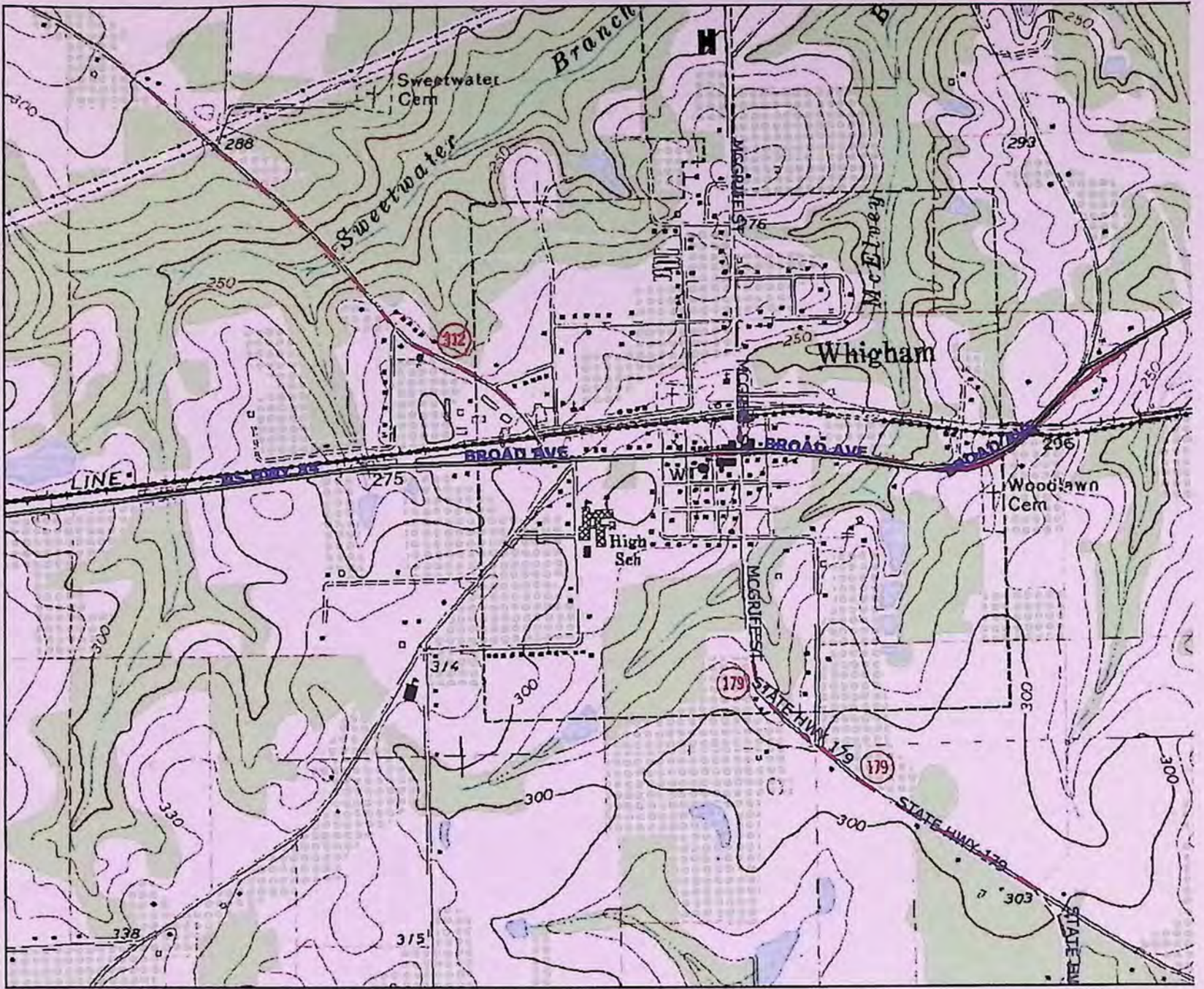
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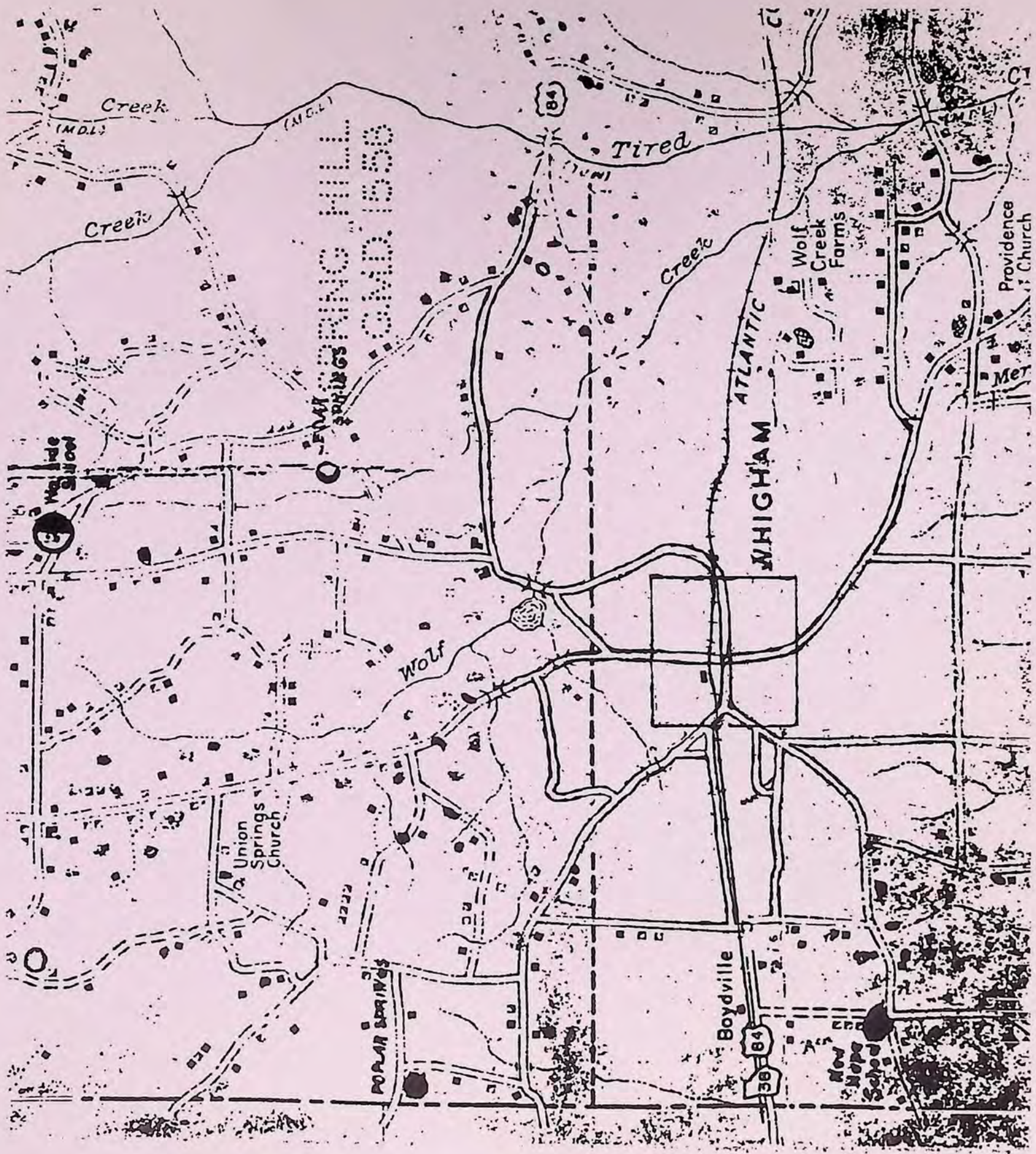
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1825	Francis Voleton to Samuel Larsens	19-31		Deeds
1863	surveyed in blocks & streets named			TJ Mills
1863	Thomas Whigham sued the A&G RR for damages to Lots 30 & 31	19-30		Grose
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1868	Town surveyed and laid out in blocks. Streets named. Called Harrell.			Grose
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1888	Whigham incorporated			Grose
1896	Whigham Charter			
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1825-3-10	1820 Lottery Francis Voleton	19-31	-	Lottery
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EMERALD SPRINGS

