

Today in Columbus History:

On January 24, 1878, the *Columbus Daily Enquirer-Sun* ran a story entitled "Hervey Hall, His Death in Brazil ... Incidents of His Life," about the death on October 29, 1877, of the former Columbus merchant. He had been a dealer in hardware in Columbus for many years. Hall was born in Vermont in 1802 and came to Columbus by way of Eatonton, Georgia in 1828. He started out in the tinware business and was one of the earliest merchants in Columbus. He added hardware to his store and joined forces with Jacob Moses in the firm Hall & Moses in 1832. He married Jane Catherine Ives in Muscogee County in 1834 and was elected alderman in 1849.

Hall also had a hardware business in Montgomery, Alabama, operating under the name of Hall, Moses and Roberts that dissolved in April 1859 after eighteen years in business. Hervey Hall had moved to Gainesville in Hall County by the time his two-year-old granddaughter Mary Kate Cairns Dillingham's death in August 1859. The child's mother, Mary Pomroy Hall Dillingham, died in Columbus in 1857. Her widowed father George W. Dillingham married her mother's sister Anna Louise Hall in a double wedding in Gainesville, Georgia in June 1861 along with Hervey Hall's son William who married Eola Marble.

After the Civil War, Hall and some of his family relocated to Brazil. Thousands of disenchanting Southerners did the same. That country did not abolish slavery until 1888 and was a haven for former Confederates. Several people set up colonies there with the blessing of Brazil's Emperor, Dom Pedro II. Among them was Major Lansford Hastings, who advertised in the *Columbus Enquirer* in late 1865 for his Pioneer Colony near the Amazon River in northern Brazil. Frank McMullan started the colony of New Texas near Sao Paulo. Both colonies drew people from across the South and both collapsed when their leaders died in the late 1860's.

Many Southerners returned to the United States after a bad experience in Brazil. Hervey Hall was not one of them. He was quite happy with decision and said so in a brief visit back to Columbus in 1868. He was likely back again in 1871 for his wife's funeral. According to her FindAGrave memorial, she died in Kentucky that year. The article leading off this post says that Hervey Hall was killed at his home in Brazil by a desperado. His FindAGrave memorial shows him buried in Brazil, as is his son Charles Moses Hall and granddaughter Katherine Ives Hall Porter. Katherine's father was Hervey's son George Ives Hall. He died in Brazil in 1913 but is buried in Linwood Cemetery.

William Beach succeeded Hall in the Columbus hardware business by 1871. Although, his association with the firm dated at least as far back as 1855 when the firm of Hall and Moses dissolved with the death of Jacob Moses. The new firm of Hall, Moses and Co. took its place and included Hervey Hall, Isaac Moses, Jacob Hendricks, and William Beach. Beach died in 1910 but the hardware store continued well into the twentieth century. The Industrial Index of 1928 contained an advertisement claiming it was the oldest hardware store in Columbus.

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Columbus history, they are not exhaustive dissertations on the topic and may contain mistakes. If you have corrections or additional information, feel free to share them with the group.

HERVEY HALL.

His Death in Brazil--Incidents of His Life.

This gentleman, whose death is announced as having occurred in Brazil, South America, on October 29, 1877, was for many years one of our most honored and respected citizens. He came to Columbus in 1828 and resided constantly here until after the war. He was a northern man by birth, but was a strong southerner in principle. His emigrating to Brazil is said to have been because he would not live in the United States after the South had been defeated. He was a self-made man. From small beginnings he amassed a large estate, which was sadly impaired by the results of the war. He was the senior member of the hardware firm of Hall & Moses, that for 30 years did the leading business in their line in this section. He was a man of strong traits of character, with indomitable will, courage and energy.

From the *Columbus Daily Enquirer-Sun*, January 24, 1878, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>.



