

Today in Columbus History: On June 5, 1851, the following ad appeared in the *Southern Sentinel* for the Coweta Falls Factory, a textile mill that had been established in 1844 by John H. Howard and Josephus Echols. Coweta Falls produced cotton, but it also produced wool and woolen blends. The mill was asking local farmers to bring in their wool; they were looking for 50,000 pounds of wool! That was going to be a hard order to fill. The 1850 Agricultural Census for Muscogee Co. showed only 1534 pounds of wool; Russell Co. AL was higher, with 9903. Still, that total is only around 11,500. The mill would need wool from neighboring counties to make up for the difference: 34,500 pounds. Coweta Falls Factory was burned and destroyed by Gen. Wilson's Union troops in 1865. George Parker Swift and other industrialists bought the property and built Muscogee Manufacturing on the site.

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Cotton and Wool Factory.

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**THE COWETA FALLS MANUFACTURING COMPANY,
AT COLUMBUS, GA.**

IS regularly engaged in the manufacture of $\frac{1}{2}$ OSNABURGS, half pound to the yard; $\frac{1}{4}$ do.
YARNS from 4 to 12; Cotton Lapping and Batting for Quilts and Mattresses; $\frac{1}{2}$ Heavy (Colored) Linseys of Georgia and Alabama Wool; $\frac{1}{4}$ do. do. do.; Wool Rolls; Single and Double Cotton Mattresses.
They also manufacture Customers' Wool into Rolls or Linseys.
They are preparing to manufacture COTTON STRIPES of various patterns, and a good article of WOOLEN JEANS, suitable for Gentlemen's Clothing.
The Goods made within the last sixty days are far superior to any ever turned out by this Mill, and it is the design of the Proprietors to keep them up to the present standard.
⌘ Less than a Bale (500 yards,) including all at any one purchase, cannot be sold at the Factory.
50,000 POUNDS OF WOOL WANTED,
For CASH, at market prices, or in exchange for Goods.
⌘ All ORDERS will be promptly attended to.
Address "COWETA FALLS FACTORY,"
May 29 22 3m COLUMBUS, GA.



Muscogee Manufacturing Company
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38	Samuel Moore	18	106		80
39	James Arent	524	868		6000

1850 Russell Co. Agricultural Census – Entries for Samuel Moore and James Arent.

Column 1 = Ginned cotton bales of 400 lbs. each

Column 2 = Pounds of wool.

Column 3 = Pease & beans, bushels of

Column 4 = Irish potatoes, bushels of

Column 5 = Bushels of sweet potatoes.

James Arent, with 868 pounds of wool, was the largest wool producer in either Russell or Muscogee Co., 1850. Samuel Moore, his neighbor, produced 106. In Muscogee Co., top producers were John Woolfolk, with 225 and John Duncan and James H. Jones, each with 100.