

Regular Meeting
Board of Commissioners
December 12, 2013

Prayer and Pledge to the United States Flag.
Meeting called to order by Chairman Horace Daniel.
Commissioners Horace Daniel, Edward Burten, Frank Simmons, and Larry Mathis. Melton Jones was absent.
Commissioner Burten made a motion to approve minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Mathis.
Carried by a show of hands.

Total amount of bills were announced by Chairman Daniel.

Road Department.....	\$88,117.71
Landfill.....	\$39,826.71
E-911 & EMA.....	\$12,345.25
Sheriff Department & Jail.....	\$75,404.19
Courthouse.....	\$44,950.18
Administrative & Other.....	\$180,069.70
Total.....	<u>\$440,713.74</u>

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve bills. Seconded by Commissioner Burten.
Carried by a show of hands.

Road Department Update – Dean Davis

Appointments:

1. Antoinette Reid and Kyra Kennedy (Legal Shields) – Employee Benefits (did not show)
2. Delois Gordy -- Discussed Cambridge Dr. road condition.

Old Business:

1. Tom Rawlings reported that a partial settlement has been reached to acquire the Political Pond. The County has acquired the property for \$150,000. The final payment for the property is likely to be settled in court. Having title to the property will allow the County to take remedial measures in line with GA EPD requirements.

New Business:

1. Resolution – A Resolution to pursue a CDBG Grant for Health Department building improvements and sign a Letter of Agreement to authorize the CSRA Regional Commission to apply for and administer the Grant (see attached). Commissioner Mathis made a motion to approve the resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Simmons. Carried by a show of hands.
2. Agreement to approve installation of Civil War Marker (see attached). Commissioner

Simmons made a motion to approve installation of Civil War Marker. Seconded by Commissioner Burten. Carried by a show of hands.

Chairman Comments:

Meeting Adjourned

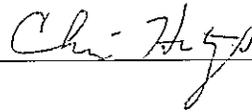
10 Minute Public Comment Session

Chairman, Horace M. Daniel



Date January 9, 2014

County Administrator/Clerk, Chris Hutchings



Date January 9, 2014

Board Minutes are unofficial unless signed

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, the governing body of Washington County authorizes the filing of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), including all understandings and assurances contained therein;

WHEREAS, Washington County provided citizens an adequate opportunity to participate in the development of the application by holding at least one public hearing in the locality before submission of the application;

WHEREAS, Washington County maintains files that contain documentary evidence that the hearing was held. The evidence includes a copy of the actual notice of public hearing,

WHEREAS, the citizen participation process meets the requirements of the Georgia DCA Citizen Participation Plan as outlined in the DCA CDBG regulations.

WHEREAS, Washington County is committed to the rehabilitation of the existing Washington County Health Department building.

WHEREAS, the Georgia Small Cities Grant Program of the Department of Community Affairs provides Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for these objectives, and

WHEREAS, Washington County has documented the need to perform flood/drainage improvements, and

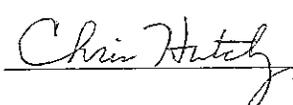
BE IT RESOLVED that Washington County commits to contribute cash match and leverage funds necessary for said project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Horace Daniel, Chair of Washington County, is authorized and directed to act as the official representative of Washington County in connection with the application.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chair and Board of Commissions of Washington County do hereby authorize the filing of a CDBG to the Georgia DCA, before the deadline of April 1, 2014.

This 12th day of December, 2013.

Signed: 
Chair, Washington County

Attested: 

Seal

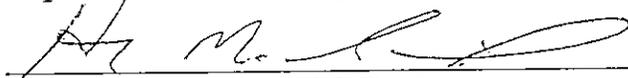
LETTER OF AGREEMENT

The Washington (city or county) intends to apply for a 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The CSRA Regional Commission (RC) will prepare and deliver the project application with all required attachments, photographs, and copies to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs on or before April 1, 2014. If the 2014 CDBG is awarded, the Washington (city or county) intends for the RC to administer the CDBG grant. **The City/County will be responsible for providing income surveys for the target area by _____ and preliminary engineering report by _____.**

Please indicate:

- New Application CDBG, \$2,500, public facilities, buildings, infrastructure
- New Application CDBG, \$3,000, housing only plus cost of housing inspections.
- First Revision and resubmission of CDBG application, \$1,500
- Second Revision and resubmission of CDBG application, \$00.00
- New Application Multi-Activity (housing and infrastructure), \$3,500 plus cost of housing inspections.
- Multi-Activity First Revision and resubmission of CDBG application, \$1,500
- Multi- Activity Second Revision and resubmission of CDBG application, \$00.00

Fee will be billed to the City/County before submission of the CDBG application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and will be used as additional leverage.



