MAY 17 MEET FEATURES CIVIL WAR, RECORDS MANAGEMENT
AND HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY WINNERS

Harmon Smith, head of governmental records of Georgia Department of Archives and History, Atlanta, will talk on "Researching Civil War Records" at GHS's meeting Monday, May 17 at 7:30 P.M. at headquarters, 221 N. Clayton St. Smith worked in the Civil War Records section of the Archives from 1962 until 1970. He will bring some artifacts and genealogical research tips for Civil War fact-finding.

Since 1970, Smith has been in charge of the State Records section which in 1976 merged with local and government records. This department is responsible for arrangement and description of all state and local records. He will tell of the 1981 law regarding the requirement of all local governments to start a records retention program. The Archives is prepared to evaluate such records and advise which ones are of long-lasting intrinsic or historical value.

A LaGrange native, Smith was graduated from LaGrange College and did graduate work in history at University of Georgia. He started with the Archives in 1958 in the microfilm reading room in the old Rhodes Hall building on Peachtree St.

Program chairman Bill Baughman has also arranged for two high school students from Central H.S.'s advanced placement history class to talk at the meeting. One will read a prize-winning essay on the subject, "Americanism is..." The other will tell of the trip that 11 of the students, all winners in the American Legion Valley Forge Americanism awards, had to Valley Forge, PA last month.

Dorsey Stancil, president, will preside. Marie Hilliard and several volunteers will provide refreshments. The public is welcome.
Musty Records Perused

By RAY PELOSI
News Staff Writer

The once-black ink, written in a fine hand, had long since turned brown on the heavy-grade paper, a product of iron oxide rusting. Yet the opening passage of the first page read clearly, though it dated back to 1873:

"The commissioners-elect today were sworn in by each other as is required by law," it read, and it bore the names of the commissioners — Richard D. Winn, Daniel M. Byrd, Burton Cloud, Williamson W. Parks and Ewil J. McDaniel.

Like bookish ferrets, a trio of persevering men from the State Department of Archives and History had spent a goodly part of their day poring through the musty old records in the abandoned red brick schoolhouse next to the Gwinnett County Administration Building. They were there to help the county and its Historical Society decide what part of its overflowing records volume ought to be preserved over in the former Lake Lanier Regional Library building, the Historical Society has acquired the building as a combination archives and museum.

At one point, they had discovered a real dated treasure trove of info, the original county commission minutes book containing the aforementioned passage. The guys wanted to show it to their visitor, but momentarily had trouble finding the tome among the 120 or so volumes stacked along a wall.

"Oh my God, I hope we don't lose it," joked Bob White, a state and local records coordinator with the archives and history department. White's mock fears were unfounded.

That book wasn't even the oldest one around. That honor went to a volume of surety bonds for county officials, a book "born" in 1866.

So the impression is that most of the stuff there was older than Methuselah, else why would the archives people be on hand. Not so, said Harmon Smith, a governmental records officer in the department's archives division.

SMITH (R), COUNTY INTERNAL AUDITOR JOHN CHATHAM
View Record of First Gwinnett Commission Meeting

"The thing that an archivist looks at is any record that has enduring legal value," he stressed. This particular building's storehouse of data didn't fall into that category — much of that info is over at the courthouse. But there was a second consideration, too, "those things that have historical value" and tell of "those forces that have had an impact on the citizens and have shaped the county," Smith noted.

Smith sat and talked in a room whose records fit that description — docket books of various types and records of Superior and City (now State) court proceedings. For the most part, the records, if not up-to-the-minute contemporary, were not that ancient.

"The most recent records we've found here are from the 1940s," Smith confided. As late a comer as the sheriff's service docket of 1969 had made its way into the pile, "but that's definitely an odd man out," White assured.

The point is made, though, that archival information need not pre-date the Dead Sea Scrolls. "People think of archival records as being old records," Smith conceded, "but an archivist looks at anything that has historical significance as we defined it; get 'em while they're hot is a good way to put it."

(See story p. 17)
AREA HISTORY TOLD BY FRANKLIN GARRETT

Atlanta historian Franklin M. Garrett, speaking at our March meeting, after an introduction by his long-time friend and GHS member, Mildred Martin, gave an overview of the beginnings of Atlanta and its neighbors. He said that the metro counties were formed in this order: Gwinnett, DeKalb, Fulton (Atlanta), Cobb and Clayton. It was the arrival of the Western & Atlantic Rail Road (now L & N) in 1836 and the establishment of its terminus in 1837 that really began Atlanta’s growth. (That southern terminus is now where the Omni is.

