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WIREGRASS GEORGIA**



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He then married Miss Lucy Elizabeth Robinson in Chatham County, Ga., October 17, 1839. She was a daughter of George and Henrietta Robinson and was born August 30, 1819, in South Carolina, and died July 20, 1883, in Appling County, Ga. Born by the last marriage were:

1. Georgia H. b. Apr. 22, 1842, m. D. J. Long in 1863.
2. William M. b. Mar. 9, 1847, m. Vicy Johnson, dau. of William. of Clinch Co.
3. Henry J. Barnes b. Mar. 4, 1854, m. Sarah E. Carter, dau of George of Appling Co.
4. John S. Perry b. June 21, 1857, never married; died 1917.
5. Benjamin R. Allen b. Jan. 5, 1860, m. Sarah E. Crapps of Appling County. Died 1931.

Rev. and Mrs. Craven united with the Homerville Baptist Church by letter in January, 1870. He died a member and she was afterward, in 1879, dismissed by letter, having returned to her old home in Appling County, where she lived until her death.

CENSUS REFERENCE: 1860, *Appling*; 1870, *Clinch*.

CREWS, *Micajah*

1810-1877

BRANTLEY

MICAJAH CREWS was born in South Carolina, Feb. 10, 1810, a son of Alexander and Lucy Crews. His parents moved to lower Wayne County in Georgia in 1820, and he grew up in Wayne and Camden counties and lived in that section until his death. He married Emaliza, daughter of James Robinson, an early settler of lower Wayne County. She was born in North Carolina, January 7, 1822, and died December 22, 1896. There were seventeen children born to Mr. and Mrs. Crews, however, only ten lived to be grown and married. Of the seven who died in childhood, three were unnamed and four were named respectively, James, Mary, Elizabeth and Alexander. The other ten were:

1. Easter b. 1840, m. Jesse Altman.
2. Civility b. 1842, m. William B. Griffin.
3. Bryant b. 1844, m. Mary Dowling, dau. of David C.
4. Nancy b. 1847, m. James P. Jones.
5. Riley b. 1849, m. Mary Cason, dau. of James.
6. Hampton J. b. 1853, m. 1st. Lusina Summerall; 2nd. Bathsh-ba Guy, dau. of William; (3) Mrs. Sallie Robinson Lowther.
7. Archibald b. 1854, m. Martha Griffin, dau. of Dempsey, Sr.
8. Kizzie b. 1857, m. William Randall Anderson.
9. Banner b. 1859, m. 1st. Hattie Griffin, dau. of Dempsey, Sr. 2nd. Lovey Thomas.
10. Emaline b. 1860, m. John Riley Dowling; moved to Fla.

Micajah Crews lived in the 590th district of Ware County but was cut off into Pierce County in its creation in 1858. This territory is now in Brantley County. Mr. Crews died at

his home near Hickox, Oct. 3, 1877. He and his wife are buried at old High Bluff Primitive Baptist Church.

CENSUS REFERENCES: 1840, 1850, *Ware*; 1860, *Pierce*.

*CREWS, Stephen*

1795-1848

ECHOLS

STEPHEN CREWS was born in Beaufort district, S. C., about 1795, and was a son of Alexander Crews by his first wife. He was married in South Carolina to Elizabeth Larrisey, born 1800 in Georgia. Her parents were born in Ireland. With his family he moved to Georgia and is found in 1820 Census in Camden county. He resided in that portion of Camden formerly in Wayne County. He later moved to the lower part of then Ware county, on the west side of the Okefenokee Swamp, and became one of the first settlers of that section before 1830. His home was in the 719th district of Ware county; in 1850, this territory was cut into the new County of Clinch, and in 1858, into Echols county. Mr. Crews died about 1848; his wife was a widow in 1850. He was buried at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church; grave is unmarked. Children of Stephen and Elizabeth were:

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| 1. Mary       | b. 1814, m. Benjamin Crews, a cousin.                             |
| 2. William B. | b. 1818, m. Martha North, dau. John J.                            |
| 3. Nancy      | b. 1822, m. James North, son of John J.                           |
| 4. Joseph     | b. 1825, m. Nancy North, dau. of James, Sr.                       |
| 5. John L.    | b. 1826, m. Mariah Sears, dau. of Harrison.                       |
| 6. Stephen    | b. 1833, m. Clarisy Collier. Moved to Fla.                        |
| 7. Micajah    | b. 1818, m. Martha North, dau. of John J.                         |
| 8. Caroline   | b. 1839, m. James T. Padgett of Echols County.                    |
| 9. Moses      | b. 1842, died young.  |
| 10. James     | b. 1848, m. Lucy Burnett, dau. of John. Moved to New Smyrna, Fla. |

Mr. Crews was baptized Oct. 1, 1843, and entered into the organization of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church near his home, and he died a member. He was elected one of its deacons Dec. 2, 1843, and was ordained two days later. Mrs. Crews was baptized at the same time and was also one of the organizing members. She died a member about 1885.

Mr. Crews served as a spy in 1817 in the Camden county militia under Maj. Wm. Bailey, during Indian troubles of that year. He and his son, Joseph, were privates in Capt. John J. North's volunteer militia company serving on the Florida border in April, 1842. Another son, Wm. B. Crews, served as 2nd Lieutenant.