Signature, Chief Elected Official

Horace M. Daniel, Chairman

Typed Name and Title

**Mail to: Linda D. Grijalva, Director of Community Development
CSRA Regional Commission
3023 River Watch Parkway, Suite A
Augusta, Georgia 30907-2016**

Proposed Work

New pitched TPO Roof with new Gutters and downspouts at building perimeter connected to a storm drainage system.

Re-grading around Building to achieve positive drainage.

Improvements to Life Safety, Accessibility, Energy Efficiency, Structural and Finishes.

Preliminary Budget

Construction	\$444,000.00
Architectural/Engineering	\$26,640.00
Grant Administration	\$30,000.00
<u>Contingency</u>	<u>\$9,450.00</u>
Project Total	\$510,000.00

WHITFIELD COUNTY

TEMPORARY RIGHT OF ENTRY AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

STATE OF GEORGIA

WASHINGTON COUNTY

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, WASHINGTON COUNTY (Grantor), in order to expedite the improvements of Georgia Department of Transportation Project Number STP-0002-00(377), P.I. No. 0002377, also known as Georgia Civil War Heritage Trails, do hereby grant to Whitfield County, Georgia (Grantee) its contractors and assigns, the right to enter, construct and maintain the marker, signage and/or parking described within Parcel No. 78 and reflected on the map and drawing hereto attached, for the purpose of completing the improvements of said Project. This Right of Entry includes the use by the public for ingress, egress and access to view said historical signage. This Right of Entry becomes effective at the beginning of construction of the above numbered Project and will expire 20 years from the completion of the construction of the above-referenced Project.

THIS AGREEMENT made this 12th day of December, 2013

GRANTOR

[Signature] (L.S.)

Signed, sealed & delivered in my presence this 13 day of December, 2013.

[Signature]

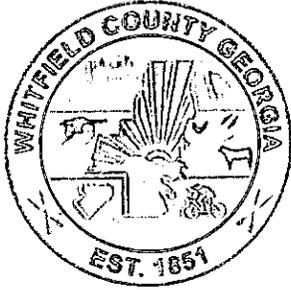
WITNESS

[Signature]

NOTARY PUBLIC



Parcel No. 78



Whitfield County

Board of Commissioners

Board Members

Mike Babb, Chairman
Harold Brooker
Lynn Laughter
Robby Staten
Gordon Morehouse

October 4, 2013

Washington County
c/o Horace Daniel, Chairman
1016 Jordan Mill Road
Sandersville GA 31082

Re: Atlanta Campaign & March to the Sea Heritage Trails, GDOT P.I. # 0002377

Dear Commissioner Daniel,

Please find enclosed the acquisition Package on the above referenced parcel and project. I have included right of way plans with the area highlighted showing the location of the proposed civil war marker at the Washington County property site.

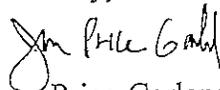
The Package consists of the following:

