

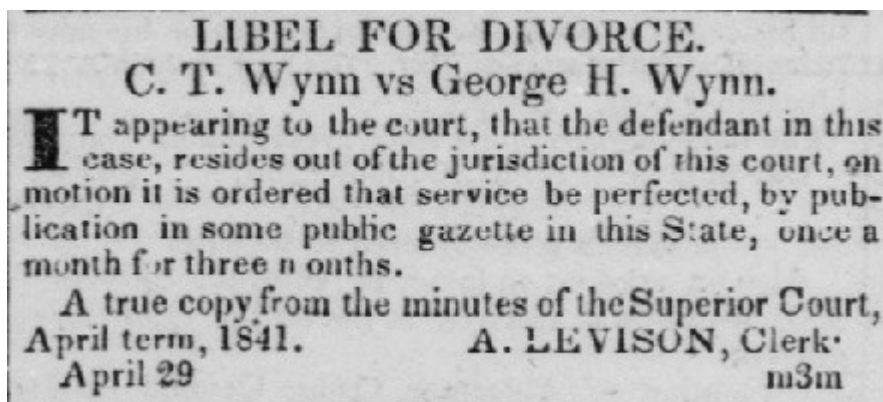
Today in Columbus History: On July 8, 1841, a legal notice appeared in the *Columbus Times*. C. T. Wynn was suing George H. Wynn for divorce. We don't know who George H. Wynn was (no connection to the Wynn House), and we don't know where he took off to. But we did find something about C. T.: she has connections to two prominent families, one in Columbus and one in Alabama. C. T. was Clarissa Ticknor, born 1799 in Connecticut. Her family had moved to Jones County, GA, where she had married Ebenezer Ormsby in 1822. He died around 1832; shortly thereafter Clarissa and her children moved to Columbus with the widow of her brother Orray and their children, one of whom was Francis Orray Ticknor, the noted Columbus physician/poet. So, Clarissa was Dr. Ticknor's aunt! She married Wynn in 1838, but by 1840, he was gone (with letters waiting at the P.O.). She filed for divorce in 1841. About that time, she moved to Prattville, AL, where she joined her niece Esther (daughter of Clarissa's brother David). Esther had married none other than Daniel Pratt, the famous builder and industrialist who's credited with bringing industry to Alabama in the 1830s. So, Clarissa is Daniel Pratt's aunt by marriage. She died in Prattville in 1864 and is buried there in the Pratt Family Cemetery.

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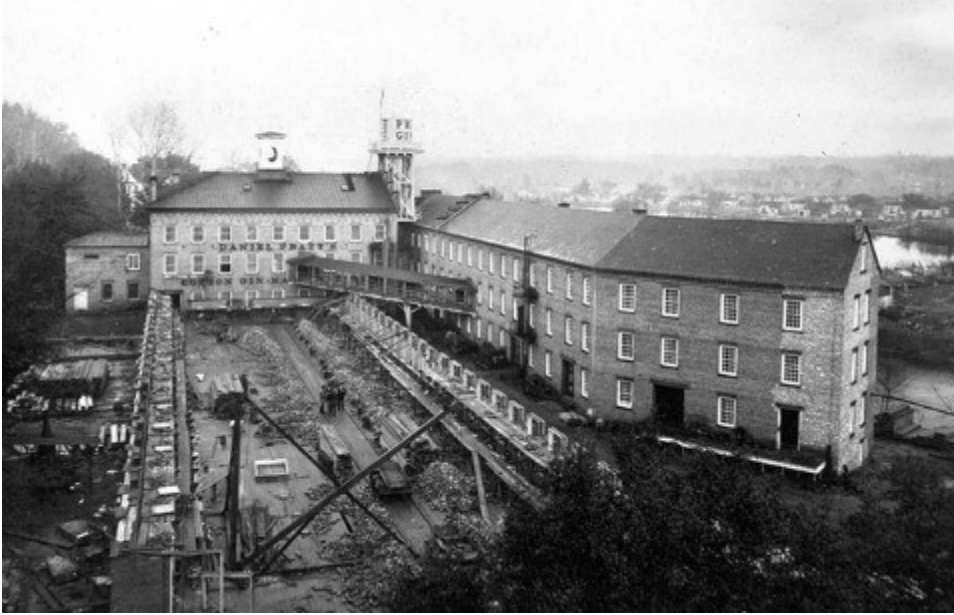
State of Alabama ^{County} I being Judge Justice of the Peace or any
Russell County ^{Minister} of the Gospel of the said State of Ala-
any of you are hereby authorized to join in holy matrimony George
M. Wynn & Clarissa S. Ormsby according to the full be-
quest sufficient License. Witness my hand & seal at Office this
20th day of November 1838 Thomas S. Tate Secy

I do certify that the above couple were duly joined in matrimony
by me on the 20th November 1838 J. Roberts M. S.

Clarissa and George's marriage record, Russell Co., AL, 1838.



Clarissa's tombstone in the Pratt Family Cemetery -- from Findagrave.com.



Daniel Pratt Gin Company, 1898 -- from Encyclopedia of Alabama.