

Photographs – Clay County Library

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Aerial Map of Fort Gaines, Georgia (Circa between 1930 – 1933)

Three years ago this aerial map was found in a trunk at the McAllister home. We have been able to make a good estimate of the age of the map because of some of the landmarks. It has been enlarged and it shows a remarkably good picture of the area. At the time this aerial picture was taken Fort Gaines had a population of 1275. There were no paved roads.

Noteworthy places on the map are:

- (1) Ravine Road (Presently Blakely Road)
- (2) Mac and Eoline Smith house and land (Formerly Tennille property)
- (3) "Big Gully" (Site of old road to the First Wooden Covered Bridge)
- (4) Washington Street
- (5) Washington Street extension
- (6) Elm Street (Before Hartford Road was extended)
- (7) Hartford Street
- (8) Cemetery Lane (Presently New Park Road)
- (9) Wilson Street
- (10) Clay County Public School (Building was completed in 1930 and served the children of Clay County until 1970.)
- (11) Clay County Court House
- (12) Clay County Jail
- (13) Hancock Street
- (14) Carroll Street
- (15) Commerce Street
- (16) Jefferson Street
- (17) Church Street
- (18) Eufaula Road

Note: an enlarged copy of this photo hangs in the librarian's office

Peggy G. Brown

August 2005

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Virginia McAllister – J.H. "Red" Hall, Jr. Wedding, June 29, 1940

Front row (children, L-R): Ginger Rich, Jack Cowart, Quintilla Beers, Marianne Morris, Sue Grimsley

Back row (L-R): John Turner McAllister, Annie Susie Cowart, J.H. Hall, Jr., Virginia McAllister, Rev. Barnum (A.B.) Hawkes, J. Henderson Hall

Gift, Peggy Brown, 2005

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Virginia McAllister Hall, April 6, 1953

Gift, Peggy Brown, 2005

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Susie Helton
Robert Chambers McAllister
Gift, Peggy Brown, 2005

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Watermelon Party at Fort Gaines, GA
7 women, 4 men, and 1 child, all unidentified, sitting on bank of Chattahoochee River in front of covered bridge. Copied from unidentified publication.
Gift, Marilyn Crapps

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Old Castleberry place, home of Mrs. Charles Roberts, 1 mile south of Burnett House, Rt 39, Clay County, GA

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City Drug Store, Fort Gaines, GA
Reception given to the five "McAllister" medal winners at City Drug Store, Gw M. Mills, Proprietor, June 16, 1911(?). The "donor" is on left. The chairman of the school trustees on the right.

L to R:

Robert McAllister
Virginia McAllister Hall (Mrs."Red") (little girl)
Robbie McAllister Grimsley (Mrs. W.G.)
Nell Sutton (Mrs. Fred)
Hortense King Fowler (little girl) (Mrs. Robert)
Edna Roberts
John Turner McAllister (little boy)
Ben Turnipseed

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Ricks House, Clay County
"now falling down – owned by some strangers. Known for hospitality, etc in years gone by – off Rt 39 1 mile south of Castleberry place. In years past this was known as a famous gamblers' spot, being only a short distance from the river boats. Old "Ricks" place was moved to Westville near Lumpkin, GA

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Fort Gaines High School 8th grade, 1924-1925
Front Row:
P.C. King, Jr, Robert McRae
Ward Pafford
John Hurst
Nell Younce
Emma D. Sanders

Second Row:

Robert Gay
James Barton
Annie Lynn McAllister
Dixie Jones
Elberta Cole
Malda Watson
Eunice King

Third Row:

John Ed Standley
James Hobbs
Mary Harwell (Mrs. Mary Harwell Crapps)
Walter Standley
Jack Little

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Fort Gaines School, 1938-1939
Teachers and students, all unidentified

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Clay County Sheriff Roger Shivers at Clay County Library, 10/29/1992

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Clay County, Joe King (L), Al Fendley (R)

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Bluffton Mayor, Kathy Collier - Jan, 1993

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Fort Gaines Mayor, Dr. David Wetherby - Jan, 1993

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Gerald Isler, Chairman, Clay County Board of Commissioners – Jan, 1993

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Fort Gaines Lions' Club Chicken-que, July 4 (1993?)
L-R Bill Pereau, Ralph Killebrew, James Fowler