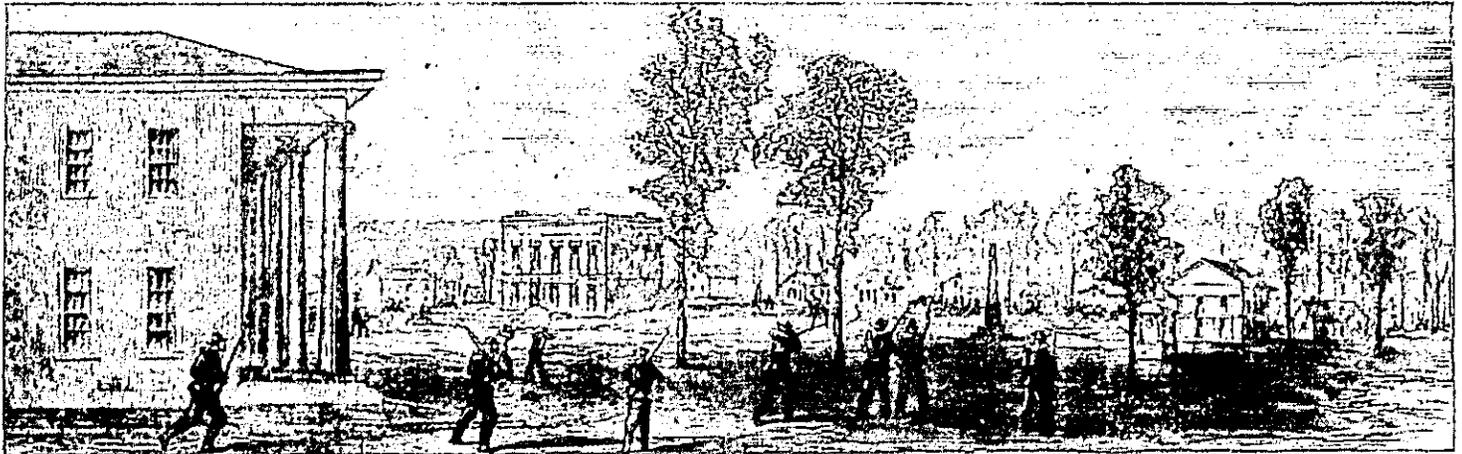
- Brochure entitled "What Happens When Your Property Is Needed For A Transportation Facility"
- Receipt For Brochure (2 copies)
- Owner's Receipt for Plans & Explanation Acknowledgment (2 copies)
- Incidental Payment Form
- Temporary Right of Entry and Maintenance Agreement (2 copies)

Please sign and return one copy of the Receipt for Brochure and Owner's Receipt for Plans for our records. Also, if you are in agreement, sign, have notarized and return one copy of the Temporary Right of Entry and Maintenance Agreement.

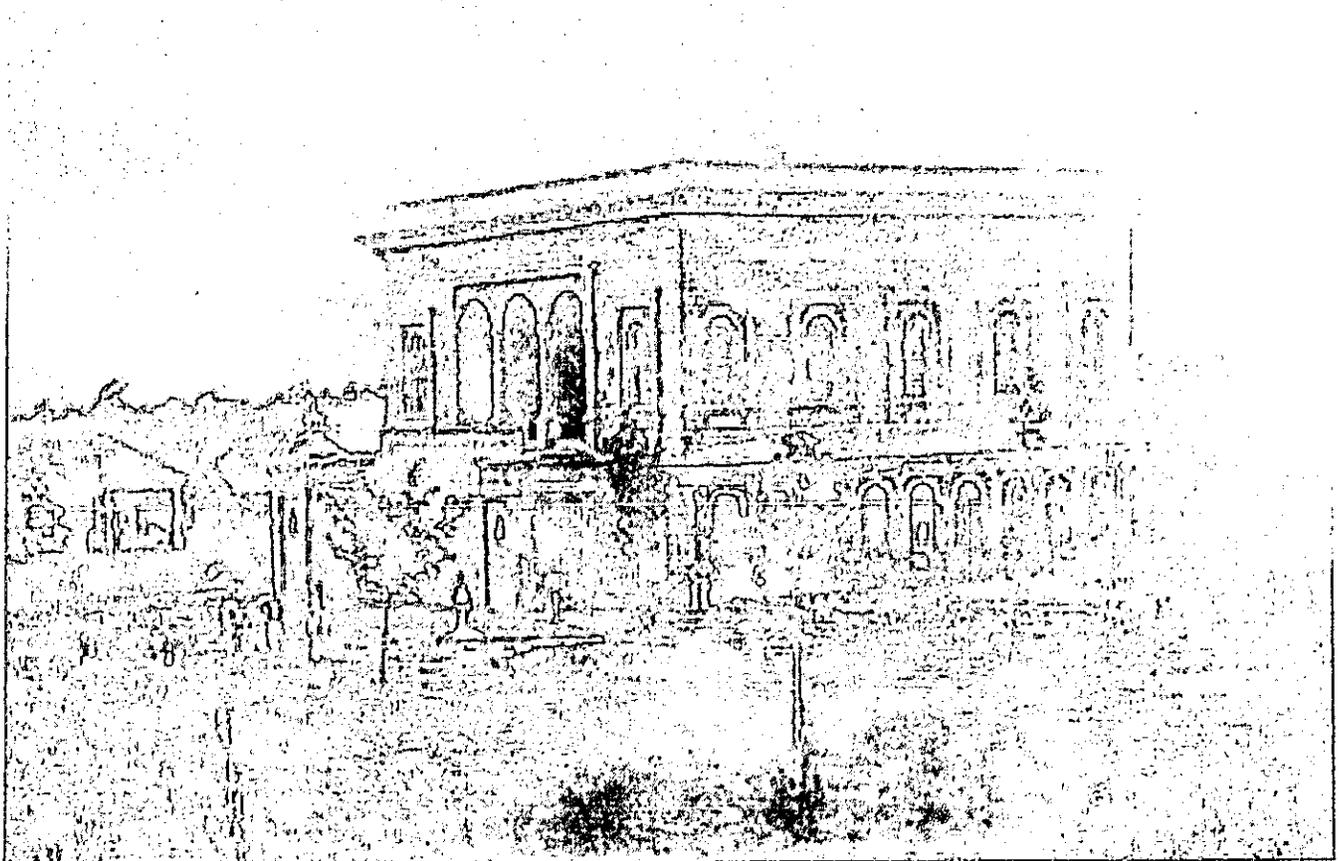
We look forward to working with you on this project. If you have any questions or comments, the agent responsible for your parcel is **Jean Garland** and can be reached at (706) 876-2533 (work) or 706-463-0524 (cell) or jgarland@whitfieldcountyga.com (email).