Despite stories to the contrary, Atlanta was not completely destroyed during the Civil War, he said...only 70% was. When Garrett began researching the reason for calling the county after Robert Fulton, he found that Atlanta newspapers were not preserved until July 1857. In order to learn from a contemporary report why the county was called “Fulton,” he researched at Emory University microfilm library in Columbus newspapers published the day after Fulton was created by the Georgia Legislature in 1853. The write-up did not tell why land-locked Fulton commemorated the man who invented the steamboat.

Most of the towns in Gwinnett came to be due to the railroad, he said. The first one in the county was the Atlanta & Charlotte, then Richmond & Danville (now Southern R.R.) Then came the Georgia-Carolina-Northern RR (Lawrenceville was on this one), later Seaboard Airline.

Mr. Garrett mentioned the names of several pioneers who lived in Gwinnett in 1820 and were later found in DeKalb by 1830, such as the Collie brothers, John Evans, Shadrack Morris, William Worthy, Parker Peppers, Isaac and William Towers. *(A tape recording of this talk, made by Geraldine Arnold, is at GHS and can be borrowed by GHS members.)*

CHEROKEE AND WHITE INTERMARRIAGES
DETAILED BY DON SHADBURN.

"Indian Countryman" is the name given to a man who took out a reservation to live on former Cherokee territory ceded to the USA in 1817 by the Indians. Often, these white settlers intermarried with Indians who still remained on the land. Don Shadburn told about these men and their families at the April meeting of GHS. He said that the era 1828-38 was the most critical in Georgia history and several factors contributed to the turbulence: gold was discovered, Andrew Jackson ("the only good Indian is a dead one") became president of the USA, and John Ross was president of the Cherokees. On 12/19/1829, in a desperate move, Georgia lawmakers passed a law to extend the state boundaries across the Chattahoochee to Alabama, Tennessee and to the end of Carroll County. These boundaries took up all of the Cherokee lands and the boundaries existed for two years, making it a problem for modern-day researchers to find ancestors in the 1830 US census. (Mr. Shadburn said he had difficulty finding someone in 1830 that he knew lived in Cherokee territory until he tracked him down in another county. He said that, until Cherokee Co. was created 12/26/1831, all NW Georgia was considered Cherokee Territory. The last pages of 1830 census of Gwinnett, Carroll counties, etc., shows who lived in the Cherokee sections of each county. (See Don’s handout, p. 20.)
CHEROKEE FAMILY CONNECTIONS  (Hand-out by Don Shadburn with his notations)

Forsyth County
Heritage Foundation, Inc.
P. O. Box 762
Cumming, Georgia 30130
Room 040 Courthouse

"Gateway to Georgia's Cherokee Frontier West of the Chattahoochee"

Col. H. P. Bell (1827-1907) Confederate and U. S. Congressman
William Rogers (1805-1870) Cherokee Treaty Signer

SOME INFORMATION THAT WILL BE IN SHADBURN'S UPCOMING BOOK, GEORGIA
JOURNAL OF CHEROKEE HISTORY AND GENEALOGY
SOME PRIMARY WHITE PROGENITORS
IN THE CHEROKEE NATION OF GEORGIA

1. Ezekial Buffettong. Mary Emory (quarter-blood); 6 children
2. Lewis Blackburn. Mary (Polly) Daniel (half-blood); 7 daughters
3. Parker Collins. Nancy Ann Cordery (half-blood); 11 children
4. Thomas Cordery. Susannah Sonecocoie (full-blood); 8 children
5. Daniel Davis. Rachel Martin (quarter-blood); 10 children
7. William Emory. Nanah Grant (half-blood); 3 daughters
8. Ambrose Harnage. Nancy (Sanders) Harlan; 5 children (emigrated in 1832)
9. Uriah Hubbard. Nellie Wilkerson (quarter-blood); several children
10. Alexander Kell. Emily Duncan (quarter-blood); 7 children
11. James Landrum. Rebecca Duncan (quarter-blood); 13 children
12. John (Jack) Langley. Sally Parris (11 children) and Susan Dougherty (5 children)
13. David McNair. Delilah Amelia Vann (quarter-blood); 6 children
14. Silas Palmer. Sarah Dougherty (quarter-blood); 5 children
15. Lewis Ralston. Elizabeth Kell (quarter-blood); 14 children
16. John Rogers. Sarah Cordery (half-blood); 12 children
17. Robert Rogers. Lucy Cordery (half-blood); 5 children
18. John Satterfield. Lucy Ward (half-blood); 2 children
19. Avery Vann. Margaret McSwain (half-blood); 15 children
20. Clement Vann. Wa-wli (Mary Christians, full-blood); 2+ children
21. Henry Vickery. Charlotte Cordery (8 children) and Hettie Cordery (3 children)
22. Col. Thomas Waters. Sally Hughes (half-blood) of Long Swamp; 2 children
23. David Welch. Elizabeth McSwain (half-blood); 3 children
24. Stephen Whitmire. Charlotte Downing (quarter- or half-blood); 2 sons
25. William Willis. Mary Jane Dougherty (quarter-blood); 5 children
SUMMEROUR INDIAN COLLECTION OPENS IN DULUTH

