

Quakers into Georgia

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Wrightsboro Church

Most of quakers who settled in Wrightsboro came from Virginia and North Carolina. As families moved about, they went from one Meeting House to another. Some just seemed to follow their families into new territory. Such was the case of Richard Austin of Pittsylvania County, Virginia who joined his friends in Wrightsboro about 1770. This was during the year during which the quakers were formulating in Georgia. For those researching quakers, it is necessary to peruse all of the volumes the Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy by Hinshaw because this great work includes those who went from Meeting House to Meeting House and State to State and it is a

record their births, deaths and baptisms. The to boundary changes, the records of Wrightsboro are found in Richmond, Columbia and McDuffie Counties. Today, that area is known as Thomson, Georgia. If you follow the deed descriptions with particular attention to the creeks and rivers as well the names of the adjoining landowners, it is easy to discern the neighborhood.

Oldest Stone House in Georgia



rock house

The Register of Historical Places in Georgia puts the home built by Thomas Ansley as the oldest stone house in the State. New York and New Jersey had its Society of Friends organizations, and Ansley came down from Monmouth County passing through North Carolina to Wrightsboro where he finally settled with the other families settling the area during the early 18th century.

