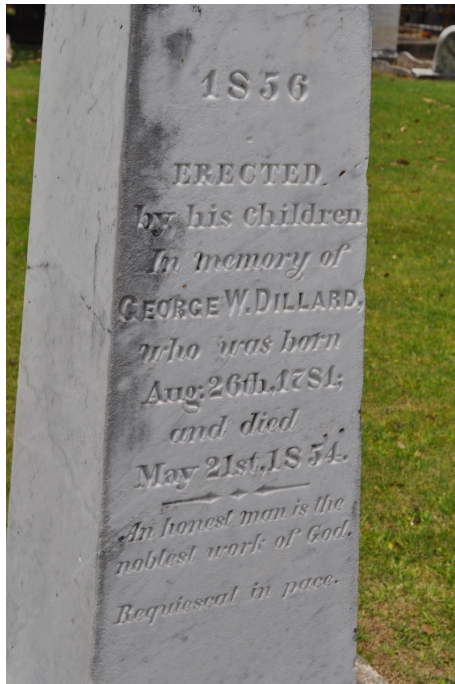


Evidence Analysis - George W. Dillard

Prepared by Diana Elder

The following sources are arranged chronologically, working backwards from the known records to the unknown.

[Find A Grave Memorial for George Wellington Dillard, Lee County, Alabama¹](#)



Birth: Aug. 26, 1781

Virginia, USA

Death: May 21, 1854

Auburn, Lee County, Alabama, USA

Married twice;

1st Wife: Margaret Armour

Married Nov. 4, 1804

Greene County, Georgia

2nd Wife: Martha Flournoy Wells

Married July 29, 1822

Greene County, Georgia

Burial: Pine Hill Cemetery, Auburn Alabama

Inscription: "1856 Erected by his children in memory of George W. Dillard who was born August 26, 1781; and died May 21st 1854. An honest man is the noblest work of God. Requiescant in peace."

ANALYSIS

- **Source:** *Authored*. The headstone inscription was written by his children and the memorial information was derived from the inscription and other non-sourced records.
- **Information:** *Primary* (death and burial from the headstone). *Secondary* (birth from headstone). *Undetermined* (middle name and marriages from the

¹ *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 6 June 2017), memorial 8971146, George Wellington Dillard, (1781-1854), gravestone photographed by JC, member 46615432.

memorial). Because the inscription states that the headstone was erected by “his children, they would likely have witnessed his death. Their knowledge of his birth date is secondary. No sources are given for the middle name of “Wellington” and the marriages.

- **Evidence:** *Direct.* The headstone and memorial clearly state genealogical facts for George W. Dillard.

[1850 Census, Macon County, Alabama](#)²

Date/Locality	1850 Census of Alabama, Macon County, District 21			
ED, Sheet No.	Page 272 a			
House, Family #	House # 1088 , Family #1096			
Family Member	Sex	Age	Occupation	Birth Place
George W. Dillard	M	68	None	Virginia
Martha Dillard	F	42		Virginia
Columbus Dillard	M	21	Clerk	Georgia
Alonzo Dillard	M	15		Georgia
Leonidas Dillard	M	9		Alabama
Zenora Dillard	F	7		Alabama

ANALYSIS:

- **Source:** Image of *Original*. The census record appears to be the original copy of

² 1850 U.S. Census, Macon County, Alabama, population schedule, 21st District, p. 272 (stamped), dwelling 1088, family 1096, George W. Dillard household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 10 March 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 9.

the census, written in the handwriting of Thos. McGunn, Ass't Marshal. The writing is faded in spots, but still fairly legible.

- **Information:** *Undetermined.* The informant for the census information cannot be determined, but given the specifics of the names, birthplaces, and ages it could be surmised that either George or Martha provided the household information.
- **Evidence:** *Direct.* The census provides direct evidence specifically for the residence of the family as well as their names, ages, gender, and birthplaces.