J. Heard Summerour, former Duluth postmaster, active member of Gwinnett Historical Society, and long a popular speaker on Indian lore at schools, collected Indian artifacts and information for many years before his death in November 1980. Now, thanks to his widow Lynne who courageously began organizing his accumulation, and the Duluth Lioness Club, some of "Jay's" things are now on exhibition in Duluth Public Library. The collection was presented in a ceremony 29 April 1982 at the Duluth City Hall-Library building and accepted by John Shelton on behalf of the Lake Lanier Regional Library System.

Margaret Andrews of the Lioness Club explained how her group took on the project of assembling and preserving the collection of books, arrowheads and points, slides of Indian cairns, carvings on beech trees, etc. The film portion will be available for borrowing from the library to show at civic meetings and school history classes. A printed program showing other Indian museums and collections will also be handed out after each film presentation.

Lynne is almost as informed as Jay was in telling about the Indian "maps" to buried gold beaten (not carved) into trees along the Chattahoochee.

The opening was attended by GHS members John Hood, Charlie Pentecost and Alice McCabe—in addition to the above-mentioned John Shelton.

Pictured above were John Chatham and Joe Parks looking at one of a series of "cairns" in NE Gwinnett, said to be 4000-8000 years old. "Jay" led a GHS party there in 1978. The rocks are carefully laid in Flemish style, solid all the way through. Pre-historic men may have been buried underneath but there are no bones or other remains—just soil extra-rich in calcium.

Lynne said that Harrison Summerour remembered Indians returning to a burnt log house in 1909, asking if they could visit where their grandparents had lived and were given permission to go to the empty cabin. Harrison's family, curious a few hours later, looked into the cabin and found a large "pot-shaped" hole under the place where the hearthstone had been recently moved and returned to its place. He was sure the pot had contained gold.
YOUNG FAMILY CEMETERY

This cemetery is located in land lot 129 of the 7th Land District on Collins Hill Road 0.8 mile from Peachtree Road and 4.0 miles from newly completed section of Highway 316. It is shown on page 111 of the 1980-1981 Gwinnett, Douglas, Rockdale edition of the Suburban Aero Atlas.

This cemetery was enumerated in June 1981 by Dorsey Stancil and Oscar Franklin and it was found to be much visited by vandals and rogues. There are four monuments, each broken and/or overturned, the inscriptions of which are given below. Eleven additional gravesites were discovered and many more may exist at this site. Some of the gravesites still bore the print of fieldstone head- and foot-stones which have been pilfered.

1. H. L. YOUNG
   JUNE 30, 1840
   JAN. 28, 1900

2. JANE WIFE OF
   J.R. YOUNG
   BORN FEB. 10, 1813
   DIED OCT. 4, 1899

3. J.R. YOUNG* BORN APR. 3, 1897
   DIED JULY 25, 1886
   MAY 6, 1818
   JAN. 3, 1890

4. H. R. YOUNG
   * YONG as it appears on tombstone--not mis-copied here.
   (Recorded date: 5 Apr. 1878)

LIFETIME MEMBER
OF GHS DIES IN FIRE

5-4-1982

Lilburn Woman Dies In Fire

A 79-year-old Lilburn woman died of smoke inhalation in a house fire started by a light bulb late Monday night.

Lillie B. Caldwell of 5284 Wydella Road was found dead by Gwinnett County Fire Department officials when they responded to a call from a neighbor shortly after 11 p.m. Light smoke was visible when fire trucks arrived on the scene, they said.

Fire officials discovered Caldwell seated on a living room couch. She had covered herself with clothes in an apparent attempt to escape the smoke, according to reports. Caldwell’s two dogs were found dead nearby.

The fire started in a utility room, where some combustible material, possibly fabric, was ignited by the light bulb, according to reports. The fire was spreading down the hallway when fire officials arrived.

Caldwell

Mrs. Lillie B. Caldwell, age 79, of Wydella Rd., Lilburn, Ga.,
died May 3, 1982. She is survved by sister, Mrs. Lou Mosley.
brother, Mr. Jack Mosley, Lawrenceville; several nieces and nephews.
Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon, May 6, at 2 p.m.
at Wages Oak Lawn Chapel with Rev. Samuel H. Christopher, Jr.,
officiating. Interment Camp Creek Primitive Baptist Church
Cemetery, Tom M. Wages
Funeral Service, Inc., Lawrenceville.

