

# WWALS Webinar January 11, 2024

Brooks County Georgia Settlers,  
Little River, Okapilco Creek,  
Juneteenth, and  
Quitman Sewer Problems

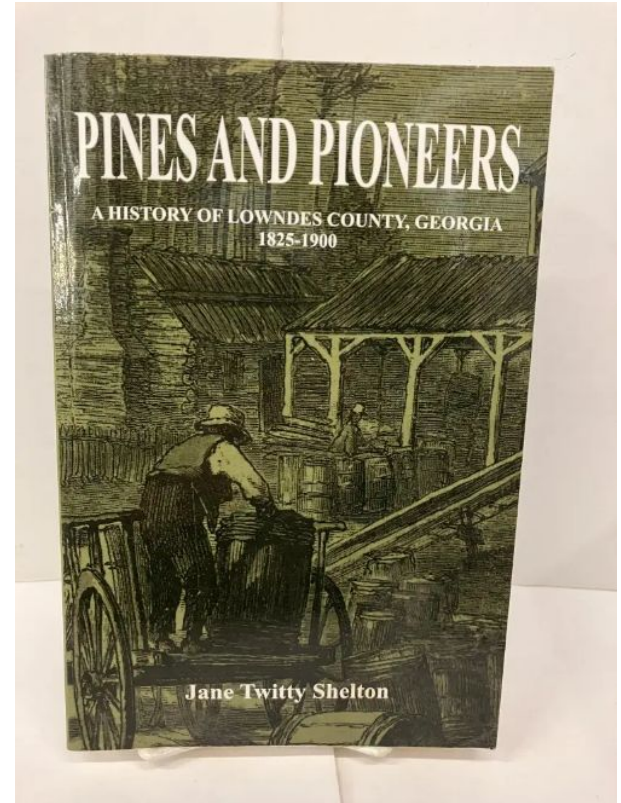
Fannie Marie Jackson Gibbs