Sincerely,


Jean Price-Garland



Federals skirmishing with Confederate cavalry in Sandersville's Courthouse Square (Harper's Weekly)



Washington County Courthouse prior to its accidental burning in 1855
Re-built, then burned by Federal troops on November 27, 1864
(Georgia Archives, Vanishing Georgia collection)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

AVAILABILITY OF INCIDENTAL PAYMENTS: CLAIM FORM

P.I. # 0002377 PROJECT NO.: STP-0002-00(377) COUNTY: WASHINGTON

NAME: WASHINGTON COUNTY PHONE#: 478-232-8057

DATE: 10/4/2013 SOCIAL SECURITY# OR FEI#

PROPERTY ADDRESS: SOUTH SIDE OF WASHINGTON Co COURTHOUSE

MAILING ADDRESS: P O BOX 271 SANDERSVILLE GA 31082

This is to advise you that due to the acquisition of the above project and parcel, you are eligible for reimbursement for expenses you may have incurred due to the Local Government's purchasing your property. These expenses may include: 1. Pro-rata portion of taxes, and 2. Survey work. Pro-rata tax deductions are normally handled at closing on a total acquisition situation. However, if they are not, or in the event of condemnation, it will be your responsibility to provide to the Local Government copies of your paid receipts(s) as described in Property Tax payments section below.

1. Property Tax Payments are handled as follows:

- A. For Total Acquisition of your property, a deduction for your pro-rata share of the taxes will be withheld at closing. Upon Receipt of your property tax bill for the current year, you should immediately forward the property tax bill to the Local Government's Designated Representative with this letter for payment (see address immediately below).
B. For Partial Acquisition of your property, the Local Government will reimburse you for the pro-rata share of taxes on the portion of property acquired by the Local Government upon receiving a copy of your paid tax bill receipt. Paid property tax receipts(s) must be mailed with this letter to :

