

GWINNETT GAZETEER

Pinckneyville
Gwinnett County, Georgia



Pinckneyville

was the oldest white village in this area. It was built on the original old Peachtree Road where the southbound traffic coming out of the Cherokee country down Rogers Road and Medlock Road crossed the Chattahoochee River. Here several Indian trails converged.

This hamlet was named for Charles Pinckney, American Diplomat of South Carolina, on the occasion of his visit here.

There was a trading post and the Militia and Inferior Court met here. A post office was maintained from 1828-1866.

About 400 yards southwest from the cross roads stood the inn where the stagecoaches stopped for passengers and mail from 1830-1834, coming up from Savannah via Jacksonborough, Augusta, Athens, Lawrenceville, Pinckneyville, and going on to Bennington, Alabama.

Churches - Academies

On old Peachtree Road, one-fourth mile to the east, Mt. Carmel Church was organized in 1826. Many of the first settlers lie buried in the near-by cemetery. Washington Academy, two and one-half miles west, was incorporated in 1827 to provide education for the children of the community. Later Shiloh Baptist Church was organized there.

About 1870 the village moved to Norcross. This was when the railroad was built through Gwinnett County.

Early Settler's Families

Many descendants of the early families still live in Pinckneyville and are closely identified with the community. These include the Martin, Hoyle, Jones, Medlock, Hunnicutt, Hamilton, Nesbit, Carroll, Clements, Ivy, Simpson, Dean, Goza, Sudderth, Grogan, Bolton, McDaniel, Hopkins, Russell, Jenkins, and Boyce families.

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