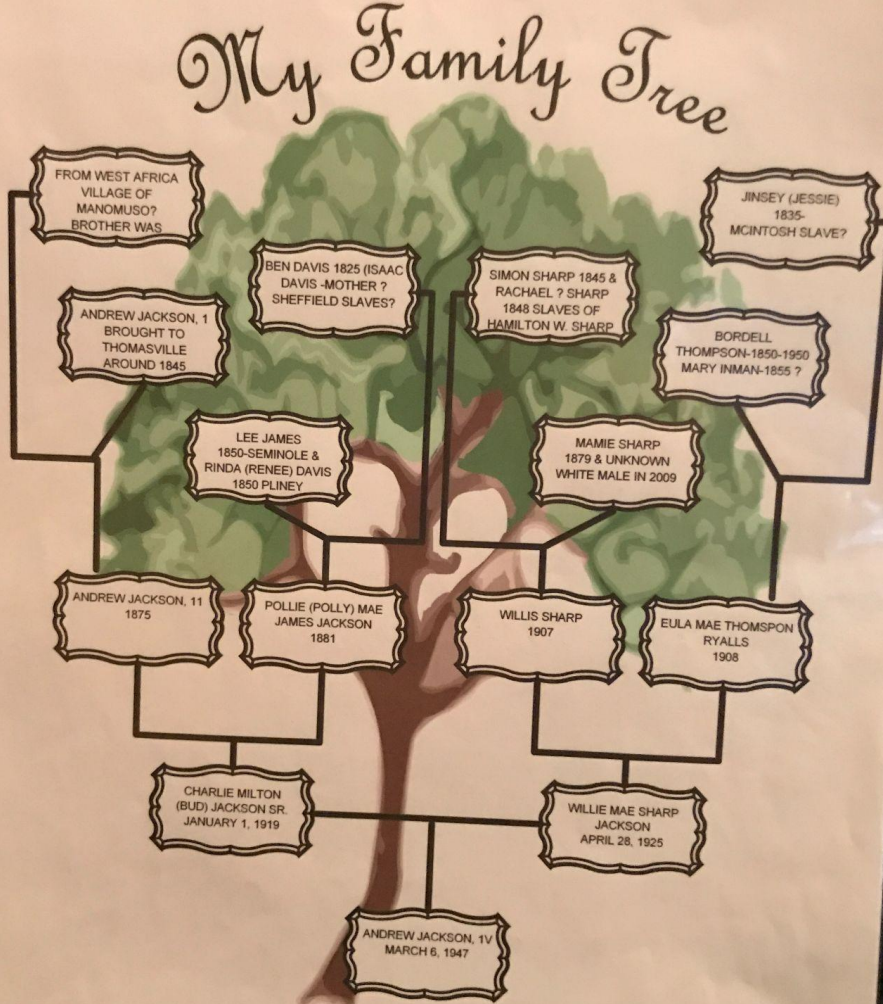
# Ancestors Entrance

Around 1818-1825 with the Early Settlers

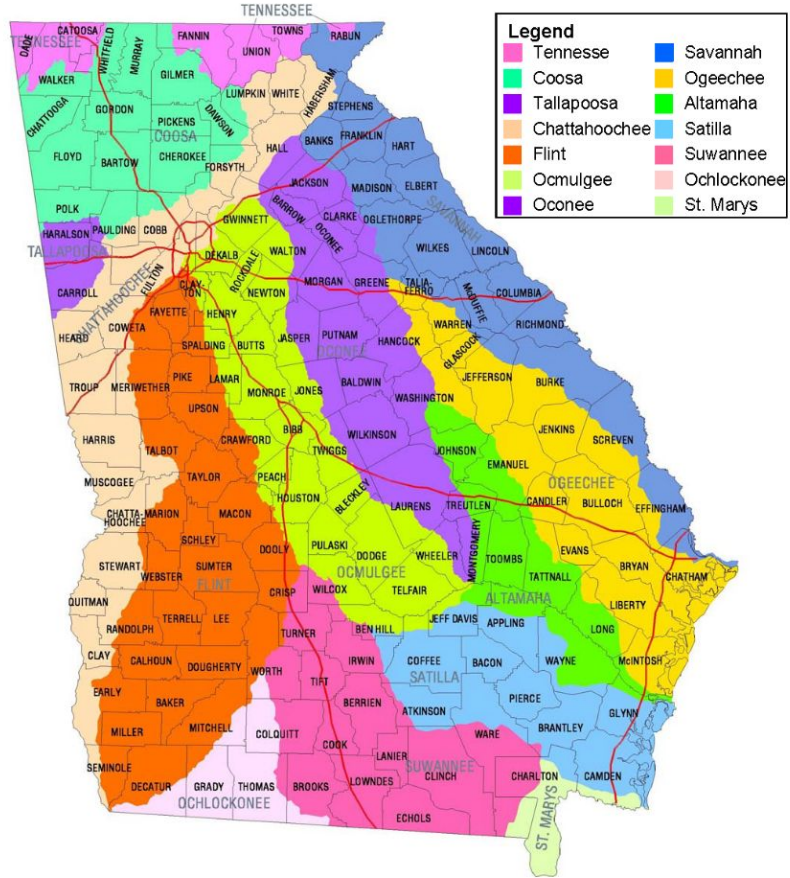
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# Fannie Lineage

