

## Ghost Towns -

- **Franklinville** – Original county seat – on river at site of a good spring and bridge crossing.
- **Troupville** - In Lowndes County, at the junction of the Withlacoochee River and the Little River. Troupville replaced the short-lived *Lowndesville*. When the railroad came, Troupville residents picked up their houses and moved to the railroad, founding Valdosta.
- **Olympia** – Railroad and sawmill town built on the river along the Georgia & Florida RR (*G&F* – *Nickname* - Ole God Forsaken). On Georgia side of river. Trestle remains on the river.
- **Bellville** - A community by the name of Benton was originally established here in the early 1840's, but the name was changed to Bellville in 1847 to honor James S. Bell, an early settler. Bellville is always prominently displayed on early maps, although one map labels it Rossetters. Rossetters Ferry Landing still visible.
- **Forrest or Echo** – Opposite Madison Blue Springs. A boom town that grew up around the turpentine industry and existed from late 19<sup>th</sup> century to early 20<sup>th</sup>. Appears on old maps and in oral history.
- **Ellaville** – At confluence of the Withlacoochee and Suwannee. Largest sawmill in Florida at the time. Home of Gov. George F. Drew.