CENSUS REFERENCES: 1820, *Camden*; 1830, 1840, *Ware*; 1850, *Clinch* (widow only); 1860, *Echols* (widow only).

## ABOUT THIS BOOK

**SOURCES OF INFORMATION:** The data contained in the sketches in this book, was gathered by the Compiler from many sources, often unrelated and far apart, and over a period of many years. The principal sources of information were as follows: Old people of the Confederate soldier generation, now long since deceased, and a few very old people now living; old family Bible records (of these very, very few were found); old newspaper files; Primitive Baptist Church records; early minutes, 1815-40, of the Piedmont Missionary Baptist Association; tombstone inscriptions; Census records in Washington; State-house records in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, including the respective Departments of Archives and History in these states; court-house records in the older counties of Georgia created before 1825; court-house records of the counties in "Wiregrass Georgia"; court-house records in Barnwell and Edgefield and Charleston Counties, S. C., and in Robeson, Sampson and Duplin Counties, N. C., and in Jefferson, Madison, Suwannee, Hamilton and Duval Counties, Fla.

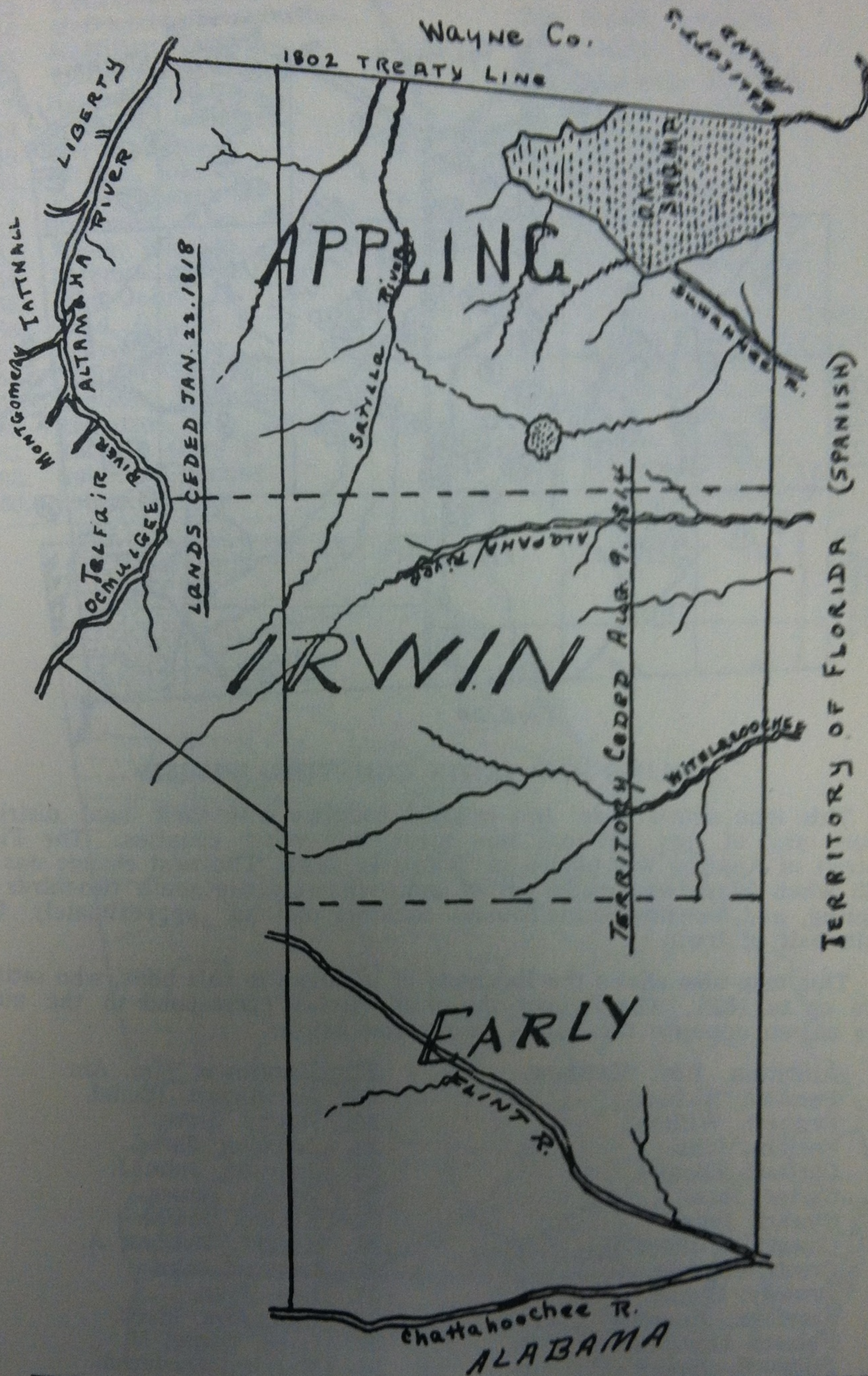
To the foregoing should be added the information that was afforded the Compiler by several county histories of this section already published; also valuable data given the Compiler by other historians and genealogists (see further).