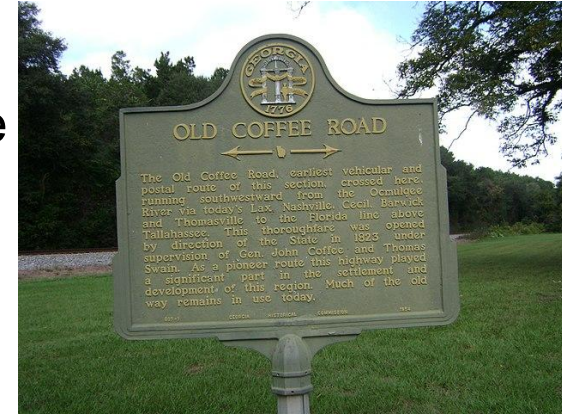


## Georgia's 14 River Basins



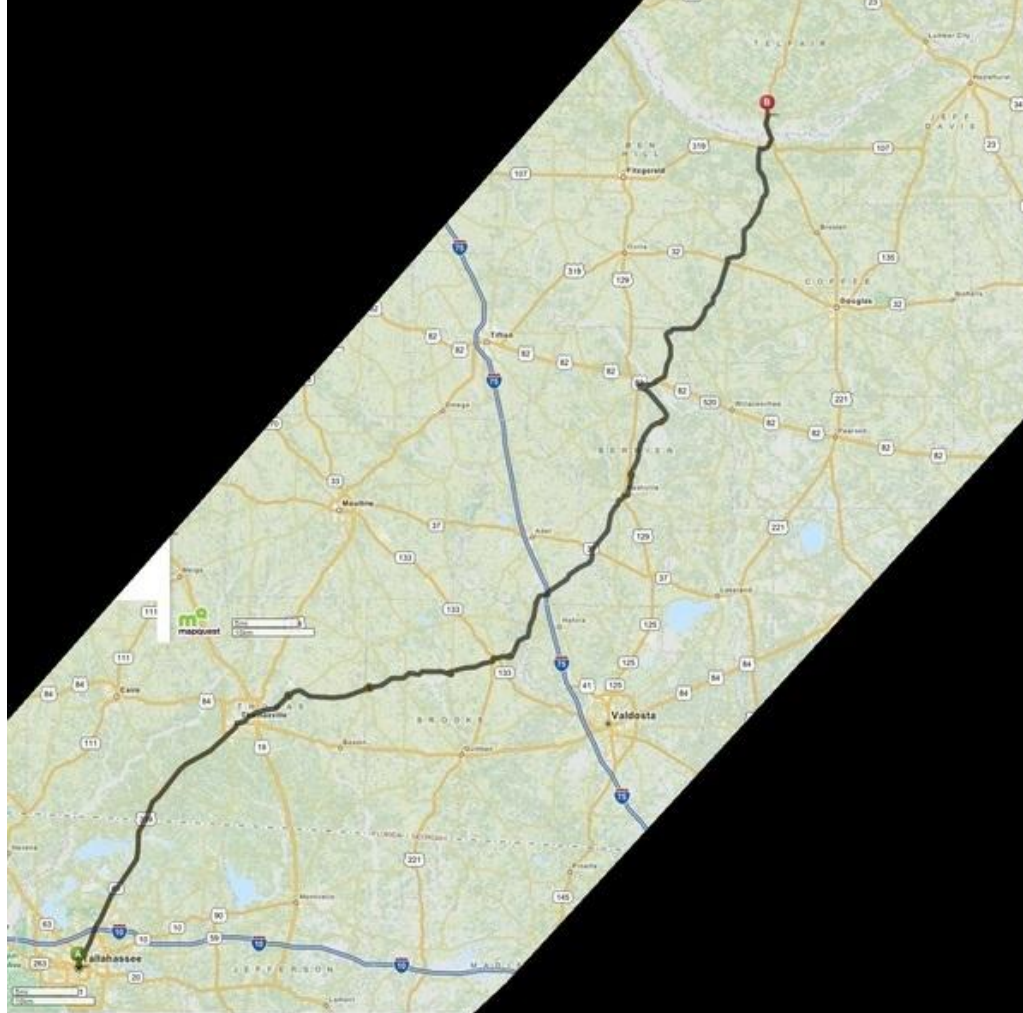
## Establishing Coffee Road

The Old Coffee Road, earliest vehicular and postal route of this section, running southwestward from the Ocmulgee River to the Florida Line, passed through today's Lax, Nashville, Cecil, Barwick and Thomasville. The thoroughfare was opened by direction of the State in 1823 under supervision of Gen. John Coffee and Thomas Swain. Over this pioneer route the products of the region were carried to the coast to be sold and imported goods brought back. Sections of the original route are in use today.



