

Floyd County

Georgia

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Georgia, by an Act dated December 3, 1832, did create Floyd County from the former Cherokee Georgia territory; and

WHEREAS, The first officers of Floyd County were the Sheriff, Surveyor, Coroner, Clerk of Superior Court and Clerk of Inferior Court Which were commissioned on March 18, 1833; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Georgia, by an Act dated December 21, 1833, did designate the hamlet of Livingston to be Floyd County's first "seat of justice"; and

WHEREAS, The Floyd County map of 1895 shows that the "Old Court House" at Livingston was a little south of the "Livingston CH. and Acdy." [Livingston Church and Academy or School], where both Methodists and Presbyterians worship services and the school were Organized in 1833; and that the "Livingston P. O." [Livingston Post Office] was a little south of the Court House, all on Land Lot-287, Fourth District and Fourth Section of what was originally Cherokee Territory, now Floyd County, and all on the western side of what is now Highway 100 South, also called "Foster's Mill Road" [another previous name was Quinn's Ferry Road, and before that it was Pathkiller's Ferry]; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Georgia, by an Act dated December 20, 1834, moved the Floyd County Seat from Livingston to Rome; and

WHEREAS, The fieldstone granite boulders which first supported Floyd County's log cabin courthouse and later the white frame building once used for worship by Methodists and Presbyterians, prior to the Presbyterians moving to Sardis, or to Rome in 1847, after which the Methodists acquired two acres surrounding where the old Court House had been from Adam Metz, September 4, 1851 [Deed Book "H", page 69, 70], who, with Zachariah Metts, acquired it, and all of LL-287, plus all of LL-286 that is south west of the Coosa River, along with the privilege of use of the Ferry Landing on the north east side of the Coosa River, from Justices of the Inferior Court, September 4, 1836 [Book "B", page 332, 333], who acquired it from William Smith, February 15, 1834 [Deed Book "A" page 283, 284], who acquired it from Seaborn Delk, July 24, 1833 [Deed Book "A", page 262], and Washington Baker, September 10, 1833 [Deed Book "A", pages 282, 283], who won it in the Land Lottery; and

WHEREAS, The fieldstone granite boulders that once supported Floyd County's old log Court House of 1833, and later the white frame church, about 6 feet south of today's red brick church built in 1956 by Henry O. Kirton, in honor of his mother, Julia Erwin Kirton; and next to today's red brick Church, there remains preserved in today's Memorial Garden, the fieldstone granite boulders that once supported Floyd County's old log Court House of 1833, 1834; and

WHEREAS, The Livingston Methodist Church Cemetery has been the final resting place of both its red, black, and white citizens since its founding; and

WHEREAS, The Livingston Methodist Church Cemetery contains the remains of James Addison Greene, who surveyed the Cherokee Territory into ten large counties by appointment of Governor Wilson Lumpkin; Evelina Anvil Terrell Erwin (1800-1897) a "Real Daughter of the American Revolution", and the Reverend William Cobb Huffard an early minister of the Livingston Methodist Church who served Floyd County churches for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, The Livingston United Methodist Church is not only a vibrant and vital part of Floyd County's religious community, but also is a vital part of our civic community and has done Floyd County citizens a great service in preserving our history there and even preserving the cornerstones marking the footprint of our first courthouse; and

WHEREAS, The Livingston United Methodist Church, on August 17, 2008, will celebrate its One Hundred And Seventy Fifth Anniversary, and

WHEREAS, Floyd County, on December 21, 2008, will celebrate its One Hundred And Seventy Fifth Anniversary.

NOW THEREFORE, the Floyd County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim

August 17, 2008 as the Livingston United Methodist Church "Celebration Day"

and

December 21, 2008 as the Floyd County "Old Courthouse Celebration Day"

for our mutual

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIFTH ANNIVERSARIES

and ask all citizens to join together there on each of those occasions, in thanks and celebration of our history preserved in the cornerstones in that one memorial Garden. Our Special Honored Guest for these historic celebrations will be Superior Court Clerk Joe Johnston, a lifetime lover of history and public service, who is retiring this year after more than 30 years of Court service to the citizens of Floyd County. Members of all surrounding churches and all citizens of Floyd County are asked to join us in thanks and celebration on both occasions in that one memorial Garden.

This the Eighth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eight.

FLOYD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jerry Jennings, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kathy Arp, Clerk