We extend our sympathy to all her family, especially to GHS member
Geraldine Arnold, who always drove Lillie to our meetings.

Lillie had just transferred from regular to Lifetime membership
at our March meeting.

OUR NEIGHBOR, DULUTH, GEORGIA,
showed their favorite son, George Rogers,
how proud all of the citizens were in late
January when the Heisman Trophy winner
returned for a day of celebrating that started
at the State Legislature and continued all
day with parades, assemblies at Duluth
High School (where Rogers was named an
all-state running back) and at a special
awards banquet held January 22 at the
Atlanta Athletic Club. During the festivities,
Rogers’ high school jersey (sporting the
number 20) was officially retired and placed
in the Duluth High School trophy case. New
city limit signs, proclaiming Duluth as the
home of Rogers were installed just before the
day of celebration.
WINN FAIR OF 1812 OFFERS NEW ATTRACTIONS

Larry Mabrey, 1982 chairman of the annual Elisha Winn Fair of 1812, promises new and exciting things to bring in more people to the main GHS project of the year. The fair, to be held at the old house, built in 1812 on Dacula Rd., Hog Mountain on October 2 and 3, will feature Indian dances and exhibitions by a group of Explorer Scouts who tour under the direction of Thomas H. Sparks and his Georgia Indian Culture Society. The boys will set up a lodge covered with deer skins and camp there. This will be an extra-charge feature: $1 for adults, 50¢ for children.

The big item to be auctioned off this year is a hand-made quilt by Brenda Harris who will also return again this year to demonstrate her prowess at the quilting frame. The bobbin-lace makers who had such a good time last year talking to many interested visitors, will also return, as will pottery-maker, weaver, wood carver, musket-loader, butter churner, cider maker, cotton carder and spinner and a host of other craftsmen. Jerri Majors (963-5958) is taking care of special projects.

A country store of handmade items and canned goods made by GHS members and friends, will be in the charge of June Kent and Marie Hilliard. Janet Swancey is rounding up musicians, cloggers and gospel singers for entertainment throughout the two days.

House furnishings will be arranged by Jane Edwards (963-7725) and ?? (If you can help, please call her because co-worker Marilyn Brogdon is temporarily incapacitated due to a heart attack)

Tours of the house and Winn Family Reunion booth will be under the care of Charlie Pentecost (963-8425). Call if you can be a tour guide or man the booth.

Ed Walker (962-2653) and Mike Dzianak are in charge of site preparation and clean-up. You know they will need plenty of help before and after.

Children's games will be directed by Nancy Jacobus (233-8969) and a friend. She can use lots of hand-made stilts to use and to sell -- in both adult and children's sizes. Also, old-time wagons, etc.

Stanley Allen (945-9211) is taking care of food, including buying and preparing hot dinners on Saturday and barbecue sandwiches on Sunday. Cooks, servers, "gophers" and change-makers needed here!

Jon McDaniel (925-4280) is publicity chairman. If you have "pull" with any newspaper, TV station, etc., let him know and use it.

Cakes and tea will be solicited from members by Carole Walker (962-2653) and Cheryl Mabrey (962-2897). Say "YES" when they call.

Fraser Duke (448-8822) will schedule ticker-takers at the gates.

At this writing, there was no one to take care of farm animals live exhibitions and farm tools' displays. If you have expertise in these or any other ideas for a great old-time fair, call Larry Mabrey at 962-2897.
Settles Bridge 1996 At ITS OPENING
RESTORATION OF WINN HOUSE CONTINUES

Winn Restoration Committee accepted with regret the resignation as chairman of Herman Tanner, who will continue to serve as an ex-officio member of the committee. Fraser Duke is now chairman. Other active members are: Alice Ray, co-chairperson; John Hood, Dewey Melton, Mildred Martin. Ex-officio members include John Chatham, past president; Dorsey Stancil, president; Larry Mabrey, chairman of Winn Fair of 1812; Lane Greene, architect.

The committee has moved ahead in the following ways: John Hood has been told by Jackson Electric Membership Corp. that they will install underground electricity to the house at no cost, and the county electrical maintenance crew will rewire the house, according to architect's specifications. There will also be open wiring to the barn where there will be a floodlight installed. This will make it easier to set up entertainment in the barn area during the Fair.

Estimates have been received for masonry and stone repairs on the chimneys. A decision should be made on the contractor by May 17.

Alice Ray is pursuing plans for cleaning out a long-unused well on the property. Dorsey Stancil will treat the water if it is necessary.

Windows are being made. Lane Greene located hand-made glass in Macon (not quite so old as the house, but much older than any found around here.) Sashes of redwood will be installed in a few months. Siding will probably be started—and perhaps completed—by Fair time.