# Old Coffee Road

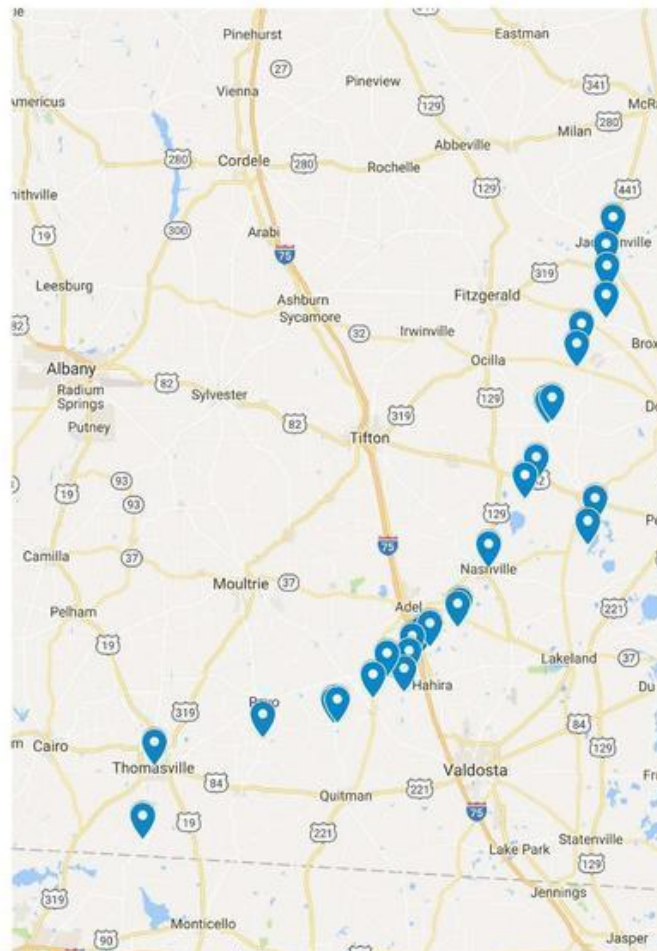
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# Old Coffee Road, Georgia

## Old Coffee Road, Georgia

- Jacksonville
- Pridgen
- Ocilla
- CR 463
- Newts Lane
- Wray Rd
- Wray
- Lax
- GA 158
- Glory
- Springhead Church Rd
- River Rd
- Giddens Rd.
- Nashville
- Cecil
- Pleasant Drive Road
- Withlacoochee River
- Hutchinson Mill Creek
- Franks Creek
- Old Valdosta Road
- Hahira
- Barney
- Morven
- Okapilco Creek
- Quitman
- Barwick
- Thomasville
- Metcalf