1850 Alabama State Census, Macon County, Alabama³

AN ENUMERATION OF THE INHABITANTS OF <i>Macon</i> COUNTY, 1850. 23											
NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS, OR HEADS OF FAMILIES.	White males under 21	White males over 21	White males between 18 and 45	White males over 45	White females under 21	White females over 21	Insane within county	Insane sent abroad	Number of slaves	Number of free persons of color	TOTAL INHABITANTS
	<i>John McShee</i>	3	1	1		1	1			14	
<i>Sette Taylor</i>	1	2	1	1	2	2			8		13
<i>F. M. Taylor</i>		1	1		4	1					6
<i>J. C. Crowley</i>		2	1	1		2			10		14
<i>Jas. Ward</i>	2	1	1		2	1					6
<i>J. J. McCormick</i>		1	1								1
<i>George W. Dillard</i>	3	2	2	1	1	1			12		19
<i>S. M. Grayson</i>		1	1		2	1			3		6
<i>F. W. Dillard</i>		1	1		1				3		5
<i>J. L. Binford</i>	1	1	1		3	1			16		24
<i>J. J. Grimes</i>	1	1	2						3		6

George W. Dillard

- 3 white males under 21
- 2 white males over 21
- 2 white males between 18 and 45
- 1 white male over 45
- 1 white female under 21
- 1 white female over 21
- 12 slaves
- 19 total inhabitants

ANALYSIS

³ 1850 Alabama State Census, Macon County, p. 23 printed), line 7, George W. Dillard; "Alabama State census, 1820-1866," digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 6 June 2017); citing Alabama Department of Archives & History.

- **Source:** *Original*. Image of *Original* state census record, original image digitized from microfilm at the Alabama Department of Archives and History.
- **Information:** *Undetermined*. Although it is highly likely that George W. Dillard gave the number of individuals for each age and gender category, it can't be certain. An F.M. Dillard, two lines below his entry is a possible relative and could have given the information.
- **Evidence:** *Direct*. The census record is direct evidence of George W. Dillard's residence and household in Macon County, Alabama in 1850.

1840 Census, Russell County, Alabama for G.W. Dillard⁴

GW Dillard household:

Free White Persons - Males - 5 thru 9 - 2
 Free White Persons - Males - 15 thru 19 -2
 Free White Persons - Males - 20 thru 29 - 1
 Free White Persons - Males - 60 thru 69 - 1
 Free White Persons - Females - 15 thru 19 - 1
 Free White Persons - Females - 30 thru 39 - 1
 Slaves - Males - Under 10 -1
 Slaves - Males - 10 thru 23 - 3
 Slaves - Males - 36 thru 54 - 2
 Slaves - Females - 10 thru 23 - 3
 Slaves - Females - 24 thru 35 - 1
 Slaves - Females - 36 thru 54 - 1
 Persons Employed in Agriculture - 4
 Free White Persons - Under 20 - 5
 Free White Persons - 20 thru 49 2
 Total Free White Persons 8
 Total Slaves 11
 Total All Persons - Free White, Free Colored, Slaves 19

ANALYSIS:

- **Source:** *Original*. The digital image is clear and doesn't appear to be tampered with. Faint marks from the opposite page have bled through, but the writing is

⁴ 1840 U.S. Census, Russell County, Alabama, population schedule, p. 35 (penned), line 25, G.W. Dillard household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 7 June 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M704, roll 15.

easily discerned. The handwriting appears to differ at times, possibly some of the men signed their own names and another individual signed for any who were unable to write. G W Dillard's signature is distinctive. He probably signed this census, but comparison with other documents could prove that more definitely,

- **Information:** *Undetermined*. It is highly likely that GW Dillard gave the household information, especially if the signature proves to be his.
- **Evidence:** *Direct*. The census record provides direct evidence that G W Dillard resided in Russell County, Alabama in 1840. It also provides direct evidence of the gender and age of household members.

[Selection from the online journal, *DILLARD ANNUAL*, "Dillard and Johnsons, Early Alabama Pioneers"](#)⁵

"Ruth Royal Crump the present historian of Chambers County, Alabama has diligently copied every original land sales transaction which took place in Chambers County. She has published these transactions in a book entitled, The Original Tract Book for Chambers County."

