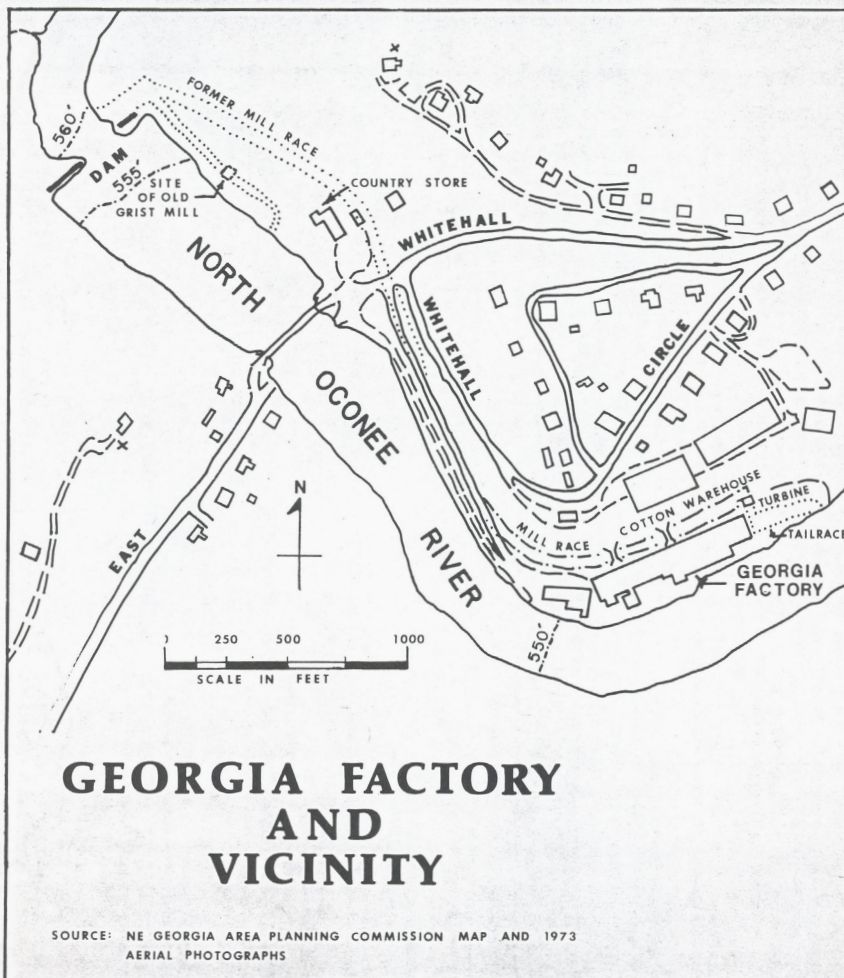




Heritage Room

Mill Research Guide

Let this document be your guide as you **explore** our books, **search** for resources online, **discover** what others have found in our vertical files, **experience** real life artifacts in our archives, and **continue** your journey with resources available elsewhere.



Books

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EXPLORE

Our book collection contains many volumes about mills, industry, and the affiliated communities.

- **The Men and the Mills: A History of the Southern Textile Industry** by Mildred Gwinn Andrews (1987)
- **Chicopee Mill History** by Olivia Bloomfield Carlisle (c. 1987)
- **'Round the World with Cotton** by the U.S. Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Southern Division (1941)
- **Chicopee, Georgia** by Chicopee Manufacturing Corporation of Georgia
- **The History of the Princeton Factory and the Princeton United Methodist Church** by G. Horace Couch
- **Georgia Waters: Tallulah Falls, Madison Springs, Scull Shoals and the Okefenokee Swamp** by E. Merton Coulter (1965)
- **Bedspreads to Broadloom : the Story of the Tufted Carpet Industry** by Thomas M. Deaton (1993)
- **Like a Family: the Making of a Southern Cotton Mill World** by Jacquelyn Dowd Hall [and others] (1987)
- **The Old Prater Mill** by Albert Duncan (c. 1990)
- **Across the River: The People, Places, and Culture of East Athens** by Maxine Pinson Easom, Patsy Hawkins Arnold, and Gary Lafayette Doster (2019)
- **Transition to an Industrial South: Athens, Georgia, 1830-1870** by Michael J. Gagnon (2012)
- **Contesting the New South Order: The 1914-1915 Strike at Atlanta's Fulton Mills** by Clifford M. Kuhn (2001)
- **Standing Upon the Mouth of a Volcano: New South Georgia/A Documentary History** by Mills Lane (1993)

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MORE BOOKS...

- Mill by David Macaulay (1983)
- The Autobiography of Henry Merrell: Industrial Missionary to the South by Merrell, Henry
- Paper Town/Cord Mill: A 150 Year Old Community by Larry Parr (2001)
- Carpet Capital: The Rise of a New South Industry by Randall L. Patton with David B. Parker (1999)
- The Women Will Howl: The Union Army Capture of Roswell and New Manchester, Georgia and the Forced Relocation of Mill Workers by Mary Deborah Petite (2008)
- For One Glorious Purpose: Georgia Textiles, Our Heritage/Our Future by Jan Pogue (2000)
- Scull Shoals: The Mill Village that Vanished in Old Georgia by Robert Skarda (2007)
- Thomas Textile Company, Inc., 1921-1997: A Brief History by Thomas J. Swartz, Jr.
- Bread and Roses; Mills, Migrants, and the Struggle for the American Dream by Bruce Watson (2005)
- The Power of Water: Four Early Mill Sites on Georgia's Oconee River Karen G. Wood (1992)

SEARCH

Our online collections provide access to local and state resources.