Descendants of Confederate immigrants in Brazil celebrate their heritage in a BBC story from 2015, <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-33245800>

HARVEY HALL,
CONTINUES the manufacture of Tin Ware
at his old stand, and has on hand a well sup-
plied stock, with a variety of
JAPPANED BLOCK TIN & PEWTER
WARE,
Just received from New York; among which are
splendid
Coffee and Tea Urns,
Patent Balances, Scales & Weights.
He invites the attention of country merchants
feeling assured that he can give them as good
bargains as they can get in any part of the state.
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Early advertisement for Hervey Hall from the *Democrat*, January 29, 1831,
<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>.

NOTICE.
The subscribers having this day entered into
Copartnership under the firm of
Hall & Moses
Offer for sale at the old stand, a general as-
sortment of Tin-ware, and from the arrange-
ments now made will have always on hand a
large supply.
They would particularly request the atten-
tion of Country Merchants, who would find it
to their interest to call, as they can be supplied
low and on liberal terms.
June 1st 1832
HERVEY HALL,
JACOB I. MOSES.

Early advertisement for Hall & Moses from the Columbus *Democrat*, June 2, 1832,
<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>.

WM. BEACH
 SUCCESSOR TO
HALL, MOSES & CO.,
 AT THE OLD STAND,
No. 96 Broad St.

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THANKFUL to the public for past favors, is daily receiving new supplies to his stock of **HARDWARE, IRON, NAILS, PAINTS, OILS, &c.,** and **E. & T. FAIRBANKS & CO.'S. SCALES,** of which he is the original and oldest agent here. **MILES' PATENT CASH DRAWER** at reduced prices. **R. HOE & CO.** and **H. DETSON & SON'S CIRCULAR** and other **SAWS. WAGON** and **BUGGY MATERIAL; DODGE PLOWS,** and other kinds, at greatly reduced prices.

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Ad from the *Columbus Weekly Sun*, October 10, 1871, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>.

EMIGRATION TO BRAZIL!

Notice to Members of the Pioneer Colony of Major Hastings.

MEMBERS of this Colony will take notice that the Colony will sail from Mobile, Ala. on the **1st Day of December next.** A commodious sailing ship of ample tonnage, with comfortable accommodations for at least 500 passengers, will be provided.

Heads of families and single persons will pay \$30 each; other members of families over 12, will pay \$20, and children between 2 and 12, \$10 each; which payments will be made in gold coin. Families will be allowed one ton, and single persons 200 pounds of freight free of charge.

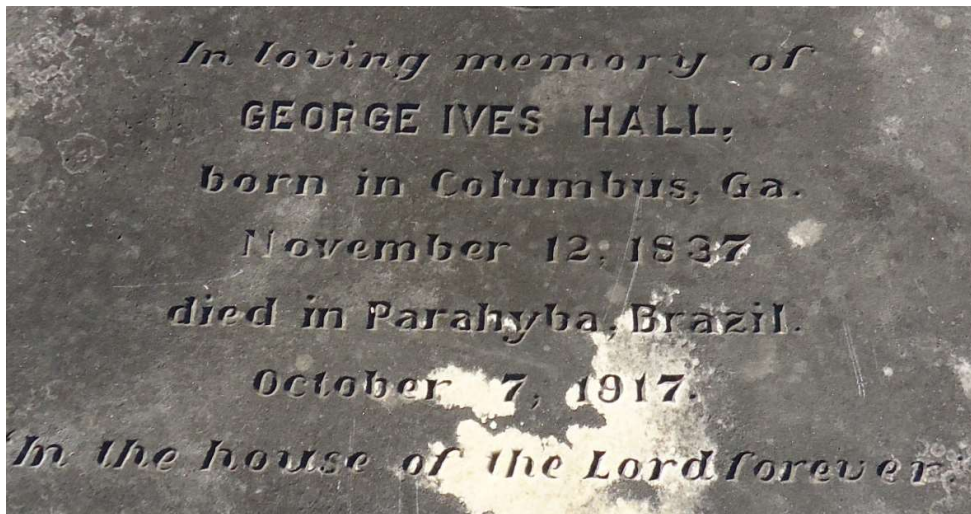
The present destination of the Colony is the city of Para, on the Amazon; its ultimate location, on a tributary of that river, between five and ten degrees south latitude. Length of voyage 2,000 miles, sailing time about three weeks.