# Civil War history

Andrew 1  
and  
daughters





Andrew  
Jackson  
tombstone



Grandma  
and  
Andrew



Ben Davis and Aunt Rinda

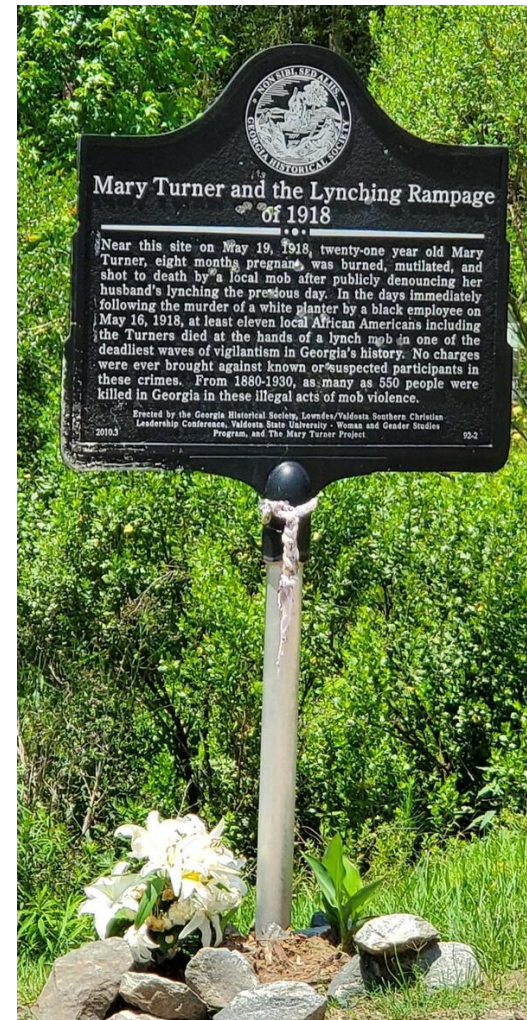


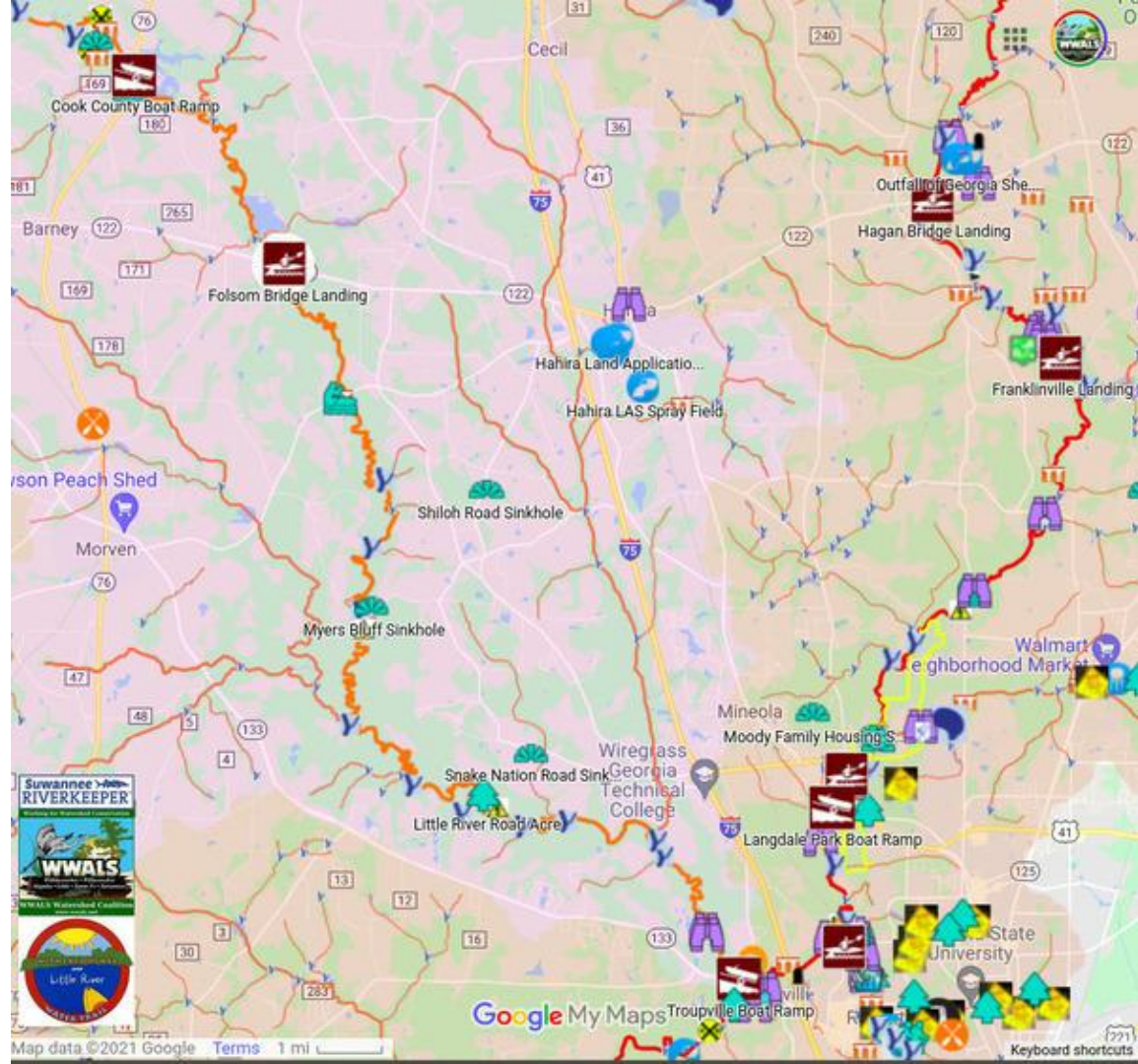
# Mary Turner and The Little River

## Mary Turner and the Lynching Rampage of 1918

Near this site on May 19, 1918, twenty-one year old Mary Turner, eight months pregnant, was burned, mutilated, and shot to death by a local mob after publicly denouncing her husband's lynching the previous day. In the days immediately following the murder of a white planter by a black employee on May 16, 1918, at least eleven African Americans including the Turners died at the hands of a lynch mob in one of the deadliest waves of vigilantism in Georgia's history. No charges were ever brought against known or suspected participants in these crimes, From 1880-1930, as many as 550 people were killed in Georgia in these illegal acts of mob violence.

