



GWINNETT GAZETEER

Lawrenceville
Gwinnett County, Georgia

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About the Town and All Around Information

A textile factory was organized and operated in Lawrenceville for several years, beginning in middle eighteen fifties and continuing until 1864 when it was destroyed by the Yankees when Sherman was marching through this State.

From the time the town was incorporated in 1821 to 1883, the municipal affairs of the town had been operated by a board of five commissioners elected annually by popular vote. The first board was named in the act to incorporate the town. The last board served during the year 1883 and included Sam J. Winn, W. E. Brown, M. L. Adair, W. C. Cole, and John H. Spence. Winn was elected president of the board, Adair secretary, Brown treasurer, and John B. Thompson marshal. The policeman's salary was \$12.50 a month. Spence died Nov. 14th at the age of 24 years. On December 3rd the commissioners ordered the treasurer to pay A. T. Baugh, D. N. Gouge, W. M. Austin and J. W. Shackelford one dollar each for police duty on the night the Born hotel was destroyed by fire.

Four street lamps were erected on the corner of the courthouse square, one on each corner, at the cost of \$12.50 each.

These were some of the acts of the last board of commissioners during the year 1883.

New Law in 1884 Places Town under Mayor and Council

First Mayor: John Clay Smith, lawyer, Rep. in Legislature.

Second Mayor: F. F. Juhan *

A new law placed the town under a mayor and council at the beginning of 1884. John Clay Smith was the first mayor. He was a lawyer and after serving the town as mayor for three years he resigned after having been elected to represent the county in the legislature. F. F. Juhan was chosen mayor *to serve until the next election.

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