

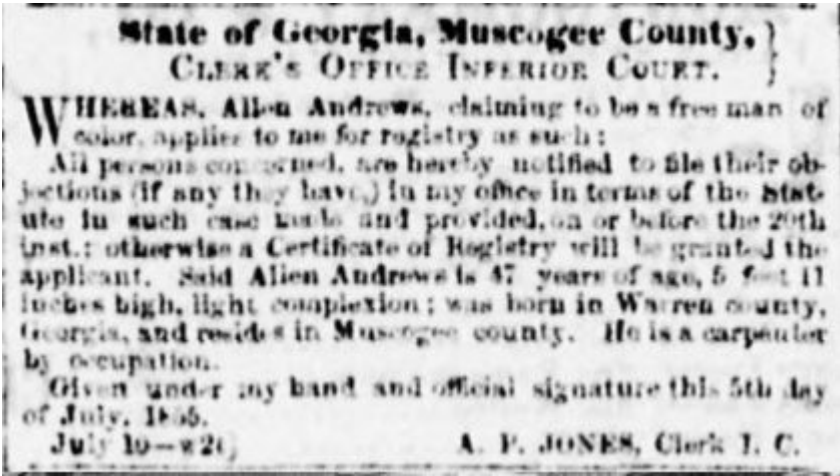
Today in Columbus History: On July 10, 1855, a legal notice appeared in the *Columbus Enquirer* saying that an African American named Allen Andrews, age 47, a carpenter, born Warren County, GA, was applying for a Certificate of Registry as a free man of color. Free people of color living in Georgia were required to register in their county by July 1 of every year. A search for other documentation for Andrews' status as a f.m.c. were not found, however obituary says he was once a slave of Julius Clapp, who had Clapp's Factory. By 1870 Andrews was living with his family in Columbus and had an estate worth \$2800 – suggesting verification of his f.m.c. status before 1865. He died Sept. 26, 1873 and is buried in Porterdale Cemetery. His obituary was carried by two Columbus newspapers.

Compiled by Callie McGinnis, Muscogee Genealogical Society

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.

Clipping from Georgia Historic Newspapers (GALILEO).

<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu>



| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----|-----|----------------|----|-------|-------|---------------|------|------|---------|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| 157 | 157 | Andrews, Allen | 68 | 2 1/2 | 7 1/2 | Carpenter | 1850 | 1116 | Georgia | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| | | Lucinda | 60 | 5 | 11 | Keeping house | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| | | Maryanna | 24 | 5 | 7 | Lavender | | | | | | 1 | | | 1 |
| | | Merilla | 15 | 5 | 11 | At Home | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Thomas | 10 | 7 | 7 | At School | | | Alabama | | | 1 | | | |
| | | Wobbin | 8 | 5 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | |

1870 Muscogee census record for Allen and family.

Colored Cemetery Record, Columbus, Ga. Sept 30th 1873

| Date of Interment. | N A M E. | Age. | Cause of Death. |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------|
| Sept. 27 th | Wife of Eliza Thomas | | |
| " " | Allen Andrews | 60 years | |

Porterdale Interment Record for Allen Andrews on Familysearch.org)

Death of a Worthy Colored Mechanic.
 Allen Andrews, colored, who had resided in Columbus and vicinity for forty years, died yesterday at his home in Northern Liberties. He was an industrious mechanic and worthy and respected man, and was well known to our citizens, white and black. Allen formerly belonged to Mr. J. R. Clapp, and was brought by him from Warren county some 40 years ago.

9/27/1873 Daily Columbus Enquirer, p. 3

Both clippings from Georgia Historic Newspapers (GALILEO)

Death of a Well-known and Prosperous Colored Man.
 Allen Andrews died Friday. He was possessed of several thousand dollars in factory stock, real estate and money on deposit. He lost, too, considerable by the war. He set a fine example to his race. He was a carpenter by trade, and before emancipation belonged to Mr. J. R. Clapp. He has been here some forty years, was ever highly respected, died wealthy for one of his class, and ever since he could vote polled his ballot with his best friends, the Democrats.

9/30/1873 Weekly Sun, p.3

Two obituaries for Allen Andrews.