"This book lists the following transactions involving persons named Dillard":[only those for George W. Dillard are listed below]

"In Township 21, Range 25, Sections 29 and 35, **George W. Dillard** purchased at auction in 1836 478 acres and in the same year Samuel Morrell and Lorenzo D. Dillard purchased 40 Acres."

"In 1840 **George W. Dillard** purchased from E-Far-Emarthle or E-Molly (a Creek Chief) 320 acres."

ANALYSIS:

- **Source:** *Authored*. The author uses a *derivative source* when he lists the land transactions, but he has combined this into an *authored narrative* that is part of a larger work dealing with Dillard pioneers in early Alabama.
- **Information:** *Undetermined*. It is impossible to determine from this document who recorded the land transaction and if he had firsthand knowledge of the event.

⁵ Hugh S. Johnson, "Dillard and Johnsons, Early Alabama Pioneers," *DILLARD ANNUAL*, Volume 5; January, 1998, (<http://www.dillardfamilyassociation.com/dannuuals/da1998/da98hs4.htm> : accessed 6 June 2017), 6.

- **Evidence:** *Direct.* The selection provides direct evidence that George W. Dillard purchased two parcels of land in Chambers County, Alabama.

[1838 News article, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia for G.W. Dillard](#) ⁶

Feb. 3	By James Lewis for hire of negroes,	500 00
" 5	S. G. Wells, for Oil,	7 50
"	Read & Talbott's acc't.	4 50
" 6	George Robinson, City Guard,	40 00
" 7	Cash returned to Geo. W. Dillard,	10 00
" 9	" paid Mrs. E. Tanner for negm hire,	500 00
" 12	" paid Wm. Gilbert, Bridge keeper,	50 00

ANALYSIS:

- **Source:** *Original.* The digital images of the newspaper appear to be complete and untampered. The top of this image is dark and difficult to read.
- **Information:** *Undetermined.* It is impossible to determine from the news article who provided the information. It seems to be an accounting of the city finances.
- **Evidence:** *Direct.* The selection provides direct evidence that George W. Dillard resided in the city of Columbus, located in Muscogee County, Georgia in 1838. .

[1837 News article, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia for G.W. Dillard](#) ⁷

⁶ *Columbus Enquirer*, 19 April 1838, p. 3, col. 4, para. 6, Geo.W. Dillard cash received ; *Georgia Historic Newspapers: Columbus Enquirer* (enquirer.galileo.usg.edu : accessed 19 June 2017).

⁷ *Columbus Enquirer*, 21 December 1837, p. 2, col. 6, para. 2, Geo.W. Dillard Alderman; *Columbus Enquirer* (enquirer.galileo.usg.edu : accessed 19 June 2017).

The following ticket has been handed us for publication. The men are all well known, and could receive no strength from any recommendation of ours.

MAYOR,
JAMES S. CALHOUN.

FOR ALDERMEN.

WARD No. 1.
JAMES C. HOLLAND,
BUCKNER BEASLEY,

No. 2.
H. S. SMITH,
SAM'L R. ANDREWS.

No. 3.
ALLEN LAWHON,
A. K. AYER.

No. 4.
WM. P. YONGE,
JAMES KIVLIN.

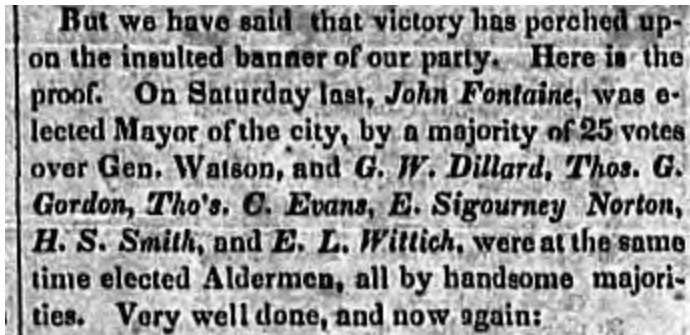
No. 5.
GEO. W. DILLARD,
Capt. JOHN PEARODY.