Erected by the Georgia Historical Society, Lowndes/Valdosta Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Valdosta State University - Woman and Gender Studies Program, and The Mary Turner Project







# Macedonia Cemeteries

Dre  
and  
Hope

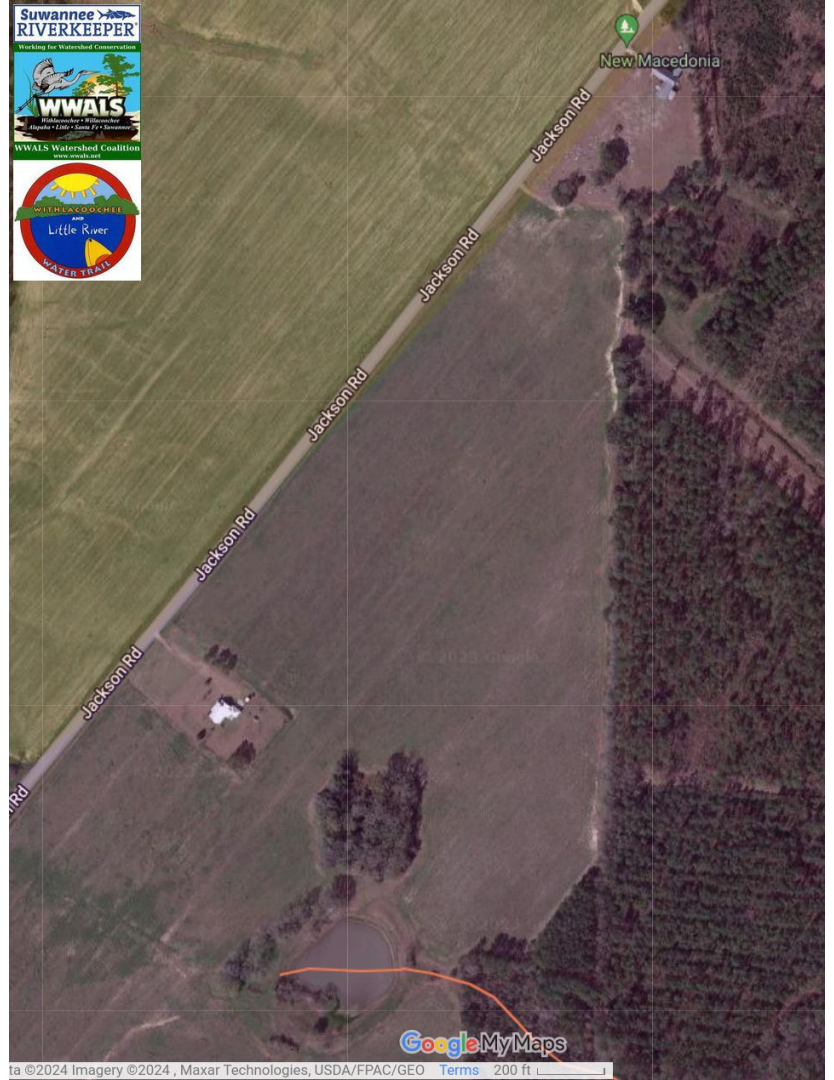


Backhoe at Old  
Macedonia  
Cemetery  
November 13  
2023

