

The first official mention of Howell Cobb is his commission as Judge of the Inferior Court of Houston County from February 22, 1823 to January 15, 1825. His record of additional public service includes: Commissioner of Houston County Academy in 1823; State Senator 1829, 1830 and 1832; and Presidential Elector, 1836 and again in 1860-61. He was an uncle of the famous Howell Cobb, who was the 40<sup>th</sup> Governor of Georgia from 1851 to 1853.

A widely acclaimed lawyer, Howell Cobb had an extensive practice of the law according to court records in Houston County. In 1846, he published *Cobb's Analysis of Georgia Laws*, which was widely recognized by Georgia lawyers and judges as a learned compilation and treatise of Georgia laws. This work was praised for its completeness and usefulness to laymen and lawyers alike by a legislative committee appointed to inquire into it and to report back to the legislature and to the governor. In 1850 he gave land on the Marshallville Highway for a Methodist Camp ground.

Col. Howell Cobb's service left a meaningful legacy to this community and now his publication continues a historical legacy at the local museum.