No. 6.
THOS. G. GORDON,
BENJ. F. COLEMAN.

ANALYSIS:

- **Source:** *Original.* The digital images of the newspaper appear to be complete and untampered.
- **Information:** *Undetermined.* It is impossible to determine from the news article who provided the information. The plural "we" is used throughout the article describing the politics of the time and the election.
- **Evidence:** *Direct.* The selection provides direct evidence that George W. Dillard resided in the city of Columbus, located in Muscogee County, Georgia in 1837. That he was well known is directly stated in the news article.

[1836 News article, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia for G.W. Dillard](#)⁸



But we have said that victory has perched upon the insulted banner of our party. Here is the proof. On Saturday last, *John Fontaine*, was elected Mayor of the city, by a majority of 25 votes over Gen. Watson, and *G. W. Dillard*, *Thos. G. Gordon*, *Tho's. C. Evans*, *E. Sigourney Norton*, *H. S. Smith*, and *E. L. Wittich*, were at the same time elected Aldermen, all by handsome majorities. Very well done, and now again:

ANALYSIS:

- **Source:** *Original*. The digital images of the newspaper appear to be complete and untampered.
- **Information:** *Undetermined*. It is impossible to determine from the news article who provided the information. The plural “we” is used throughout the article describing the politics of the time and the election.
- **Evidence:** *Direct*. The selection provides direct evidence that George W. Dillard resided in the city of Columbus, located in Muscogee County, Georgia in 1836. That he was well known is pointed to by his election to the office of Alderman.

[1835 News article, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia for G.W. Dillard](#)⁹

⁸ *Columbus Enquirer*, 8 January 1836, p. 2, col. 4, para.4, G.W. Dillard elected Alderman; *Georgia Historic Newspapers: Columbus Enquirer* (enquirer.galileo.usg.edu : accessed 19 June 2017).

⁹ *Columbus Enquirer*, 9 January 1835, p. 3, col. 2, para.3, Geo. W. Dillard elected commissioner; *Georgia Historic Newspapers: Columbus Enquirer* (enquirer.galileo.usg.edu : accessed 8 June 2017).

an end to least it come into competition with the dearer labor of the north.

The Enquirer.

"The Union of the States, and the Sovereignty of the States."

COLUMBUS:

Saturday Morning, January 10.

THE ENQUIRER will hereafter be published on FRIDAY MORNING. Our advertising friends are requested to hand in their favors at as early an hour on Thursday as may be convenient.

On Monday last, the election for Intendant and Commissioners was held at the Court House, in Columbus. The following gentlemen were elected.

GEN. JAS. C. WATSON, Intendant,	} Commissioners
COL. S. R. BONNER,	
DR. A. S. CLIFTON,	
COL. ASA BATES,	
J. P. H. CAMPBELL, Esq.	
GEO. W. DILLARD, Esq.	
LEWIS C. ALLEN, Esq.	

ANALYSIS:

- **Source:** *Original.* The digital images of the newspaper appear to be complete and untampered.
- **Information:** *Undetermined.* It is impossible to determine from the news article who provided the information. No author is listed anywhere in the paper.
- **Evidence:** *Direct.* The selection provides direct evidence that George W. Dillard resided in the city of Columbus, located in Muscogee County, Georgia in 1835. The "Esq." following his name is a clue that he possibly was an attorney.

[1832 News Article, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia for Capt. Geo. W. Dillard](#)¹⁰

FOR SALE.

A comfortable two-story Dwelling, with convenient out-houses and garden, at the upper end of Oglethorpe street now in the occupancy of Capt. Geo. W. Dillard, in a healthy and beautiful part of Columbus.