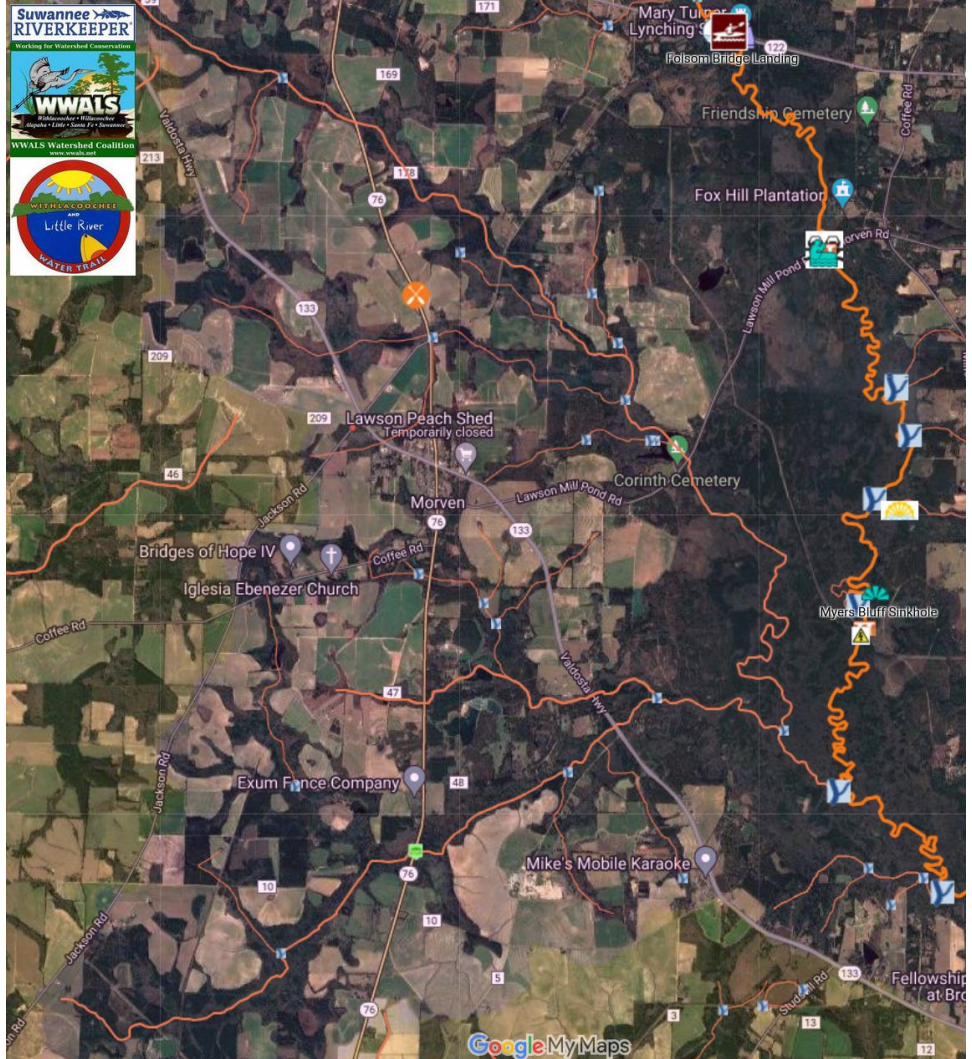




# Map: Macedonia Cemeteries



# Macedonia Cemeteries and Little River

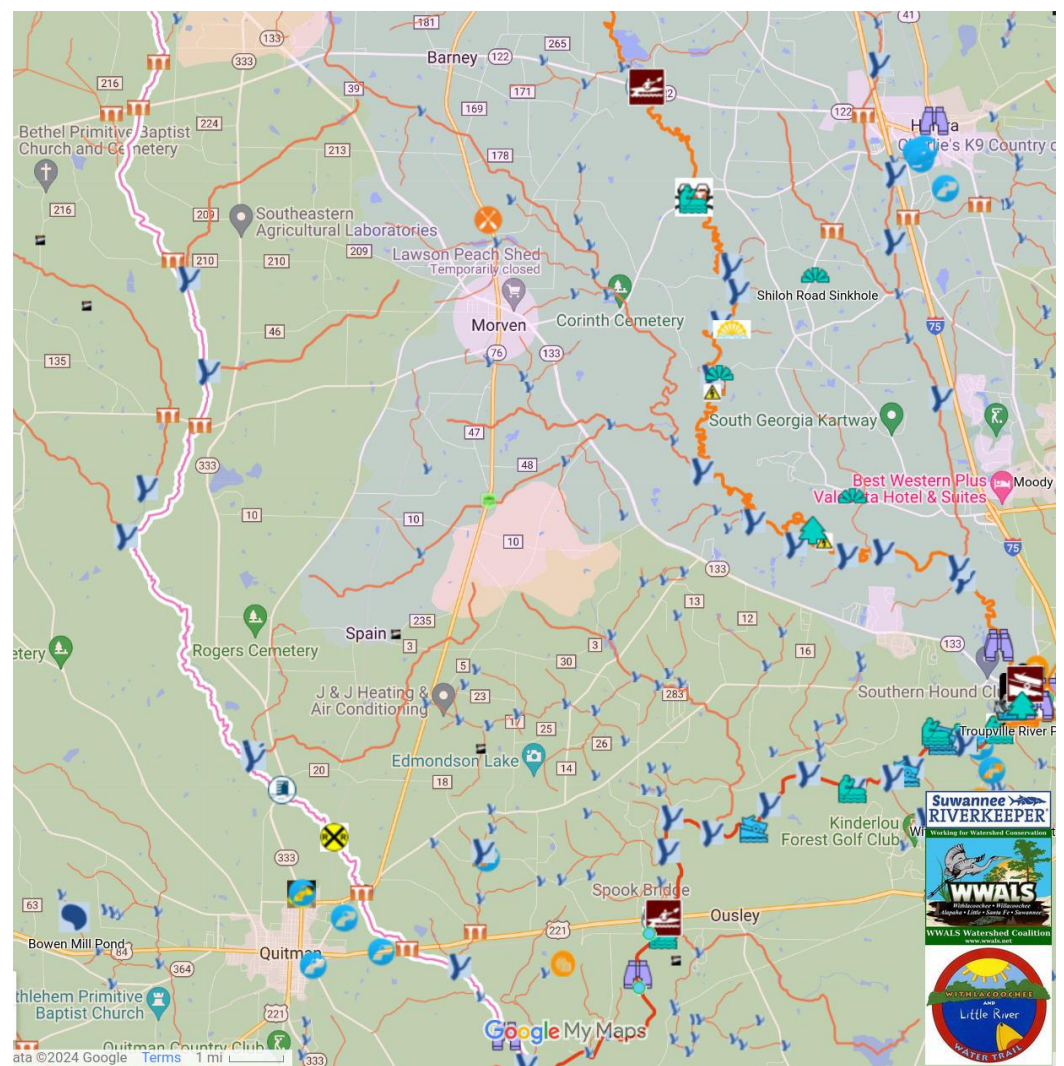


Sidney Jackson 1849-1905



# Following Okapilco Creek

Where Osby ran away  
from the Brooks  
County Courthouse  
to escape the KKK  
pursuit in 1966.



Juneteenth at the  
Brooks County  
Courthouse  
in 2010



