

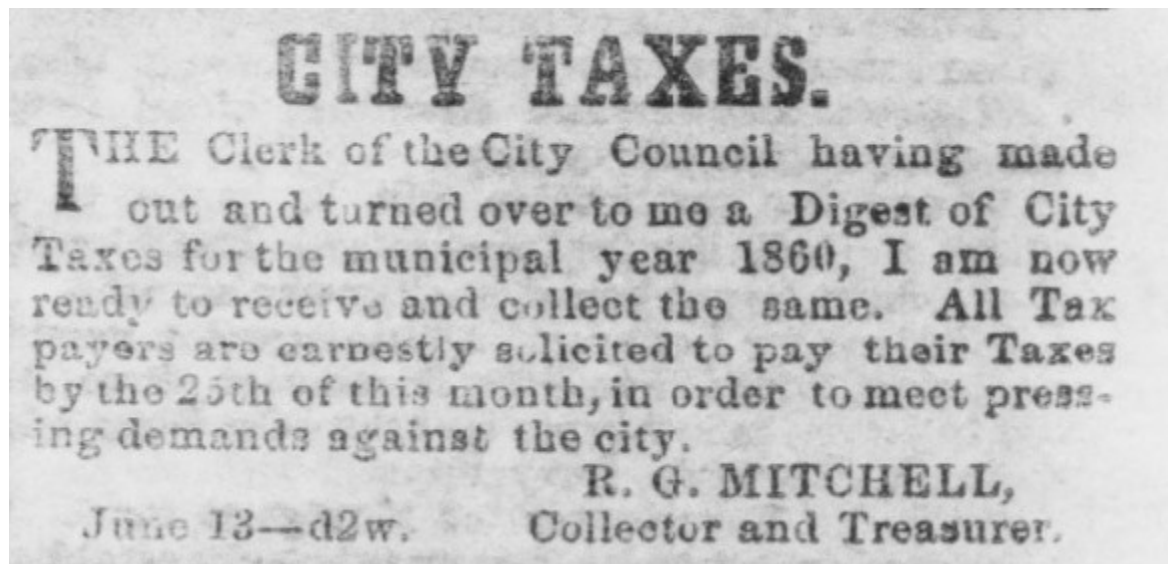
Today in Columbus History: On June 26, 1860, R.G. Mitchell, City Collector and Treasurer, put an announcement in the *Columbus Daily Times* telling citizens of Columbus to pay their taxes NOW (actually, they should have paid them by the 25th of June – the day before the paper came out). There are tax records for Columbus housed in the Government Center going back to 1832. These records, called Tax Digests, can be used by genealogists and family historians to learn about their ancestors – mainly where they were living in a certain year and how much property they owned. Columbus residents were required to pay a poll tax (on every white male over 21), as well as taxes on land, personal property – including carriages – and, before the Civil War, taxes on slaves. Many of these old records are available at Ancestry.com (Georgia, Property Tax Digests, 1793-1892). Also, Mary Jane Galer transcribed many of the old Columbus tax digests (and other records) at the Government Center and published them in her book, *Columbus, Georgia: Lists of People in the Town, 1828 – 1852 and Sexton's Records to 1866* (Iberian Pub., 2000).

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Our snippets of Columbus history are usually based on a few days-worth of searching through the most popular sources for Muscogee County history. Meant to inspire readers to explore more about 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.

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CITY TAX LIST, 1832

L. J. Davis & Co. 23.87½	J. T. Kilgore 5.27	H. S. Smith 30.50 ½
for D. Hungerford 28.20	Samuel Koockogey 4.09	J. H. Shorter 7.00
R. N. Diggs 2.00	¾	& for Iverson & Shorter
Geo. W. Dillingham 60.75	James Kivlin 25.92 ½	8.50
M. R. Evans & Co. 12.50	Do Martha Dillard 3.50	Joseph Saunders 1.00
M. R. Evans 2.00	John Logan 2.81	Stephen Stanly 2.00
F. A. Fairchild 2.00	T. A. Lawhon 2.00	Geo. Smith 14.27
G. Fisher 2.00	Lawhon & Howel 39.15	John Schley 7.00
E. Featherstone 21.21 ¾	John Love 14.00	Stewart & Fontain
P. W. Flynn 4.44 ½	John Loomis 2.66	192.50
John Fontain 23.75	S. Lanier 2.00	Charles D. Stewart 14.00
Fontain & Cook 66.35	J. R. Lyon 4.62 ½	J. S. Smith & Co.
H. P. Garrison 2.61 ¼	Thos. McCarty 3.96	16.50¼
Jas H. Green 2.00	Adam Moore 2.00	Frederick Toby 8.29
Thos. H. Green 2.00	John Miller 2.00	John Townsend 2.00
Collin Gardner 2.00	Charles E. Mims 7.50	Terry & Young 1.25
Richard Gray .50	Rossende & Mims 11.25	G. B. Terry 2.00
H. P. Garrison for Mrs.	Patrick McCarty 3.77	William Toxey 14.73 ½
Sarah Bosworth 5.46	A. P. Manly 23.46	Seaborn Thorn 4.00
James J. Hill 3.09 ½	B. Martin 36.87 ½	B. Tarver & Co. 3.01
Hill & Townsly .62 ½	John Milton 35.10 ¾	Tarver & Squire 10.31¼
John Harris 3.75	C. E. Mims for	B. Tarver 2.00
Richard Hooper 2.00	R. P. Guyard 3.12 ½	G. E. Thomas 21.87 ½
Harvey Hall 10.81 ½	D. B. Nafew 2.00	Moses Taylor 2.96
John D. Howel 2.00	E. S. Norton 10.10	Mrs. Tanner 4.00
Anderson Hunt 18.24 ¾	Nourse & Clark 20.68	John Vance 7.00
Augustus Haywood 2.00	A. E. Patton & Co. 8.98	John Whitesides 4.443¼
L. M. Hall 2.00	Powers & Nafew 18.75	Whitesides &
G. Hallenbeck 2.00	E. E. Powers 15.43 ¾	Calhoun .31 ¼
S. K. Hodges & Co.	John N. Philpot 4.00	E. Wells & Co. 14.90 ¾
Geo. Hargraves, Jr. 66.07	Robert Price 2.00	E. Wells 2.00
for Geo. Hargraves, Sr	Samuel Paxon 2.00	C. Woodruff & Co. 50.00
3.75	M. W. Perry 7.85	C. Woodruff 2.00
Moses Jones 2.00	Stoddard Rockwell 2.00	P. D. Woodruff 14.64
Thomas Jepson 2.00	D. D. Ridenhower 4.12	Wm. L. Wynn 12.61
S. Jepson 2.00	Charles Rosande 2.00	Virgil Walker 8.42
A. Iverson 10.52 ½	H. S. Richardson 3.25	Thacker Walker 4.55
Do John Forsyth	Bird Robinson 3.00	James C. Watson 15.00
21.37½	Wm. B. Robinson 7.12½	Robert Young 3.25
Magirt Ivy 3.62	Job Rogers 3.58 ¾	Samuel Koockogey 4.99
Joel Slodgehill 2.00	R. Slatter 2.00	
Thomas Kelly .54 ¾	Smith & Morgan 31.25	

Page from Mary Jane Galer's book, showing some people in 1832 who had to pay taxes -- and the amount paid.

