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Abstract of 8,432 old Wilkes County Plats

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Preface

Land records are a major source of information on early Georgia settlers arriving in the newly ceded Indian lands that became Wilkes County, Georgia. Volume 2, the companion to Volume 1, is a valuable, separate reference that includes the most complete database of Wilkes County plats, some 8,432 original survey plats, assembled from all sources, including county land records, Georgia Surveyor General materials, and individual copies held by manuscript libraries. These plats are abstracted and listed in tables by the land owner's name, the date, number of acres, water courses, and adjacent land owners. All of these details are fully indexed in this volume. No other source indexes the adjacent land owners by name.

Mr. Crumpton plotted or mapped approximately 85 per cent of the Wilkes County plats. Not all of the early plats could be located on modern county maps in Volume 1 because the earliest settlers had not determined the names of many creeks and isolated plats have unnamed water courses and unnamed or no adjacent land owners. These abstracted plats include important land ownership information that enables researchers to incorporate these abstracts with more recent deed and family information to possibly locate the properties. Copies of the original plats may be obtained for a nominal fee on the Crumptonplats.com website. Researchers are reminded that the spelling of surnames varied during this early settlement period; this volume lists the names as found on the original plats.

Mr. Dan Crumpton's two volumes on "Wilkes County, Georgia Land Records" and Mr. Frank Parker Hudson's two volumes on "Wilkes County, Georgia Tax Records, 1785-1805" form vital cornerstones for early Georgia historical research.

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Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Definition	Abbreviation	Definition
(?)	Not shown or illegible	Mrs	Married Woman
AL	Adjoining Landowner	N	North
Br	Branch	NE	Northeast
CC	Chain Carrier	Nmb	Number
Co	County	NW	Northwest
Col	Colonel	OG	Original Grant
Cpt, Capt	Captain	PL	Previous Landowner
Cr	Creek	R	River
Dec	Deceased	Rd	Road
Dr	Doctor	Rev	Reverend
E	East	Sr	Senior
Esq	Esquire	S	South
Est	Estate	SE	Southeast
Exc	Executor	SW	Southwest
Fk	Fork	Sw	Swamp
Gen	General	W	West
Jr	Junior	Wid	Widow
Mr	Mister	Wtrs	Waters (of)

SURNAMENES AND GIVEN NAMES

The surname (last name) and given name (first name) are shown as spelled and transcribed by the surveyor or scribe. Some plats are shown (drawn) in as many as five different ways, by different people. Most plats of the eighteenth century are transcribed only one or two ways; few are transcribed three or more ways.

In Frontier Georgia, early Wilkes County was on the western frontier in 1777, few public servants had much education. The late Alvin Mell Lunceford, Jr., in his *Taliaferro County, Georgia Records and Notes*, described early spelling in Georgia. "What was present was a free-wheeling attitude of spell it like it sounds."* Proper names were spelled by the way they sounded when a person pronounced them. As quoted from Mr. Lunceford, "Explore them with a sense of adventure and wonderment at a simpler time, forever gone."*

* Alvin Mell Lunceford, Jr. *Taliaferro County, Georgia Records and Notes*, Page 38

Explanation of Headings From Plat List

Plat Nmb	Number assigned to plat for identification, sorting, and filing	
Surname	Last Name	
Given Name	First Name	
Position	Plat	Name of owner or surveyed for
	PL	Previous Landowner
	OG	Original Grant
	AL	Adjoining Landowner
	CC	Chain Carrier (Same as CB)
	CB	Chain Bearer (Same as CC)
	Plat & AL	Owner also had adjoining land
	Plat & CC	Owner also carried (pulled) the chain or was on end of chain
	AL & CC	Adjoining landowner also carried (pulled) the chain or was on end of chain
	Plat & AL & CC	Owner also had adjoining land and also carried (pulled) the chain or was on end of chain
Warrant Date	Date on plat assigned by the Court, County Surveyor, or District Surveyor	
Acres	Number of acres on plat	
Recorded	Plat Book Letter and Page Number	
	Example: C/12 – Plat Book C Page 12	
	Plat Books are from the Georgia Archives and County Courthouses	
Description	Description on an old plat usually meant a water course was identified (branch, creek, river, fork of br., cr., or r.) or the area was drained by the waters of a named stream. Occasionally the name of an old road, trail, or path is given. Names of ferries, bridges, towns, cross roads, islands, etc. are all shown in the description column.	
	A blank under the description column denotes that nothing was shown.	

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As we go to press in late 2014 with Volume Two, I must express my thanks, appreciations, and gratitude to Mrs. Sheila Rogers, Mr. Michael Huebener, and Ms. Elaine C. Neal. They completed this much needed historical resource while I plot old Franklin County plats for our next publication.

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Volume One

My work in these two volumes is incomplete, inexact work. I do not believe any one person will ever finish and complete the exact plotting of old Wilkes County plats, too many errors, mistakes, contradictions, and missing plats.

Volume One shows my plotting of old plats on present day maps. All plats from Georgia Department of Archives and History, Morrow, GA, and Wilkes County, Georgia, Washington, GA, courthouse and other sources were copied. All of my plotting is at a scale of 1" - ½ mile. All of the old plat measurements by surveyors are given in chains. Forty (40) chains = ½ mile; 1 chain = 66 feet; 1 chain X 10 chains = 1 acre; 10 chains X 10 chains = 10 acres; 40 chains X 50 chains = 200 acres; 80 chains X 80 chains = 640 acres (one section); etc. Often times, with a rectangular survey, the old surveyors would simply multiply the sides to compute acres. This scale also enables one to take my books and odometer and find a certain tract of land.

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Volume Two

Volume One consists of plotted plats, ***Volume Two*** are abstracts of old Wilkes County plats referred to in this work. These plats came from State Archives, various courthouses in Georgia, and loose plats from various places. The earliest plat used was dated 1773. The vast majority of plats were dated in the 1780s.

There are 8,432 old plats abstracted and indexed in this volume. There are more names and plats reported in ***Volume Two***, because I was unable to plot many old plats.