WINN HOUSE TO BE OPEN SECOND SUNDAYS EVERY MONTH

Fraser Duke announces that the Elisha Winn house, 908 Dacula Rd., NE, Dacula/ Hog Mountain, will be open from 1-5 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month, beginning May 9 through September 12. This will be free to the public. GHS volunteers will conduct tours. The idea of the Open House is to show off what has been done so far and to entice other volunteers to offer to work on the project.

If you want to help, call GHS office 962-1450 or Fraser 448-8822.

DONATIONS AND ACQUISITIONS

"Blue Back" Spelling Book by Noah Webster, LLD, copyright 1890, was given 5/6/1982 to GHS by Joe Tatum, pastor of the Church of God, Dacula. It was owned by his grandmother's sister, "Lizzie" Davis, who married J. A. "Reap" Bailey, a Civil War veteran, who lived between Lawrenceville and Buford and in Hog Mountain.

Joe's grandmother was Henrietta Davis Lyles, daughter of Susan Davis.
EARLY 1900s POST CARDS DONATED BY
Geraldine Arnold

Presby. Church was on Oak St. then, where County Administrative Offices are located.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Courthouse viewed from Crogan St. (Hwy. 29)

GHS MEMBER MITCHELL CLOWER IN HOME WEEKLY 2/17/1982

A very interesting article and picture of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Clower, recently appeared in a Virginia newspaper, of their involvement in the “Meals On Wheels” program to the elderly during the inclement weather in Virginia. Mitchell is a native of Lawrenceville, son of prominent citizens, the late Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Clower and brother of the late George Clower. The large two-story white house at the “top of the Depot hill”, where they resided many years, is still a showplace. He graduated from Lawrenceville High School in 1929 and we are proud to be some his lifelong friends. He stated, “We’re just glad to help anyone we can. We’ve never considered it trouble or the expense.” It is so good to hear good news of our former citizens and the contributions they are making to the communities where they now live.
MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CONFEDERATE

JAMES WILLIAM DAVIS SET FOR JUNE 26

Mrs. Annette Starr, formerly of Decatur, who recently moved to Tallahassee, FL, is planning a memorial service and installation of a military marker at Mulberry Baptist Church June 26 at 11 A.M. in memory of her ancestor, James William Davis (1844-1896). Historians and family and others interested will be welcome, she says. Several great-grandchildren will be there.

The service will be conducted by the Agnes Lee Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy of Decatur. Using old Confederate arms, the General Patrick R. Cleburn Sons of the Confederacy Camp 1361 will give a gun salute; they will also provide a color guard.

After the program, there will be a picnic at the church.

Rev. Davis, who was pastor of Mulberry Church 1880-1, gave land so that the church could be moved from Jackson County to acreage adjoining his home. This was done in 1885. Prior to that, during the Civil War, he had served as a private in Capt. Daniell's Battery of Light Artillery of Georgia, was captured in Savannah and held prisoner at Camp Chase, Ohio, until the end of the war. While he was gone, his wife, formerly Sarah Frances Wood, had the first of their ten children.

(More details of this family are found on pp 144-7 in GHS' book, Gwinnett Families 1818-1968.)

MORE INFORMATION ON BURGE CEMETERY

Nancy R. Sellars of Dacula writes about the BURGE Cemetery listed in last quarter's newsletter. We quote:

I had seen the name "Fant" in researching in Probate Judge's office and for some reason I jotted them down:

Records p. 234 James B. FANT, 1842. Some names involved in the estate were Enoch, Elijah, P. D., James and Daniel MORGAN, Archibald and Robert DAVIS, Elijah EUBANKS, David DUNCAN, Geo. W. KING and Moses CHAMBLEE.

p. 238- Jesse FANT 1843 appraised est. Willey C. Smith, King, Chamblee.

Therefore, it is possible and likely that a Mr. Fant is buried in the Burge cemetery since both were in the same area of the county. Also, if we knew who was the unmarked graves the connection between Burge and Fant probably would be quite obvious.

(Thanks, Nancy! Anyone know any more??)

BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

Philip and Alice Ray are proud parents of a baby girl, Lucy, born in March. Alice is treasurer and co-chairman of the Winn Restoration committee.
New Gwinnett Park Site May Contain Indian Mounds

By Mike Roberts
Gwinnett Daily News

Indian burial mounds in Gwinnett County? Yes, say some Suwanee residents. Doubtful, says an anthropologist. The mounds are said to be located on a 230-acre tract near Suwanee that Gwinnett County officials recently purchased as the future site for a large recreation area.

County representatives closed purchase on the site about three weeks ago, apparently unaware of the lot's possible historical significance. Gwinnett Commissioner Maron Buce said, "I didn't know they were there."

