

Plantation Trace / Scenic Southwest Georgia

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Counties

County	Creation Date	County Seat	Courthouse Record Loss*
Baker	1825	Newton	Yes
Berrien	1856	Nashville	No
Brooks	1858	Quitman	No
Calhoun	1854	Morgan	Yes
Clay	1854	Fort Gaines	No
Clinch	1850	Homerville	Yes
Colquitt	1856	Moultrie	Yes
Cook	1918	Adel	No
Decatur	1825	Bainbridge	Yes
Dougherty	1853	Albany	No
Early	1818	Blakely	Yes
Grady	1905	Cairo	Yes
Lanier	1920	Lakeland	No
Lowndes	1825	Valdosta	No
Miller	1856	Colquitt	Yes
Mitchell	1857	Camilla	No
Quitman	1858	Georgetown	Yes
Randolph	1828	Cuthbert	No
Seminole	1920	Donalsonville	Yes
Terrell	1856	Dawson	No
Thomas	1825	Thomasville	Yes
Tift	1905	Tifton	No
Turner	1905	Ashburn	No
Worth	1853	Sylvester	Yes

*A courthouse loss does not mean all records were lost, contact the courthouse for available records.

Cities

Adel	Colquitt	Lake Park	Parrott
Albany	Cuthbert	Lakeland	Pelham
Arlington	Dawson	Leary	Quitman
Ashburn	Doerun	Lenox	Remerton
Bainbridge	Donalsonville	Morris	Sasser
Blakely	Edison	Moultrie	Sylvester
Boston	Fargo	Nashville	Thomasville
Cairo	Fort Gaines	Newton	Tifton
Camilla	Georgetown	Norman Park	Valdosta
Cecil	Homerville	Ochlocknee	

Genealogical Societies

- Huxford Genealogical Society, Homerville: www.Huxford.com
- Southwest Georgia Genealogical Society, Albany: www.swggs.org

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- South Georgia Genealogical Society, Thomasville: www.tcpls.org/community-resource-directory/south-georgia-genealogical-society

Historical Societies

- Cook County Historical Society, 180 Gary Lane, Adel
- Decatur County Historical & Genealogical Society Museum, 127 E. Water St., Bainbridge
- Early County Historical Society, Blakely: www.genealogyinc.com/Georgia/early-county
- Grady County Historical Society, Inc. 101 N. Broad Street, Cairo: www.gradyhistorical.org
- Terrell County Historic and Preservation Society, Dawson: <http://www.tchps.org>

Some Genealogical and Historical Societies may have books or materials for sale, please check their website.

Repositories

- Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library, Moultrie: www.mccls.org/the-ellen-payne-odom-genealogy-library,
- Huxford – Spear Genealogical Library, Homerville: www.Huxford.com

Resources

- Family Search Wiki: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Georgia,_United_States_Genealogy
- Georgia Archives, Morrow: www.georgiaarchives.org
- Georgia Historical Society, Savannah: www.GeorgiaHistory.com
- National Archives & Records Administration (NARA), Morrow: www.archives.gov/Atlanta
- Newberry Library -Atlas of Historical County Boundaries – <https://publications.newberry.org/ahcbp/pages/Georgia.html>