[Digital Library of Georgia](#)
[New Georgia Encyclopedia](#)



DISCOVER

The Vertical Files contain articles and clippings uncovered and compiled by other researchers.

Georgia Vertical Files

Grist Mills

Covered Bridges

Factories

Rivers

Athens Vertical Files

Chicopee Manufacturing Company

Princeton Community (Princeton Mill)

Whitehall Community



Vertical File resources are only available at the Heritage Room.

EXPERIENCE

Our Archives contain artifacts from the Athens mill communities.

- Thomas Textile Company Collection

Outfits, advertisements, and photos from the Thomas Textile Company, Inc., which had a production factory in Whitehall, Georgia.

- An Introduction to Cotton Manufacturing in Clarke County, Georgia exhibit, ca. 1981

This collection contains materials that apparently accompanied an exhibit about the history of cotton manufacturing in Clarke County, Georgia.

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MORE ARCHIVES...

- [Puryear Family Collection, 1850-1965](#)

This collection contains materials pertaining to the Puryear family, owners of the Puryear's Mill that was located on Cedar Creek. Among the documents are a photograph of the Puryear house, the wills of W. W. Puryear and Rebekah Dougherty and other legal documents pertaining to the Puryear estate, a stock certificate for Athens General Hospital, a list of births and deaths (partially worn and illegible), a postcard featuring the Tuckston Methodist Church from the Tuckston Senior Citizens Club, correspondence, and newspaper clippings. Several documents are fragile and have been placed in mylar sheets; they are held in a separate folder.

- [Whitehall Photograph Collection, 1910-1920](#)

Three photographs from Whitehall, Georgia around the 1910's and 1920's.

- [Rodgers Hosiery Mill in the VanHee Collection, 1937](#)

Photographs of Robert and Marge VanHee and the Rodgers Hosiery Mill and an employment contract.

CONTINUE Get even more resources to extend your journey.

[Hargrett Rare Book & Manuscript Library](#)

at the University of Georgia featuring...

[Chicopee Mill History Project](#)

[Chicopee Manufacturing Records](#)

[Dale E. Holt Collection of Whitehall Mill Materials](#)

ACROSS THE RIVER



The People, Places, and Culture of East Athens

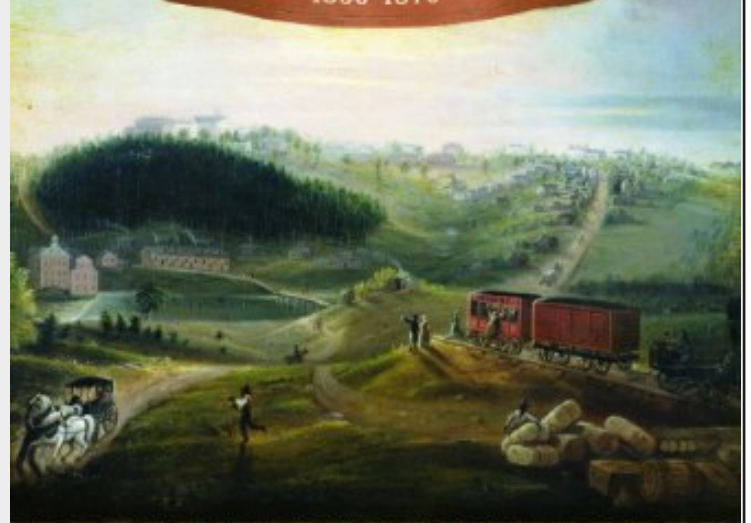
Maxine Pinson Easom
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Patsy Hawkins Arnold

Foreword by Gary Doster

Across the River: The People, Places, and Culture of East Athens written by lifelong Athenians is essential reading for someone wanting to know Athens. Easom and Arnold are a tour de force. With extensive research and knowledge of their subject these authors bring a complete history of this oft forgot geographic portion of Athens. East Athens is and was home to the majority of the labor force of Athens. In order to know the mills of Athens, one must know the people, places, and culture of East Athens--a fundamental read for historians.

Transition to an Industrial South

ATHENS, GEORGIA
1830-1870



MICHAEL J. GAGNON

Transition to an Industrial South: Athens, Georgia 1830-1870 by Michael Gagnon is a must read for anyone doing reasearch on Athens, Georgia, during this era. From the publishers (LSU Press), "Gagnon reveals the political nature of procuring manufacturing technology and building cotton mills in the South, and demonstrates the generational maturing of industrial laboring, managerial, and business classes well before the advent of the New South era. He also shows how a southern industrial society grew out of a culture of social and educational reform, economic improvements, and business interests in banking and railroading [...] Gagnon also suggests that the connected networks of family, business, and financial relations provided a framework for southern industry to profit during the Civil War and served as the principle guide to prosperity in the immediate postbellum years."



Photos from the Whitehall Collection held at the Athens-Clarke County Library, donated by Jimmie Towns.





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