Buce said he learned just Thursday night that some Suwanee residents believe burial mounds are on the county's new property, although he had been told earlier mounds might be located in the area near the site.

Tentative plans for the site call for the development of bridle trails and stable, nature trails, ball fields, a playground as well as facilities for camping and fishing. Gwinnett Parks and Recreation Director George Wenden said it will be the largest park in the area of Suwanee, Duluth, Norcross, Mountain Park and Dacula.

Jerry Peacock, a Gwinnett resident who was raised in Suwanee, said, "All my life and all my daddy's life, we've known they were there."

While a boy, Peacock, now 31 and a collector of arrowheads, found what he believed were three mounds, two smaller ones and one large one about as big as a house. He said he returned to the area a week ago and found the large mound but saw no traces of the smaller ones.

The mounds are in what is described as a swamp. Peacock said the mounds are dry, but water at least ankle deep is nearby. Peacock will accompany a party including Commissioner Buce and the mounds Monday morning.

"In the past 15 or 20 years I've had about 20 people approach me to show them where the mounds are at," Peacock said, but added he would only show others if Buce came, too.

Peacock said he believes Buce will work to make sure the mounds are preserved. "My main interest is to keep them preserved," he said. "I'd like to see them preserved because I have a daughter that's 10 years old and she's never seen them and my wife's never seen them."

According to Suwanee folklore, the Cherokee Indians inhabited the land that is now the Gwinnett town. Whether the mounds are of Cherokee origin, however, apparently is unknown.

Roy Dickens, associate professor of anthropology at Georgia State University in Atlanta, said two cultures of Indians in the southeast built mounds of different types. Indians of what is known as the Woodland Period, from about 1,000 B.C. to 1,000 A.D., built low dome-shaped mounds which were used for burial, Dickens said. Indians of the Mississippian Period, from about 1,000 A.D. to the coming of Europeans to Georgia, built taller, flat-topped mounds used as foundations for other structures.

The Indians of those periods were the ancestors of the Cherokees and the Creeks, Dickens said.

It is possible the mounds have no link with Indians. Dickens said, "I get a lot of calls from people who say they've found some Indian mounds. Some of those calls prove unfounded, as mounds can be formed by natural causes, he added. Odds are against anyone pinpointing a mound site not already located by anthropologists, Dickens said.

I phoned Mike Roberts 3/30/1982 to learn what was found. He said that it was too wet that day to attempt to get through the muck. The experts said it would probably take dynamite to loosen the dam farther up to let the land dry. Then, an archeologist will look along the creek bed for artifacts. Commissioner Maron Buce says it will probably be summer before that can be done.

Atlanta Constitution 3/11/1982

Judge OKs Highway Ramp Through Old Cemetery

A Fulton County Superior Court judge has ruled that the state Department of Transportation may continue construction of a highway exit ramp that will curve through an unmarked cemetery dating back to the 1860s.

Judge Sam McKenzie ruled Wednesday that DOT has the right to condemn cemeteries, and specifically the 4.4-acre Gilbert Cemetery at the northwest corner of Cleveland Avenue and Forest Hill Drive.

DOT found the long-unnoticed and desecrated burial ground of former slaves when condemning land for a ramp leading from Cleveland Avenue to Interstate 75 southbound. The department asked McKenzie to rule whether it was legal for DOT to condemn the cemetery.

McKenzie instructed DOT not to excavate any land during construction, but to build the 700-foot, two-lane ramps on dirt arising above ground level.

The judge closely followed a DOT proposal in which the state agency agreed to disinter the remains of the great-grandmother of a woman identified only as Elsa Varner and bury the remains elsewhere.

The graveyard is without tombstones or other markers. During a hearing before McKenzie last week, Ms. Varner was the only relative who could recall the precise location of her ancestor's resting place.

McKenzie also ordered that the area be landscaped after completion of the road project and that a historical monument be erected on the cemetery site.

A committee of DOT officials, a state historian and relatives of those buried in Gilbert Cemetery has been formed to report to McKenzie by April 21 with a plan for landscaping and a memorial.

—Kevin Sack
1. Marian Watts Ard, P.O. Box 65, Jay, FL 32565: Mary Frances COLLIER b8/18/1818 Lawrenceville, was only child of Francis COLLIER and wife Nancy ARTHUR. Nancy m #2 Rev. John STRICKLAND, who reared "orphaned Mary Frances COLLIER," according to Our Peeples Family book by Rachel Peeples Rogers. In 1827, Mary F. COLLIER, orphan, Hunicutts district of Gwinnett, drew lot 114, 16 Dist. Muscogee Co. Mary Frances m Drewy Murrah PEEPLES, Cpl. in 1836 Capt. Garmany's Co., Creek War, and they are bur. Mt. Zion Church, Spring Place, Murray Co., GA. Seek info on Mary F.'s parents.