Creek

Wolf Creek Farms

Providence Church

Met

Meadow School

ATLANTIC WHIGHAM

Wolf

Union Springs Church

POPULAR SPRINGS

Boydville

38 84

New Hope School



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	Mayor	Aldermen / Councilmen	Clerk & Treasurer	Marshall / Policeman	City Attorney	City Court of Whigham - Ga. L. 1906, p.371-Ga. L. 1939, p. 382-
1896	Arch Harrell	J. P. Chapman, G. W. Clark, D. L. McNair	J. O. Harrell	-	-	-
1897	-	-	-	-	-	-
1898	-	-	-	-	-	-
1899	-	-	-	-	-	-
1900	-	-	-	-	-	-
1901	-	-	-	-	-	-
1902	-	-	-	-	-	-
1903	-	-	-	-	-	-
1904	-	-	-	-	-	-
1905	-	-	-	-	-	-
1906	A. Harrell	-	-	-	-	-
1907	-	-	-	-	-	-

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1908	--	-	-	-	-	-
1909	A. Harrell	T. J. Mills, D. G. McNair, E. C. Jordan, H. A. Logue, S. Harrell	E. M. Thomas; I. P. Chapman	-	-	-
1910	--	-	-	-	-	-
1911	--	-	-	-	-	-
1912	--	-	-	-	-	-
1913	--	-	-	-	-	-
1914	--	-	-	-	-	-
1915	--	-	-	-	-	-
1916	--	-	-	-	-	-
1917	--	-	-	-	-	-
1918	--	-	-	-	-	-
1919	--	-	-	-	-	-

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1920	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1921	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1922	N. Z. Trulock	-	-	-	-	-	-
1923	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1925	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1926	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1927	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1928	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1929	G.B. Trulock	Joseph Swireord H.F. Smith W.C. Lane W.M. Grey	W.L. Fordham	E.M. Coleman	-	-	-
1930	G.B. Trulock	Swireord Grey T.S. Burns Smith	Lane	N.Z. Trulock	-	-	-
1931	G.B. Trulock	W.M. Grey W.C. Lane W.L. Fordham Joseph Swireord	H.E. Smith Burns	N.Z. Trulock	-	R.U. Harden	-

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1932						
	T.J. Mills (9/2/31)	9/14/31 B.W. Lasseter J.E. Cobb	T.J. Burns W.M. Crew Turner Harwell	9/14/31 W.C. Lane		
1933	9/16/32 H.F. Smith	9/16/32 Ralph McBrum Ben Wright	J.E. Cobb W.M. Crew Turner Harwell	ll		
1934	ll	9/15/33 M.G. Peterson B.W. Lasseter	M.W. Dykes C.C. Jones J.E. Cobb	9/15/33 G.W. Collins		
1935	9/17/34 T.J. Woods	9/17/34 Turner Harwell M.B. Patterson	A.B. Trulock C.C. Jones J.E. Cobb	ll	9/15/33 Mauswood H.N. Clark	
1936	9/16/35 H.F. Smith elected & donated T.J. Mills	M.W. Dykes Harwell Trulock	Jones Cobb	ll	ll	
1937	T.J. Mills	9/14/36 ll	9/14/36 W.M. Crew	ll	ll	
1938	ll	9/18/37 B.B. Trulock Ralph McBrum	Turner Harwell M.W. Dykes C.C. Jones	ll		
1939	9/17/38 W.C. Lane	9/9/38 Ralph McBrum B.B. Conwell	C.C. Jones M.W. Dykes Turner Harwell	ll	9/9/38 V.S. Maczworth	
1940	ll	9/15/38 McBrum Conwell	Jones Dykes H.F. Smith	ll		
1941	ll	M.W. Dykes H.F. Smith	???	ll		
1942		Missing per				

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1943	-	-	-	-	-	-
1944	-	-	-	-	-	-
1945	-	-	-	-	-	-
1946	M.G. Patterson	-	-	-	-	-
1947	-	-	-	-	-	-
1948	-	-	-	-	-	-
1949	R.E. Clay	J.H. Adams J.C. Cox Bill Conwell	M.M. Jones D.L. Tyson	L. Elmer Crew	-	-
1950	q/7/49 M.M. Jones	q/7/49 J.C. Cox Luther Harden	W.H. Bell Bill Conwell	ll	V.S. Nazworth (Electronian & Policeman)	H.W. Brinson (Nightwatchman)
1951	q/8/50 Jim T. Harrison	q/8/50 Bill Conwell J.D. Lewis	Luther Harden N.Z. Trulock R.H. Robinson	Paul G. Christopher	ll	ll
1952	q/7/51 B.B. Conwell	q/7/51 H.F. Smith N.Z. Trulock	J.D. Lewis W.H. Bell Luther Harden	ll	-	-
1953	ll	q/5/52 H.F. Smith Luther Harden	N.Z. Trulock W.C. Larkin W.H. Bell	ll	Mr. Dennis (Night Police)	Mr. Duncan (Day Police)
1954	q/3/53 - B.D. Conwell H.F. Smith	J.H. Aubry J.M. Davis Luther Harden	Wendell Larkins N.Z. Trulock	ll	-	R.A. Bell City Attorney