Also, four Lots on Randolph and McIntosh streets, Nos. 503, 504, 505 and 506, enclosed with a good fence. On one of the lots is a small tenement, with a good garden, and the best water in Columbus, now in the occupancy of Dr. Fisher. Persons wishing to purchase these lots will apply to Col. W. H. Harper or myself, who are agents for the owners.

Also for Rent the ensuing year, and possession given immediately, the Dwelling-House and Lots adjoining Col. Harper's, on Randolph street — This property is handsomely improved, situated in a very pleasant part of the town and has a well of excellent water on it. The terms can be known by application to the subscriber.

THOS. G. GORDON.

Sept. 27-20-82

This exact advertisement ran for three consecutive weeks: 13, 20, and 27 October 1832.

ANALYSIS:

- **Source:** *Original.* The digital images of the newspaper appear to be complete and untampered.
- **Information:** *Primary.* Thos. G. Gordon's name appears at the end of the advertisement and he describes himself as an agent for the owner. He would almost certainly have firsthand knowledge of the dwellings occupants.
- **Evidence:** *Direct.* The selection provides direct evidence that George W. Dillard resided in the city of Columbus, located in Muscogee County, Georgia in 1832. The "Capt." preceding his name is a clue to military service.

¹⁰ *Columbus Enquirer*, 27 October 1832, p. 4, col. 1, para.3, Capt. Geo. W. Dillard occupancy of dwelling; *Georgia Historic Newspapers: Columbus Enquirer* (enquirer.galileo.usg.edu : accessed 19 June 2017).

