

Where to Find Genealogy Records in Muscogee County

By Mary Jane Galer

BIRTHS:

- 1919-present index on Georgia Dept. of Health microfiche at Bradley Library.
- Some earlier certificates not on film are located at Muscogee County Health Dept.
- (Current births are being computerized at Muscogee County Health Dept., certificates being scanned in, retrospect work has been done back to about 1977 [as of 1997])

MARRIAGES:

- Marriage records from 1838 are located in Probate Office 6th floor at Government Center.
- Marriage records from 1838-1929 are on microfilm at Bradley Library and GA State Archives
- 1919-present index on Georgia Dept. of Health microfiche at Bradley Library

DEATHS:

- 1890-1903 Death Record Index in Ledger Book 1 at Muscogee County Health Dept.
 - 1890 begins in Sept. - deaths listed alphabetically each month.
- 1904-1916 Death Record Index in Ledger Book 2 at Muscogee County Health Dept.
 - 1904-1916 - deaths listed alphabetically each month.
- 1919-1938 Death Record Index in Ledger Book 3 at Muscogee County Health Dept.-deaths listed alphabetically each month until February 1922, then listed alphabetically by year.
- 1919-present index on Georgia Dept. of Health microfiche at Bradley Library

BURIALS:

Burial records at the Sexton's Office at Riverdale Cemetery:

Books:

- Linwood Cemetery beginning in October 1866 (not indexed)
- Riverdale Cemetery beginning in 1892 (not indexed)
- Porterdale Cemetery beginning in 1866 (not indexed)
- East Porterdale Cemetery beginning 1961 (not indexed)

Card files listing burials alphabetically are available for each of the four cemeteries although the Linwood and Porterdale Cemetery lists are incomplete, since no official city records are available for those buried before 1866 and sometimes afterwards.

- Cemetery **deed** books are located in vault at Clerk of Council Office 6th floor at Government Center.
- Books and card files have been microfilmed and are at GA State Archives.
- Sexton's Reports of burials before 1866 can be found in John H. Martin's *Columbus, Georgia, 1827-1865*, and/or in Mary Jane Galer's *Columbus, Georgia: Lists of People 1828 to 1852 and Sexton's Reports to 1866*. The Sexton's Reports are not complete, but the combined lists in each of these books cover all the information that currently exists.

Electronic Edition Copyrighted 2001 by Muscogee Genealogical Society.

- Wright, Buster, *Burials and Deaths from Enquirer 1832-1872* at Bradley Library
- Hanna, June - *Survey of Linwood Cemetery* at Bradley Library
- Autry, Dolores - *Survey of Linwood Cemetery* at Bradley Library
- Hanna, June and others - *Survey of Area Cemeteries* at Bradley Library
- Wilson, Brady - *Survey of Area Cemeteries* at Bradley Library

WILLS:

- Will books from 1838 to present are located in Office of Probate Court 6th floor in Govt. Center
- Will books from 1838-1964 are on microfilm at Bradley Library and GA State Archives.
- Probate administrative papers accompanying wills located in Office of Probate Court 6th floor at Govt. Center.
- Will Book A extracts are in a book at Bradley Library

DEEDS:

- From 1838 to present are located in Clerk of Court Office 2d floor at Govt. Center
- Deed books from 1838-1901 are on microfilm at Bradley Library and GA State Archives