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1955	N. Z. Trulock	Earl D. Crew Bert R. Wright J.M. Davis	T. L. Harwell W. C. Larkin	Paul G. Christopher	Mrs. Dennis Night Policeman Virgil Nazworth	Clayton R. Baker
1956	ll	ll	ll	ll	ll	ll
1957	9/8/54 D. B. Cornell	9/5/56 Francis Hester G. W. Jordan	N. Z. Trulock E. C. Collins W. C. Larkin	ll	ll	ll
1958	ll	ll	ll	ll	ll	ll
1959	9/3/58 Francis Hester	9/3/58 J. M. Davis Luther Harden	D. C. Collins G. W. Jordan N. Z. Trulock	ll	ll	ll
1960	ll	ll	ll	ll	ll	ll
1961	9/12/60 Wendell Larkin	9/12/60 Elmer Crew, J. M. Davis, N. Z. Trulock, B. B. Connell, C. J. Phillips	ll	ll	ll	ll
1962	Wendell Larkin	ll	ll	ll	ll	ll
1963	ll	D. C. Collins J. M. Davis A. L. Fowler	Dearl Palmer J. N. Skerrod	ll	ll	ll
1964	ll	ll	ll	ll	ll	ll
1965	9/12/64 Ralph Larkin	9/12/64 Dearl Palmer James Lovett Frank Dennis	Hollis Chason J. M. Davis	ll	ll	ll
1966	Ralph V. Larkin	ll	ll	ll	ll	ll