Jean Price-Garland
Whitfield County Government
P O Box 248
Dalton GA 30722-0248

2. Survey Work Reimbursements are handled as follows:

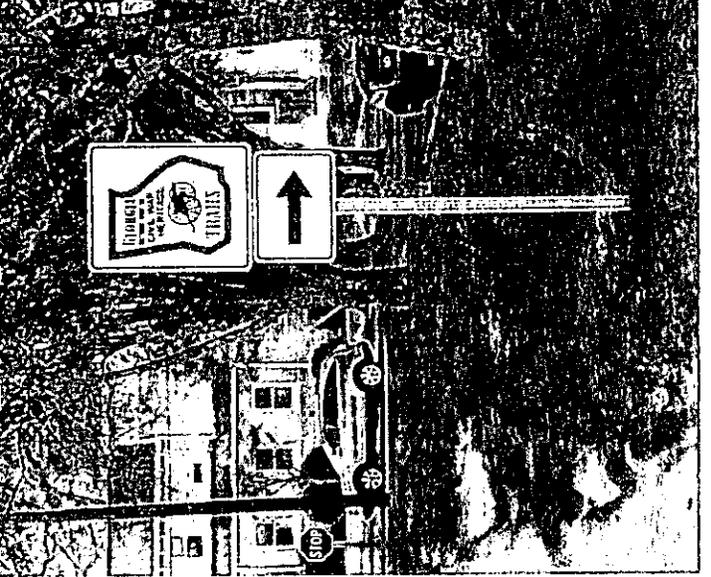
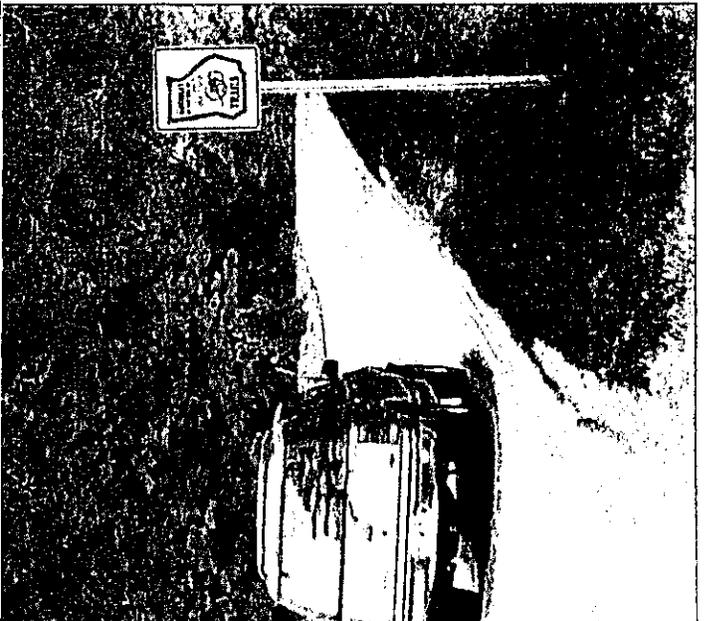
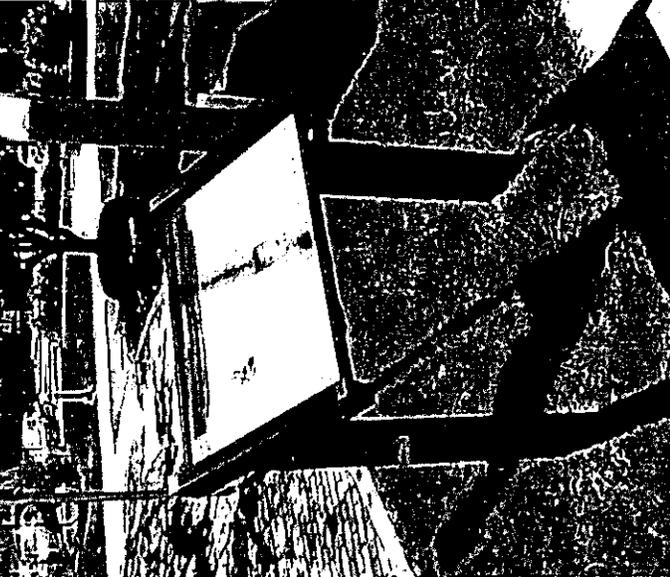
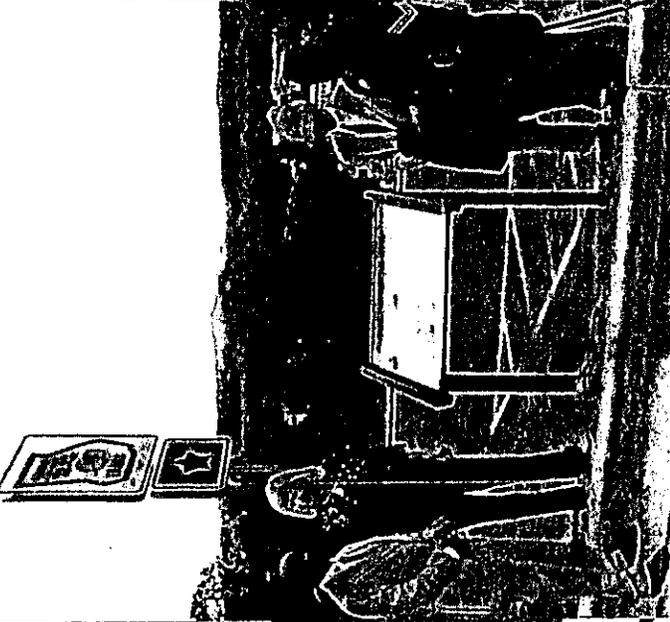
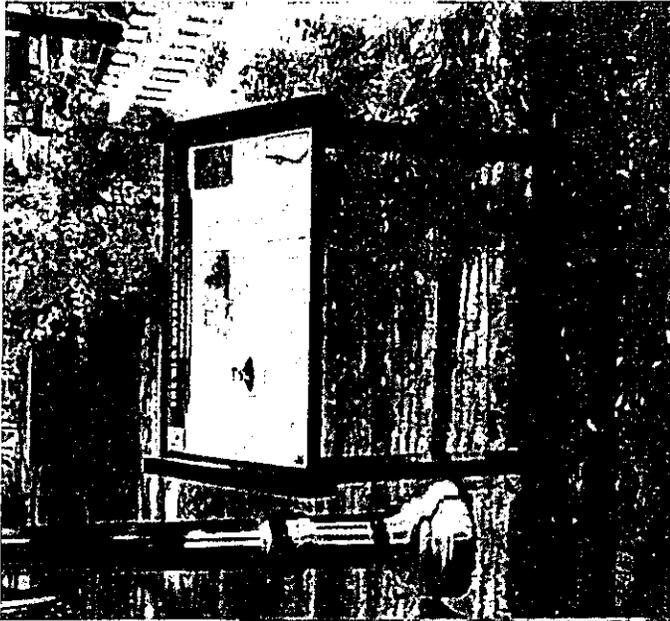
You may also be eligible for reimbursement for reasonable survey fees to re-establish existing property corner pins that were removed as a result of construction of the project. Your assigned Local Government Representative for survey incidental benefits is: Jean Price-Garland at Phone: 706-876-2533.