Planters should take their farming utensils and mechanics their tools. Families should take tents, and all should provide themselves with provisions for about six months.

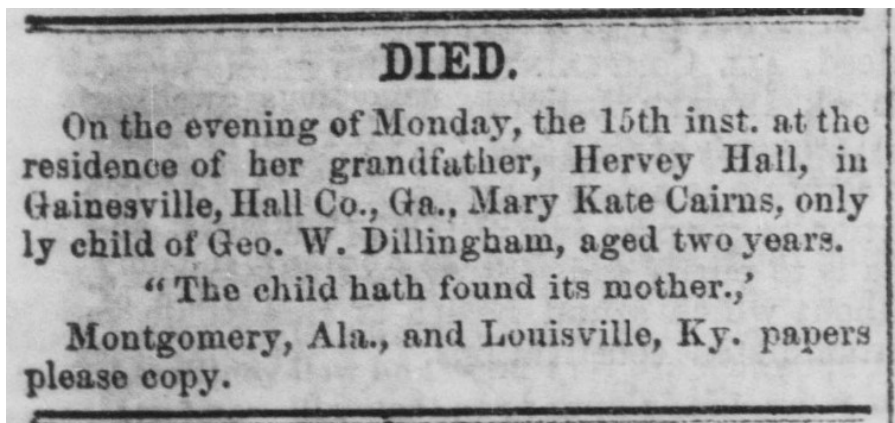
Others desiring to become members of this Colony can do so by applying to Major Hastings, at No. 40 north Joachim street, Mobile, B. J. Duncan, Esq., Broad street, Selma, or Dr. J. W. Keyes, Market street, Montgomery, Ala.

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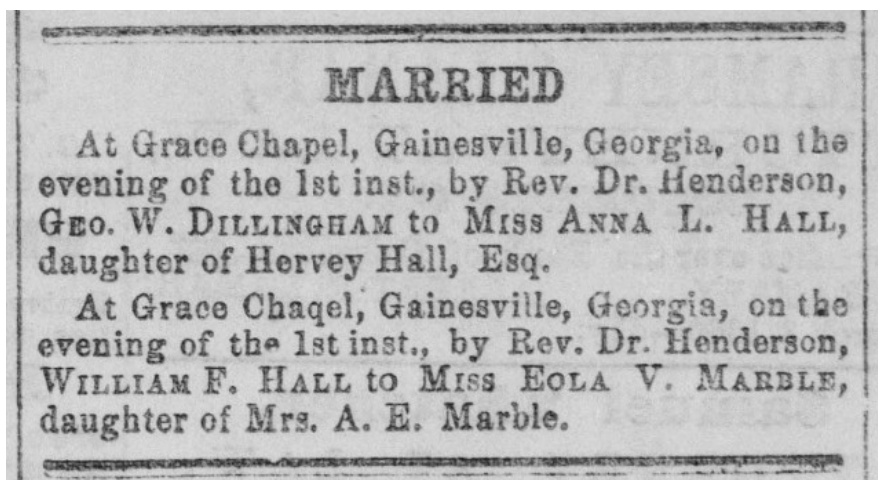
Notice in *Columbus Daily Enquirer* from November 22, 1865, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>.



Grave of George Ives Hall, who died in Parahyba, Brazil, at Linwood Cemetery from his FindAGrave memorial, <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/171284984/george-ives-hall>



Death notice for Hervey Hall's granddaughter Mary Kate Cairns Dillingham, *Columbus Daily Times*, August 20, 1859, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>.



Double wedding announcement for Hervey Hall's children, *Columbus Daily Times*, June 7, 1861, <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>.