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1967	alutelo	alutelo				
1968	R.V. Larkin	J.M. Davis Hollis Chason Frank Dennis	J.S. Hollingsworth Dearl Palmer	Paul G. Christopher	Willard Chason	
1969	ll	ll	ll			
1970	ll	ll	ll			
1971	ll	ll	ll			
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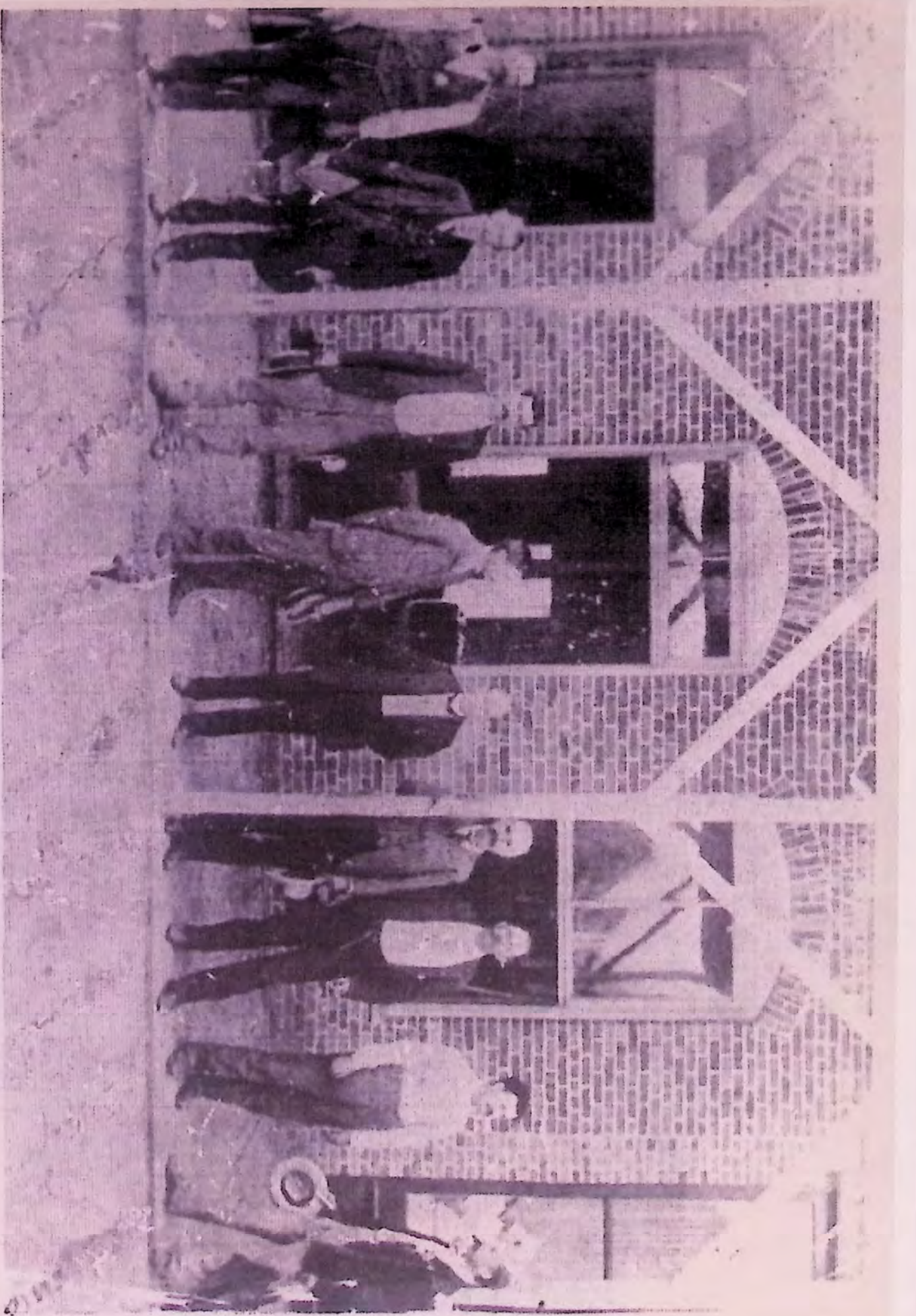
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1980	Claude L. Hayes, Sr.	Randy Fowler George Trulock Wilma Brinson	Thornton King Don Strickland	Elizabeth S. Grosse	Keith Sandebur	
1981	Evon "Sonny" Shuckley	→ same	→ same	Keith Sandebur	Keith Sandebur	
1982	Evon "Sonny" Shuckley	Wilma N. Brinson Randy Fowler Cecil Gibbs, Sr.	Thornton King George C. Trulock, Jr.	11	Keith Sandebur	Robert C. Pepper
1983	Evon "Sonny" Shuckley	→ same	→ same	11	Keith Sandebur	Gil Murrain
1984	Evon Shuckley	Wilma Brinson Cecil Gibbs, Sr. Curt VanLandingham	Randy Fowler George Trulock, Jr.	11	Keith Sandebur	Gil Murrain
1985	Evon Shuckley	Wilma Brinson Ruth Harden Randy Fowler	Verla Pritchett Cecil Gibbs, Sr.	Elizabeth Grosse	Chief Sandebur Keith →	Gil Murrain
1986	11	11	11	11		
1987	Evon Shuckley	Wilma Brinson Daniel Marshall George A. Trulock	Ruth Harden Greg VanLandingham	Elizabeth Grosse		
1988	11	Ruth Harden Daniel Marshall George Trulock	Wilma Brinson	11		
1989	11	George Trulock Wilma Brinson	Ruth Harden Verla Pritchett Charles Whittaker	11	Chief Ron McMillan	Tommie Roy Robert Richardson, IV
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1992	ll	- Daniel Marshall - Evan Shockey - Charles Maloy	Lisa Adkins Act of year	Chief McMillan	Kevin Gordon	-
1993	ll	- Gairno Pritchett - Marshall Gairno - Shockey	ll	ll	-	-
1994	ll	- Lloyd Pughett - Todd Gairno - Daniel Marshall	ll	- Fire Co Scott - P.P. McWilliam	-	-
1995	ll	- Todd Gairno - Jim Sellers - Keith Sandefur	ll	Chief McMillan	-	-
1996	Evan Shockey	- Todd Gairno - Jim Sellers - Keith Sandefur	ll	Chief McMillan	-	-
1997	ll	- Todd Gairno - J. Henry - Jimmie Laing	ll	ll	- Kevin Gordon	-
1998	Clara Roberts	- Todd Gairno - Timmy Laing - Donald Ross	Lisa Coffey #11 10/98	Chief of Police Tom Black	-	-
1999	ll	- Todd Gairno - Michael Strickland - Lafayette Henderson	Tammy Hawell	-	- Josh Bell	-
2000	Denzil Parsons - Terrell	- Terry Parker - Danny Harris, Sr - Daniel Marshall	ll	-	-	-
2001	Terry L. Parker	- George Trudock - Danny Harris - Jimmie Laing	Arleta Kay Hbsh	-	-	-
2002	Terry Parker	- Jimmie Laing - Don M. Strickland, Jr - Katherine Young	ll	-	- Kevin Caulery	- Judge Josh Rose