- (1) Contact your Local Government Representative before proceeding with survey; send estimate and obtain pre-approval.
(2) Your Local Government Representative will need this completed claim form, survey estimate, and paid receipt in order to process your claim.

Survey Pre-Approval: For Local Government Use Only
Survey Estimate Amt: \$ Date of Estimate: Survey Reimbursement Amt Approved:
Pre-approved Signature (for Reimbursement): Local Government Representative

In order to file claim for payment of the above expenses, you must have paid receipt(s) to support you claim and you must file within eighteen (18) months of the date your property was acquired, except survey fees, which must be filed with six (6) months after construction on the project is completed.

Sincerely,
Jean Price-Garland
Local Government Designated Representative



WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

"We had fought for the town and it was our plunder."

On Thursday, November 24, 1864, the 14th and 20th Corps of Union Major General William T. Sherman's army began entering Washington County. By Saturday, November 26th, the 28,000 soldiers of the two corps arrived in Sandersville, marching on separate roads that converged at the town's cemetery. General Sherman entered Sandersville early in the day, riding with the 20th Corps.

The first units to arrive were the 17th New York and 16th Illinois infantry regiments. These Federals and others to follow skirmished for 30 minutes with elements of Confederate Major General Joseph Wheeler's cavalry. The Southern troopers fired at Sherman's men from within the courthouse, from street corners and from behind houses, but fell back after a few rounds. For the 600 inhabitants of Sandersville, mostly women and children, it was a terrifying spectacle. There were few casualties on either side.