2. Mic Barnette, 5501 Bundy Rd. Ste. 138, New Orleans, LA 70127: In Franklin Co., I found ref. to Reuben BAXTER and Polly BAXTER as administrators of the estate of Henry BAGLEY 1816. (I knew Reuben had m Milly BAGLEY 1800 in Granville Co, NC) I feel now that Polly should have been Polly BAGLEY not BAXTER, and was the same as Mary BAGLEY of Franklin and Gwinnett counties.

3. E. L. Barrett, 7226 S. Sweetwater Rd., Lithia Springs, GA 30057: My ggf George B. BARRETT b 1850 Dawson Co. d 1909 in Buford, ran his own tannery in Buford and did business in Flowery Branch. Where is he bur. in Hall Co.? He m #1 Emily JACKSON (d 1892, bur. Flowery Branch) and m #2 Laura JACKSON who d 1952 in Atlanta.


5. Marie M. Boyd, 365 Georgetown Dr., Beaumont, TX 77707: Seek info on parents of Allen RIGSBY b 1770 Orange Co, NC and wife Margaret JOHNSON, also b NC. Couple res. Georgia, probably what became Walton Co. area by 1797, d 1860-2 Randolph Co., GA Issue: John, Samuel, Lewis (m Polly FOSTER, moved to TX), Thomas, Jefferson, Andrew, Eliza (m LANGLEY), Polly (m HOPSON), Charity (m Sam DAY), and Wiley Taylor RIGSBY.

Ans: Might check Jackson Co. or Franklin Co. records before Walton was created 1818.

6. Carolyne Butler, 1704 John Carroll Dr., Pensacola, FL 32504: Who was father of Wilson KEMP b 1815/18 SC, res. Gwinnett by 1838. In 1830 Gwinnett census, only William, Henry and Hosea were of correct age to be Wilson's father.

Ans: Be sure to search under spelling of CAMP also.

7. Leon Johnson, 3210 W. 134th Ave., Broomfield, CO 80020: Like to correspond with anyone related to Henry JOHNSON and wife Adaline MCDANIEL and their sons, William Thomas JOHNSON (m California CALLOWAY) and Thomas JOHNSON (m Lou LAMB), and Breton JOHNSON who is depicted in Atlanta's Cyclorama Civil War fighting scenes.

8. Dr. Mozelle Leach, 415 Louisville, Apt. 41, Starkville, MS 39759: Isaac Towers Jr. (1774 SC-1851 Dekalb Co., GA) m Elizabeth AKINS (1784 SC-4/18/1871 Dekalb Co, GA). When Elizabeth died, she had res. with a grandson, Miles HAIRSTON. Is anyone else related to this family?
9. W. D. Lindsey, Fair Oaks Dr., Little Rock, AR 72204: Who were parents of William Braselton b 1817 GA, res. 1850 Lumpkin Co., d before 1860. Was he son or grandson of Jacob Braselton b 1749 Wales emigrated to Frederick Co., MD, thence to Jackson Co., GA, where he d 9/22/1835? Jacob's wife was Hannah Green, dau. of Duff Green, first cousin of George Washington. William Braselton m Elizabeth H._____ issue: Jackson b 1845, Samantha Jane b 1847 and Walter b 1849. By 1860 Elizabeth Braselton had moved to Tuscaloosa Co., AL, where she m Manning Clements Simpson.


11. Mrs. Luella Lowther, 2843 Harvard Dr., Visalia, CA 93277: Plan to visit Gwinnett this summer, researching surname Quinton.

12. JoAnne Markle McClurg, Rt. 5 Box 2 Caliente Dr., Midland, TX 79701: Searching for George Humphrey. Ans: Found in GA Poor School Records, in Burke Co. folder #44 at Georgia Archives, Microfilm reels 9-518 and 519: George Humphreys-Image 8, date 1831; G. W. Humphries-Image 14, date 1832. (You have to look through each folder, beginning at the image number. Perhaps you can borrow the microfilm through your library.)

13. Wanda Burney McHann, 803 N. Pearl St., Carthage, MS 39051: Seek info James Marion Green who m Gussie Franklin Knight who was named for her father serving in Confederate. Gus and James' issue: Alma Cardelia Green m Rev. O. E. Shore, Myrtle Zippola Green m starving Roebuck, James Franklin Green m never married), Henry Jackson Green m Viola (?), Gailey and Daniel Preston Green m Myra Simmonds.

