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A Biographical Account of Some of the Early Settlers of That Portion of Wiregrass Georgia Embraced in the Original Counties of Irwin, Appling, Wayne, Camden and Glynn.



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Mr. Paxton was a well-to-do farmer in Charlton (formerly in Camden) County, his plantation being located in the Bethel Methodist Church community (of which church the family were faithful members.) During the Civil War he freed his slaves, and after the war sold out and moved to Benton, Columbia County, Fl,orida, near White Springs, where he bought a farm and lived until his death July 6, 1883. He and his last wife were buried in Oak Grove Church Cemetery near his home.

Mr. Paxton's two oldest sons were captains in the Confederate Army, and his son Robert died in the Confederate hospital in Richmond, Va., Feb. 24, 1863. He had enlisted as a private in 1861; his death was caused by consumption. He was 28 years old when he died. The son, David B., was also a Confederate Soldier.

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Henry Peeples' last years were spent in Wiregrass Georgia, moving here in 1848 and locating in the present County of Berrien (but at that time, Lowndes County). and dying there Oct. 30, 1854. He is the forefather of the influential Peeples family of this section, and was born Jan. 14, 1786, in Camden District, S. C. All efforts so far to determine his father's name have failed. His mother's maiden name was Jane Darling and she had several Peeples children, and after her husband's death she married a Mr. Morris and had of diameter several Morris sons. Practically all her Peeples and Morris children moved to Georgia. Henry, the subject, moved before 1807 to Fairfield District, S. C., and was married there about 1812-14 to Miss Mary (Pollie) Smith. Nothing is now known as to her parentage or place or date of birth. By her the following children were born:

1. William Jackson b. 1816, m. Nancy Lee, dau. of Samuel. Cincinnatus

3. Henry Thompson b. 1818, m. 1st. Melissie Camp; 2nd. Julia A.

4. George Anson

6. John J. 7. James Edwin

9. Josephine

b. 1822, burned to death in childhood. b. 1824, m. Mary E. b. 1828, dled young.

8. Richard Augustus b. 1829, m. 1st. Sarah Camp; 2nd. Sarah V. Dent. b. 1831, m. Daniel B. Carroll. Died July 9, 1854.

b. 1817, m. Eliza Cabiness. dau. of Elbridge G.

b. 1820, m. Martha Adeline Willis of Tenn.

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Richard Augustus Peeples was a prominent citizen of Berrien and Lowndes Counties and was born in Hall County, Sept. 14, 1829, son of Henry Peeples. He was married twice. His first marriage was in Hall County to Miss Sarah J. K. Camp, daughter of Berryman and Elizabeth Camp of that county. She was born July 20, 1830, and died in Valdosta, July 31, 1863. of childbirth, on the birth of her fifth child. The second marriage was a year later when he married Miss Sarah Virgina Dent whose parents, Capt. James Preston Dent and wife with their children had "refugeed" shortly before from Savannah to Valdosta. She was born August 26, 1842, and died April 15, 1913, in Valdosta. By her five children were born. The ten children of R. A. Peeples in their order were as follows:

1. Henry Camp 2. Charles Bunyan b. Nov. 21, 1852, m. Hannah Young. b. Sept. 2, 1854, m. Lillian C. Keller, dau. of

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3. Mary Emma 4. Sarah (Sallie)

5. Caroline 6. Walter D. 7. Marietta

b. Dec. 1, 1856, m. Ansel A. Parrish. b. June 13, 1859, m. Chas R. Pendleton. b. July 27, 1863, died soon after birth.

b. Dec. 1. 1864, m. Lula Varnadoe, dau. of J. O.

b. Dec. 1, 1865, m. E. Y. Fry.

Thomas M.

Henry Peeples early engaged in merchandising in South Carolina and followed that occupation after removal to Georgia and on until his death. He also was a farmer. He had a store at Lyles ford on Broad River in Fairfield District, S. C., and seems to have prospered but later "went broke" with heavy investments in cotton when cotton prices went down to new low levels in the early 1820s. He salvaged what he could of his property, and loaded it on wagons and moved to Hall County, Ga., in 1825, where he located at Gillisville, and engaged in a general store business. He moved again, in 1838, to Jefferson, Jackson County, and pursued his mercantile business there with success. Ten years later he decided to move to South Georgia, and he moved to Lowndes County and located at a point on the Coffee Road (main highway of travel) about four miles north of Flat Creek Mills in present Berrien County. There he established and operated a general store until his death, Oct. 30, 1854.

Mr. Peeples' second wife was Mrs. Nancy Parrish, widow of Henry Parrish (Vol. I). They were married about 1851. She survived him. Mr. Peeples was buried at Flat Creek. After his death his son Richard A. Peeples, carried on his store business until the estate