Captain James Ladd of the 113th Ohio Infantry recorded in his diary, *"Sandersville...contains 2 churches, several fine stores, large hotel buildings and several fine residences. The boys were allowed to do just as they pleased. We had fought for the town and it was our plunder."*

Sandersville resident Ella Mitchell recalled that her family was at breakfast when they heard a clattering of horses' hooves and a rain of bullets on the roof. *"In a few minutes our house was filled with the surging mass [of Federal soldiers]. In a little while there was not a piece of china, silver, or even the tablecloth left, and the food disappeared in a second."*

I. W. Avery wrote, *"...a piano was butchered to fragments, books and pictures destroyed, and for days the female inmates of the house lived upon corn gathered from where horses of the Federal troopers had been fed."* And Mrs. S. B. Jones reported *"...locks were broken and our houses were filled with Yankee soldiers who ripped our beds open, cut our carpets, and carried off everything that they could lay their hands on, not leaving even a dust of flour or a pound of meat."* But not all stories were bad. Some Northern officers paid for meals and lodging. Union Brigadier General Jefferson C. Davis, commanding the 14th Corps, upon hearing the cries of Mrs. Jones' baby sent her a *"silver waiter full of nice things to eat."*

After using a nearby residence (the Brown House) as his overnight headquarters, General Sherman left Sandersville on Sunday, November 27th, riding south toward Tennille. Before leaving he ordered the burning of the Greek Revival style Washington County Courthouse in retribution for its use by General Wheeler's Confederate cavalry the previous day. County Ordinary, Haywood Brookins, had earlier ordered the courthouse records brought to him then successfully hid them between the mattresses on his bed. The reconstruction of the courthouse was completed in 1869 on the same foundation as the one burned by Sherman. The courthouse you see now was remodeled in 1900.

On Saturday, May 6, 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis and other government officials passed through Washington County riding south during their effort to elude Federal capture.

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494 words, plus titles & captions

Graphic Images:

- Harper's Weekly drawing of courthouse skirmish (and as the background image).
- Washington County Courthouse (pre-1855 photo)

RECEIPT FOR BROCHURE

DATE December 12, 2013

INDIVIDUAL _____ FAMILY _____ MOBILE HOME _____ BUSINESS _____

FARM _____ NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION _____ NON-RESIDENT OWNER _____

LOCAL/STATE/FEDERAL GOVERNMENT X

PROJECT NO. STP-002-00(377) COUNTY WASHINGTON PARCEL 78

NAME: WASHINGTON COUNTY

PRESENT ADDRESS: P o Box 291 Sandersville GA 31082

I, the above named, do hereby certify that I have received a copy of the State's brochure entitled "What Happens When Your Property is Needed for a Transportation Facility."

Chris Hays
(SIGNATURE)

12-12-2013
(DATE)

58-6000905 EIN
(SOCIAL SECURITY NO.)

Jean Paul Garland
(Acquisition Specialist)

10/4/2013
(DATE)

**Whitfield County
Owner's Receipt of Plans & Explanation
Acknowledgement**

DATE: December 12, 2013

PROJECT NO.: STP-0002-00(377)

COUNTY: WASHINGTON

P.I. NUMBER: 0002377

PARCEL NO.: 78

OWNER(S): WASHINGTON COUNTY

I have this date received the following full-sized and/or half sized (to scale):

Right of Way plans, dated 9/22/2013, last revised N/A, 20 _____;

Roadway cross-section plans dated N/A, 20 _____;
(Negotiator to initial and date bottom right corner of plans on date given to property owner.)

Driveway profiles (if applicable) dated N/A, 20 _____;
(Negotiator to initial and date bottom right corner of plans on date given to property owner.)

Also, I acknowledge that the Right of Way Specialist OR Right of Way Consultant JEAN PRICE GARLAND representing Whitfield County has explained the above stated plans to me (us) and the effects of the proposed project on my (our) property as of this date.

Owner's Name Washington County Board of Commissioners Signature Chris Hays
(Print Name) Administrator/Clerk

Owner's Name _____ Signature _____
(Print Name)

Negotiator's Name JEAN PRICE GARLAND Signature Jean Price Galt
(Print Name)