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First Presbyterian Church of Fort Gaines. Original structure on Jefferson Street

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Probate Judge, Randolph County, Retirement Party – 12/30/1992
Standing: Linda Jackson, secretary (L), Marjorie Lapp, former secretary (R)
Sitting: Judge A.W. Palmer, Maxine Palmer

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Fort Gaines Elementary School ?-grade class photo, 1952-1953, unidentified children and teacher

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Fort Gaines Elementary School ?-grade class photo, 1953-1954, unidentified children and teacher

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Crystal Benton, Jessica Harn at Clay County Library, Fort Gaines, GA 7/29/1992

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Frances P. Messer, Librarian, Clay County Library and Senator Mark Taylor

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Sparks State Technical College graduation 9/3/1993

(L to R): Fernandous Wright, Dr. Linda C. Young, SSTC President, Kathryn D. Smith, Carla D. Patterson

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Fort Gaines, GA Womens Club House, 1989

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Iris Pate's retirement party from the Fort Gaines Bank after 49 years.

(L-R): Tim Ingram, President Fort Gaines Bank, Iris Pate, Herbert Haley, Chairman of the Bank Board

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New Artesian well at Fort Gaines, GA, 1909

Adult at left: J.E. Paullin

Also:

A.W. Holley, Councilman

J.B. Chandler, Contractor

N.H. McLendon, Councilman

R.C. McAllister, Councilman

J.L. Hurst, Mayor

Myric Day, Mayor Pro Tem

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Fort Gaines High School 1976 Seniors:

1st row: Tal Kitchens, Regina Brookins, Trey Anderson, Ed Chance, Barbara Phelps, Jim Wood or Hill Crapps

2nd row: Ronnie Best, Ron Bertrand, Martha Flournoy, Jeff Baxter, Tippy Crozier, Steve Shivers, Steven Spencer

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Watermelon Party at Fort Gaines, GA, circa 1895 and letter from Ella Will Fellows, 1991. Copy from "Fruits of Industry, Points and Pictures Along Central of Georgia Railroad", © 1895.

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First Methodist Church and Parsonage, Fort Gaines, GA

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- a) Marty R. Godwin, 1980
- b) Laura & Paul Vogtman
- c) Laura Vogtman & Marty Godwin
- d) Laura Vogtman & Bud Gay
- e) Sarah Giddens Godwin

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Dr. William James Johnson, photo and written history:

"Dr. William J. Johnson, a pioneer of Fort Gaines, GA, was born in Jasper County in 181 and died in 1886. He served as the Grand High Priest in Masonry in 1878. He started the first Masonic Lodge in Fort Gaines on one of his plantations.

He served suffering humanity for fifty-four years. He discovered enlightened methods of treatment for many diseases of which honorary degrees were conferred upon him by many Colleges of Distinction.

His country always honored him with any position which he would accept. He served as mayor of Fort Gaines, Judge of the Inferior Court, both Houses of the Legislature and was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in Charleston in 1860. He was a man of high morals and had a most sensitive appreciation of honor and virtue. He was loved by all who knew him.

He and his beloved wife, Mary Amanda Henderson Johnson had fourteen children."

"Dr. Johnson was born in Jasper County, GA on Jan. 25, 1811 and died on May 12, 1886, in Dade City, FL. Was the son of Rev. Samuel Johnson, D.D., the first Methodist minister to serve in Fort Gaines in 1821. He became a mason in 1840 and was exalted to the Royal Arch in 1844. He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia Royal Arch Masons in 1878. He was High Priest of the LaFayette Chapter, No. 12, Fort Gaines, almost from the time of its organization until 1872, when he declined re-election. He also declined to serve as Grand High Priest but one year, setting a precedent for one-year terms. Previously, Grand High Priests had served for decades, which accounts for the fact that only seven Grand High Priests preceded him in that office. The first Masonic Building was build on Dr. Johnson's plantation.

Dr. Johnson was admitted to the practice of medicine in GA in 1834. He had a long and distinguished record as a physician and served as President of the Medical Association. He also served as a judge, in the House of Representatives and Senator.”