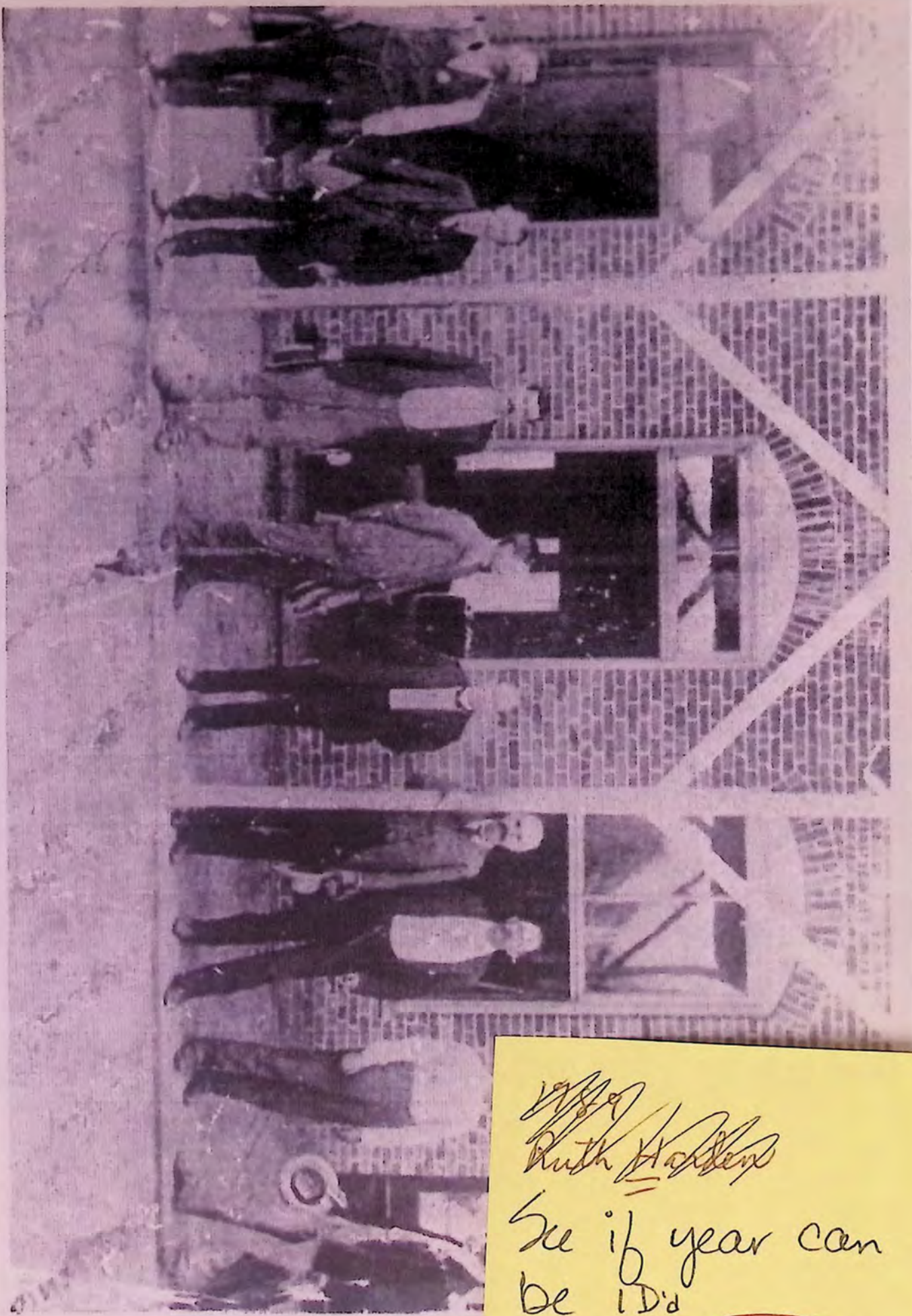
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2003	Ferry Parker	Don. M. Stickleland, Jr. Katherine Young Timmie Loring	Bonnie Parker George Trulock	11		Judge Sosa Wade
2004	M. Todd Gairious	Melanie Clark Carole Booth Timmie Loring	Jim Sellers Don M. Stickleland, Jr.	11 + 1012-104 Lisa Gairious 7121104	Kevin Caulley	
2005				10P Turf Black		



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