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**THE ORIGINAL COUNTIES OF APPLING, IRWIN AND EARLY**

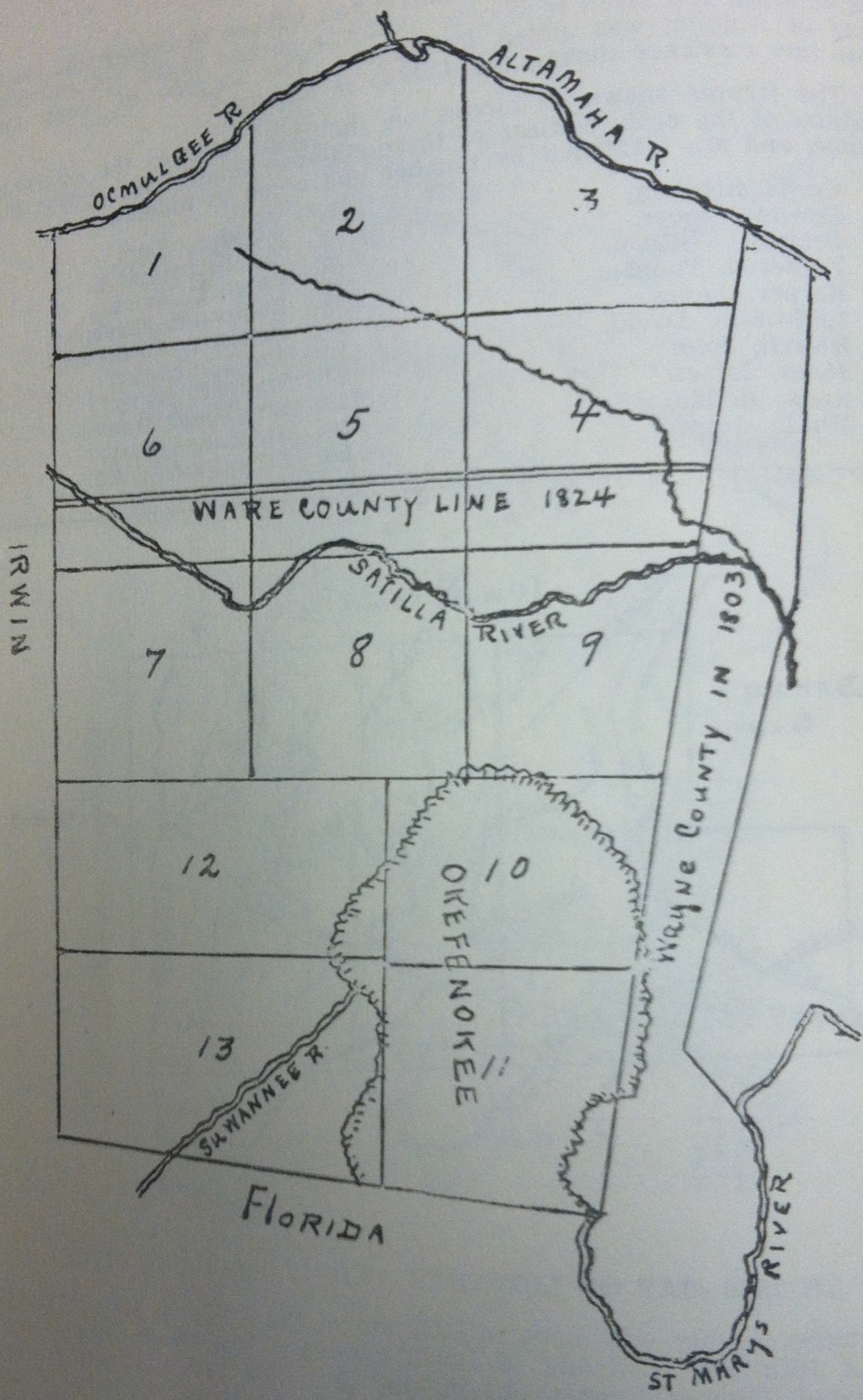
This map shows the two cessions of land by the Indians in 1814 and 1818, and the manner in which these lands were divided by the General Assembly into counties. The present Worth-Dougherty county line and the present Colquitt-Mitchell county line is a part of the west line of Irwin County. The present Clinch-Lanier county line is a part of the old Appling-Irwin county line. No other portions of the county lines shown on this map are county-lines of today.



### GLYNN, CAMDEN AND WAYNE COUNTIES

In Their Original Formation.

This map shows Glynn and Camden counties as they looked when first created in 1777, and Wayne county when first created in 1803. The long, narrow shape of Wayne County caused the the legislature in 1805 to detach approximately the south half of the county and add it to Camden. To compensate Wayne for the loss, all of Glynn County lying



**APPLING AND WARE COUNTIES, 1825**

This map shows the first division of Appling County when Ware County was created in 1825, taking the most of its territory. The two counties remained in this shape until 1850 when Clinch was made out of Ware and Lowndes, taking most of the 7th district and all of the 12th and 13th districts of Ware.