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- a) Margaret Gloria Vogtman
- b) Jack Martin Godwin
- c) James D. Mott

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Downtown Fort Gaines, Hancock St., 1912

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Capt. John B. Johnson 1841-1922

“Capt. John B Johnson, a native of Fort Gaines, was the son of Dr. William James and Mary Amanda Henderson Johnson. He was the uncle of Laura G. Johnston Mott Vogtman, Great-uncle of Sarah Mott Godwin and Great-great uncle of Martin R. Godwin.

He graduated from Emory and Henry of Va. and West Point Academy. He served throughout the Civil War in the Confederacy. He was one of the officers in charge of protecting Fort Gaines from Federal gunboats. He was a lawyer, a member of the GA Legislature of 1871-72, 73-74 in which he was prominent. He established two newspapers, “The Waldo Advertiser” and the “Pasco County Democrat” in Dade City, FL. He was a member of the constitutional convention of Florida in 1885, a member of the Florida legislature in 1893 and served as Speaker of the House.”

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Rev. Samuel Johnson, D.D.

“Father of Dr. W.J. Johnson of Fort Gaines. Grandfather of Capt. John B. Johnson and Inez Zamora Johnson Johnston, both of Fort Gaines. Great grandfather of Laura G. Johnston Mott Vogtman.

1818- Rev. Johnson was the first minister of the gospel in Early County. Served as the first Methodist Episcopal Church Minister. He was an elected officer to direct the affairs of the township. He was a commissioned trustee to charter the Fort Gaines Academy, etc.”

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Mary Amanda Henderson Johnson, beloved wife of Dr. W.J. Johnson, daughter of Major Henderson and grandmother of Laura Johnston Mott Vogtman. Born in 1812, died in 1910.”

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1912 Street scene in front of Killingsworth Cotton Warehouse, Washington Street.

From the R.C. McAllister photo collection

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Chattahoochee River Boating Scene, Fort Gaines, GA

Donated by Dr. Ben Jenkins

Given by Tom Moreland Family

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1910 Street Fair, Fort Gaines, downtown Washington Street.

From the R.C. McAllister photo collection

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Artesian Well, Fort Gaines, GA.

Donated by Dr. Ben Jenkins

Given by Tom Moreland Family

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Fort Gaines, GA High School

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Fort Gaines Hospital Staff 1985/86

l-r: Dr. Virendra M Saxena, Dr. David Wetherby, Dr. Albert Stone, Dr. Young, Dr. Homer P. Wood, Administrator Bill Daniel

Donated by Pat Jacobs Mann

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Charlie Sutlive

P2007.044

a), b), c) Toney House, Old Standley Home, Clay County, Georgia

“Old Standley Home before being ?? and moved several miles north to present location on lake – This was once a tavern and has been called the Toney House.”

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Army corps of Engineers meeting 1993

a) Walter Bakes

b) Claude Cook

c) Buck Earnst

d) Buck Earnst

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Aim Well A.M.E. Church
Hwy 37
Fort Gaines, GA
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Bethel Baptist Church
Hwy 39S
Clay County, GA
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Bluffton Baptist Church
Bluffton, GA
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Bluffton United Methodist Church
Bluffton, GA
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Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church
Church Street
Fort Gaines, GA
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Church of Christ
North Hancock Street
Fort Gaines, GA
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Ebenezer A.M.E. Church
1st Kolomokee Road
Clay County, GA
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CR135
Days Crossroad
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Enon Baptist Church
Hwy 27
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Enterprise Baptist Church
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Fort Gaines Baptist Church
Washington Street
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Fort Gaines Methodist Church
Commerce Street
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Fort Gaines Presbyterian Church
North Hancock Street
Fort Gaines, GA
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Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Bluff Street
Bluffton, GA
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Kennon Grove Baptist Church
Cottonhill Road
Fort Gaines, GA
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Macedonia Baptist Church
CR 80, Macedonia Road
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Mount Calvary Baptist Church
CR 9, Mount Calvary Road
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Mount Gilead Baptist Church
Cottonhill Road
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Mount Vernon Baptist Church
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Mount Zion A.M.E. Church
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Fort Gaines, GA
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New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
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New Harvest Worship Center
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New Hope A.M.E. Church
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New Jackson Baptist Church
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New Lowell United Methodist Church
Drag Nasty Creek Road
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St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church
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St. Peter A.M.E. Church
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Shiloh Baptist Church
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Union A.M.E. Church

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