1830 Census, Muscogee County, Georgia for G.W. Dillard ¹¹

Name G W Dillard

Home in 1830 (City, County, State) Columbus, Muscogee, Georgia

Free White Persons - Males - Under 5 - 3

Free White Persons - Males - 20 thru 29 - 5

Free White Persons - Males - 30 thru 39 - 7

Free White Persons - Males - 40 thru 49 - 1

Free White Persons - Females - Under 5 - 1

Free White Persons - Females - 15 thru 19 -1

Free White Persons - Females - 20 thru 29 - 1

Slaves - Males - Under 10- 1

Slaves - Males - 10 thru 23 - 2

Slaves - Males - 55 thru 99 - 1

Slaves - Females - Under 10 -4

Slaves - Females - 24 thru 35 - 2

Free White Persons - Under 20 - 5

Free White Persons - 20 thru 49 - 14

Total Free White Persons -19

Total Slaves - 10

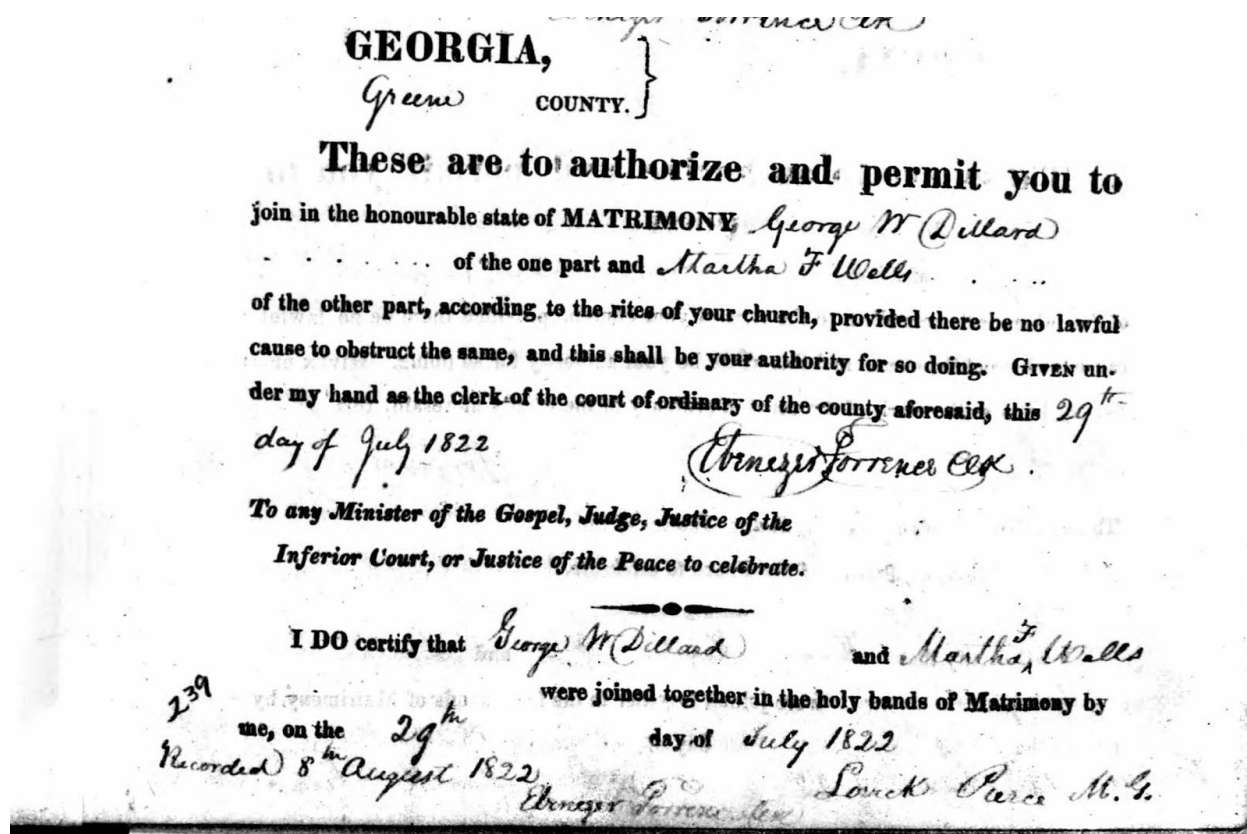
Total - All Persons (Free White, Slaves, Free Colored) -29

ANALYSIS:

- **Source:** *Original*. The image is clear and doesn't appear to be tampered with. Faint marks from the opposite page have bled through, but the writing is easily discerned. It appears that the same individual wrote each name. G.W. Dillard's name here doesn't seem unique from any of the other names and doesn't match the name from the 1840 census.
- **Information:** *Undetermined*. It is highly likely that GW Dillard gave the household information.
- **Evidence:** *Direct*. The census record provides direct evidence that G W Dillard resided in Muscogee County, Georgia in 1830. It also provides direct evidence of the gender and age of household members.

¹¹ 1830 U.S. Census, Muscogee County, Georgia, population schedule, p. 277 (penned), line 2, G.W. Dillard household; digital image, *Ancestry* (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 7 June 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 19.

1822 Greene County, Georgia Marriage for George W. Dillard and Martha F. Wells ¹²



ANALYSIS

- **Source:** Image of *Original* marriage record from the Greene County, Georgia marriage book.
- **Information:** *Primary*. The minister who performed the marriage certified that he married the couple on 29 July 1822 and it was recorded by the county clerk on 8 August 1822, just a week later.
- **Evidence:** *Direct*. The marriage record is direct evidence of the marriage date, place, and names of the couple.

¹² Greene County, Georgia Marriages 1829-1849, Dillard - Wells, 29 July 1822, p. 186; "Georgia, Marriage Records from Select Counties, 1828-1978," image 201, *Ancestry*, (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 10 March 2017).