14. Mary Meek, 1307 NW 11 St., Andrews, TX 79714: Tracing ancestors Jack Rawlins and wife Josephine Runnells and their children, Emery Nathaniel (m 1887 Naomi Brownlee), Lee and a dau. They had a cousin Wm. Oscar Rawlins who m 1895 Ellen ("Clunie") Brownlee. Emery N. ran a grist mill in Snellville while he courted Naomi.

15. Laura Mentzel, 705 W. Lewis Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85007: Need info Sterling Roberts, minister, M t. Crk. Bapt. Church, Anderson Co., SC; Israel Pickens m #2 Sarah Hall who had m #1 Elias de Jarnette Jr. of Prince Edw. Co., VA. Israel Pickens was son of John and Eleanor Pickens. Reuben deJarnette m Ellender Pickens, his step-sister; Rebecca Pickens m Wm. Croft; Drucilla Pickens m Bowen. Frances deJarnette m Harbert Tucker; Hannah deJarnette m Capt. Bartley Tucker; Eliz. m Joab Maulden; Nancy m Edw. Davis, all early settlers of Lee shoals, Anderson Co., SC. Tucker and Pruitts also early settlers.

16. Jean Moore, 3233 SW 20th, Okla. City, OK 73108: Richard Bostick (Bostwick/ Bostic, etc.) is believed to have gone from NC to Gwinnett Co. 1820-30, also to have m Ann Link 1798 in Halifax Co., VA. His issue may have been: Richard Jr., John Chesley (m Mary Vincent), Toliver (m Epperson). Am at a standstill!
17. Grace Register, 713 E. Brown St., Lake City, FL 32055:
Where is John WYNN's single grave "on F.A. LESTER homeplace near
Oakland," as mentioned in Flanigan's Vol.II, History of Gwinnett Co.? 
Ans: It could be in Land lot 42, Dist. 7 (north of Old Norcross Rd.
and south of Ga316). This lot, according to Georgia's Surveyor General,
was owned by John WYNN when he died 1863. It had previously been drawn
in 12/11/1821 by Anne LEVERETT of Wilkes Co.
Also, you were looking for grave of Mary WINN and this is probably
not it, but might give a clue: Mary F. WINN 10/10/1830 - 5/6/1905 is
bur. Pendergrass Cem., Jackson Co., GA.
1142 Gracewood Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30316:
18. Lillie Clower Morris, Seek info Benning Moore CLOWER b 1/7/1849
d when? Who m Nancy MERRITT b 4/2/1852 d about 1890 prob. Brownsville,
TN. Have written them for d rec.--no luck.
Ans: GHS member Ann Lynn Link took Mrs. Morris to Bethesda and Zoar
Meth. church cemeteries in Gwinnett to see CLOWER graves. I wonder
if Brownsville TN should be Brownsville, TEXAS?
19. Alma B. Richards, 9165 Woodbine St., Baton Rouge, LA 70815:
Like to hear from relatives of McKinsey H. SORROW b abt. 1808 Jackson
Co., GA, m Elizabeth GUNTER and sold land 1894 to Joe CHUPP of DeKalb
Co. Property adjoined that of Joseph BROOKS.
20. Mel Schmidt, 19917 Grim Rd. NE, Aurora, OR 97002: Seek info
on gggrandparents, William and Catherine EZELL. Who were their offspring
and who did they marry, etc?
Ans: That family is written about on pp 186-7 in our latest book,
Gwinnett Co., GA, Families 1818-1968. Still available for $31 by mail
from GHS at P.O. Box 261, Lawrenceville, GA 30246.
info on these families: FOWLER, JOHNSON, GOOLSBY, BORN, STYLES,
WILSON, EDWARDS, DOCKERY, PILGRIM, HUTSON, SWAIN, CANTRELL, SEABOLT,
ELLENBURG and BRISON. Laz DOCKERY b NC had sisters, Haley (m Sam'l
CALWELL) and __ (m SEABOLT and remained in GA). Laz said to have
moved to Texas ca. 1850.

COMMUNITY OF "GLENN" FOUND

Gertrude Stephens phoned after GHS newsletter 1981-3 (page 38)
asked if anyone knew where Glenn community was. Gertrude says
it is probably in Snellville where Rockbridge Rd. crosses US 78.
There was once a Glenn School there and Gertrude was a teacher there
--her first job--in 1933. The school burned down the next year, she
recalls, and they had a women's clubhouse there. The school was
in front of Paula and J.C. POUNDS' home, Gertrude remembers.

DE KALB HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING NOTICE

Next quarterly meeting will be June 8 at 7:30 P.M. at Chamblee
High School, 3688 Chamblee-Dunwoody Rd., Chamblee, GA.

They are also holding another "I remember Hour" in the Old Courthouse
in Decatur May 27 at 4 P.M. A speaker from the black community will
recall events of by-gone days in DeKalb.
WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

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