

Today in Columbus History: On July 9, 1831, a number of ads appeared in *The Democrat* for George W. Dillingham's store. Only 3 years after the founding of Columbus, young Dillingham was operating an early 18th century Walmart – selling everything from groceries to fabric and clothing to hardware. Born in Massachusetts around 1805, George had moved to Georgia in 1829, settling in Clinton, Jones County. In 1830 or 31 he came to Columbus and established his store, ads for which began appearing in January 1831. In 1832 he headed back over to Clinton to marry, on July 9, Miss Lucy Elizabeth Ticknor (whose family was referenced in yesterday's post), sister of noted physician/poet Francis Orray Ticknor. Dillingham soon died in 1834 and shortly thereafter the City Council named a street after him. His wife remarried the Rev. William Douglas Cairns. Both George and Lucy are buried in in Linwood Cemetery.

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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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GEORGE W. DILLINGHAM
Offers for Sale,
1000 Bolts brown cotton Sheetings and Shirtings,
1 000 do. bleached " do.
1,000 do. Plaids Stripes & Checks,
100 do. Calicoes,
200 do. Nankeens,
100 do. Bearerteens,
1 CASE Irish Linens,
1 do. Navarino Bonnets,
1 do. Leghorn do.
1 do. Thread Laces,



State of Georgia, Jones County.

To any Judge, Justice of the Inferior Court, Justice of the Peace, or Minister of the Gospel.

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO JOIN

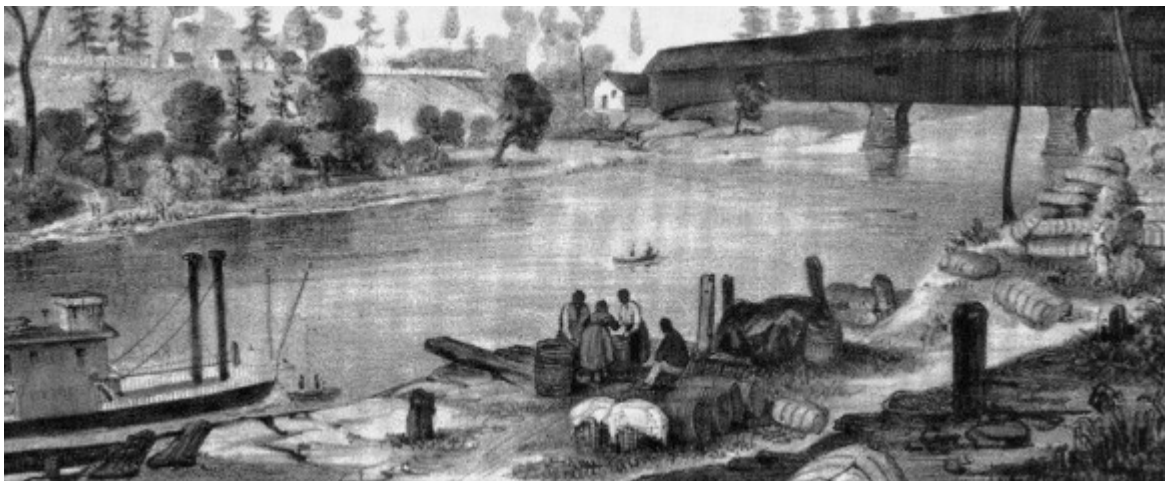
Mr. George W. Dillingham and Miss Leucy C. Ficknor
in the Holy State of MATRIMONY, according to the Constitution and Laws of this State; and for so doing, this shall be your sufficient License.

GIVEN under my Hand and Seal, this *9th* day of *July* 18*32*, 19*—*.

Charles MacCarthy c.c.o.



Dillingham's grave in Linwood from [Findagrave.com](http://findagrave.com)



Unidentified painting of bridge posted at CSU Archiv <http://digitalarchives.columbusstate.edu/1-dillingham-street-bridges> site.