1820 Census, Greene County, Georgia for George W. Dillard ¹³

Name George W Dillard

Home in 1820 (City, County, State) Capt E Woodhams District, Greene, Georgia

Enumeration Date August 7, 1820

Free White Persons - Males - Under 10 - 2

Free White Persons - Males - 10 thru 15 - 1

Free White Persons - Males - 16 thru 25 - 1

Free White Persons - Males - 26 thru 44 -1

Free White Persons - Females - Under 10 - 1

Free White Persons - Females - 10 thru 15 -1

Free White Persons - Females - 26 thru 44 - 1

Slaves - Males - Under 14 - 6

Slaves - Males - 14 thru 25- 1

Slaves - Males - 26 thru 44 - 5

Slaves - Females - Under 14 - 8

Slaves - Females - 14 thru 25 - 5

Slaves - Females - 26 thru 44 - 4

Number of Persons - Engaged in Agriculture - 11

Number of Persons - Engaged in Commerce - 1

All Other Persons Except Indians not Taxed - 37

Free White Persons - Under 16 - 5

Free White Persons - Over 25 - 2

Total Free White Persons - 8

Total Slaves - 29

Total All Persons - White, Slaves, Colored, Other - 37

ANALYSIS:

- **Source:** *Original*. The image is clear and doesn't appear to be tampered with. Faint marks from the opposite page have bled through, but the writing is easily discerned. The handwriting seems to be the same throughout, indicating that the census taker recorded all of the names.
- **Information:** *Undetermined*. It is highly likely that George W Dillard gave the household information.

¹³ 1820 U.S. Census, Greene County, Georgia, Capt E woodhams District, population schedule, p. 202, line 2, George W. Dillard household; digital image, Ancestry (<http://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 7 June 2017); citing NARA microfilm publication M33, roll 8.

- **Evidence: Direct.** The census record provides direct evidence that George W. Dillard resided in Greene County, Georgia in 1820. It also provides direct evidence of the gender and age of household members. The number of individuals engaged in agriculture points to a cotton plantation as the family's source of income. One individual is engaged in commerce.

1801 Marriage of George Dallard and Peggy Armour, Greene County, Georgia ¹⁴

Support Date	Persons Married	Witnes
May 18 th 1801	Thos. Davis to Patsy Barber	D. Carter
May 24 th 1801	Daniel Hightower to Betty Anne Johnson	Barton
May 28 th 1801	Samuel Campbell to Charity Edwards	Sam. Campbell
June 8 th 1801	Browell Lanner to Vertuana May Love	self
June 12 th 1801	John Sharp to Sally Peoples	self & Mr. Hedley
June 12 th 1801	William Wendell to Peggy Woods	self & Mr. Sharp
June 21 st 1801	Washington Lottier to Lucy Woodrick	Joe Harrison & Geo. Henderson
June 22 nd 1801	John Weston to Polly Kearse	self
July 18 th 1801	Jarrett Stimpson to Lucy Woods	self & Joe. Johnson
July 20 th 1801	Ignatious Russell to Eleanor Kirkbride	Joe Kirkbride Jr
July 31 st 1801	James H. Harrison to Mary Harrison	self & Mr. Stone
Aug. 12 th 1801	Thomas Cole to Elizabeth Talley	self & Latham
Oct. 26 th 1801	William Abbe to Polly Herb	self & Mr. Herb
Oct. 27 th 1801	William Crawford to Nancy Hemphill	self
Oct. 28 th 1801	Andrew Walker to Polly Graham	self & Barton
Nov. 9 th 1801	George W. Dillard to Peggy Armour	self & Nathan
Nov. 25 th 1801	Russell Jones to Mary Juggle	self

ANALYSIS:

- **Source: Original.** The microfilmed book has all pages included. This marriage is also listed at the beginning in the index. The page image is clear and doesn't appear to be tampered with.

¹⁴ Greene County, Georgia, "Marriage Licenses 1786 To 1810," p. 9, Dallard-Armour marriage, 9 November 1801; "Georgia, County Marriages, 1785-1950," image 21 of 659, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org> : accessed 7 June 2017); citing "Marriage Records 1786-1849," FHL microfilm # 159,052.

- **Information:** *Undetermined.* The handwriting is consistent throughout the book and this style of marriage recording is consistent until April 1806, when the county clerk, Henry Carleton, began to record the entire marriage license. Because no information is given regarding who married the couple, it is unknown who gave the marriage date and names of the couple.
- **Evidence:** *Direct.* The record provides direct evidence of a marriage between George W. Dallard [Dillard] and Peggy Armour on 9 November 1801.