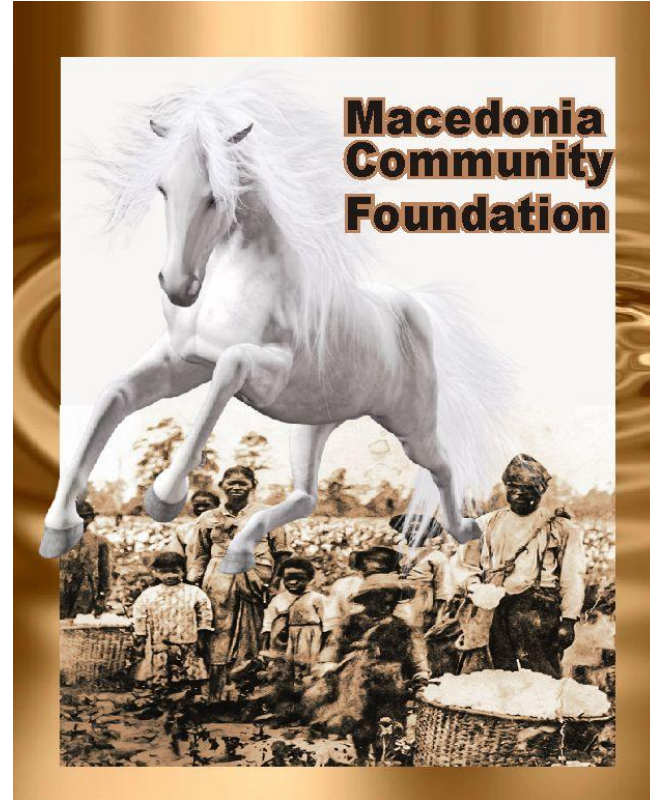
# Juneteenth and WWALS at Reed Bingham State Park



# Juneteenth 2024

South Georgia Juneteenth  
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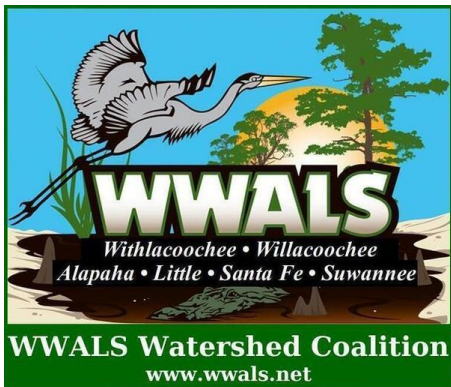
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# Quitman water and sewer problems







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