

Dahlonega Gold-Mining

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If you see the word "miner" on the 1850 census as the occupation, what you have is a relative who was sniffing out the trail of gold discoveries in Georgia.

Do not be surprised to notice that this adventurer moved about in the mountains of North Georgia. In Lumpkin County, the rush began in 1829 and spread rapidly throughout the region.

In fact the word spread so quickly that newspapers caught wind of it.

Of the uncounted gold mines which are found in this region, the most fruitful at the present times lies about twenty-five miles from here, in a northerly direction, and is the property of Mr. Lorenzo Dow Smith. And the success which has ever attended Lorenzo is worth recording.