

“Plantation” – Related News

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But the word's connotations with slavery are ultimately why Sea Pines "quietly, without fanfare" became the first to drop plantation from its formal name in 1993, according to an Island Packet article from the time.

"On the positive side, the word plantation means something that is private and secure," Cliff Charnes, then-president of Sea Pines Co., told the newspaper at the time. "On the negative side, if the word is offensive to a large number segment of the island population that connects the word with slavery and something ugly, we didn't see any need to keep it and possibly offend guests, visitors or our own employees."

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/developers-drop-plantation-from-name-of-planned-community>

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CHARLESTON, S.C. – Developers of a planned subdivision in South Carolina decided to drop the name "Plantation" from the community after meeting with residents.

The Post and Courier reports that the subdivision in Charleston County is at least the second to drop the name associated with slavery in recent years.

Owners of a 1,285-home development originally called the Kiawah River Plantation are in the process of making the development's name-change official.

Celia Spell, who represents property owner Kiawah River Investment LLC, says that it has become clear that the word is "not reflective of the community's vision."

Reynolds Lake Oconee Iconic Symbols Get a Refresh

By Rick Limpert @RickRoswell · On March 3, 2016

The Reynolds Plantation golf development and community located less than an hour from Atlanta proper on Lake Oconee is getting a new logo to start 2016. Spring is a time for renewing, rebirth and a refresh and that is the thought behind Reynolds' new logo, but don't worry, Reynolds Plantation is still one of the premier golf communities in the world with six world-class golf courses, four marinas, the Lake Club wellness center, and an award-winning tennis center. Reynolds is a popular vacation destination, centering around The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee, a 251-room lakefront resort and spa, which was named a 2015 AAA Five Diamond Lodging and 2014 Forbes Four-Star resort

Reynolds Plantation on Lake Oconee—famous for a legacy of luxury living and its collection of stellar amenities along the shorelines of Georgia's Lake Oconee—it has been identified by the iconic symbols of the woodland duck in flight and the signature script of the Reynolds name. And for the past three years, new ownership and new investment have created a renaissance for the community that now invites a more modern and simplified rebranding as Reynolds Lake Oconee.

“While our symbols may have changed, the values behind them have not,” explains John Gunderson, president of Daniel Corporation's community division, the asset manager for the property. “There is incredible brand equity in the Reynolds name, as there is in the name of our most precious natural asset, Lake Oconee. Highlighting them together in this clean, concise way was a natural evolution of this heralded brand. The physical assets across nearly every corner of the community have been updated and improved, and we feel that refreshing the brand reflects this, while maintaining a connection to the long, proud history of Reynolds.”

Reynolds Lake Oconee continues to be a vibrant community of nearly 4,000 multi-generational families and their friends who share a passion for the outdoors and savor their time together. Located along one of the most treasured lakeside settings in the country, Reynolds Lake Oconee has established itself as a leader in sports and leisure activities on land and water, as well as a cultural and culinary center with a passion for music, the arts, and regional cuisine. Reynolds is a lifestyle and the new is taking flight in many of the same ways Reynolds Plantation has over the years. For more information, visit **www.reynoldslakeoconee.com**. Plan your visit to Reynolds Plantation.

Other Examples:

- Rhode Island, known formally as the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, will drop the latter half of its official name on state documents and websites following an executive order signed by Gov. Gina Raimondo.
- The community once known as “Plantation Estates” in North Carolina changed its name in late 2020 to “Matthews Glen”
- On Hilton Head Island, Sea Pines Plantation became Sea Pines Resort and Palmetto Hall Plantation dropped the word.
- Wexford Plantation in South Carolina dropped the word in 2020.
- “New Orleans Plantation Country” became “Louisiana’s River Parishes”

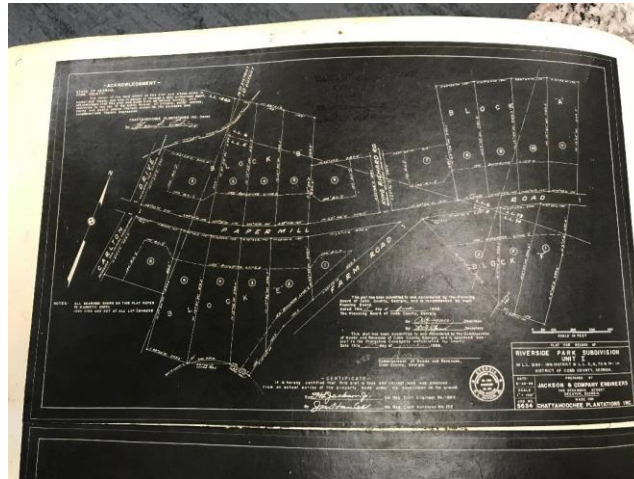
Chattahoochee Plantation Background

1954

The U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision in the case of *Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka*, declaring segregation in public schools to be unconstitutional and ordering public schools to desegregate "with all deliberate speed."

1956

Copy of a plat submitted to Cobb County in 1956 for Riverside Park Subdivision at the request of Chattahoochee Plantations Inc.

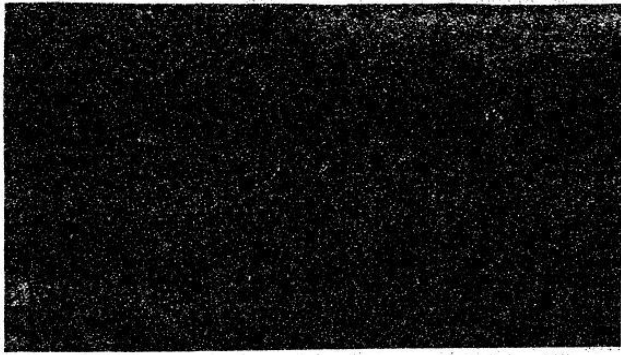


1959

Bill Ward and Clyde King bought the property and built the Chattahoochee Plantation Club. This private, segregated club eventually had dining, a dance floor, pools, a stable and riding ring.

1960

The first house in Chattahoochee Plantation Estates was built in 1960.



WESTERN STYLE RANCH HOUSE IS FIRST COMPLETED AT CHATTAHOOCHEE PLANTATION ESTATES
\$45,000 House Is First of 200 or More Luxury Homes Planned By Developers

HOUSES SITUATED ON 2-ACRE LOTS

Plush Cobb Community Is Under Way At River

By OTIS BRUMBY

A plush real estate development is under way on high ground which rises away from the Chattahoochee River in the eastern part of Cobb County.

To be called Chattahoochee, late 1962, Plantation Estates, it is the latest dreamchild of William A. Ward Jr., one of the two developers of the Belmont Hills Shopping Center.

The 850-acre tract was the old Hughes Spaulding property on Paper Mill Road. Ward plans to make it drip with snob appeal.

Over 200 building lots of approximately two acres each are now available for houses \$40,000 and up. A \$40,000 "model house" is now being shown. It's billed as an "authentic" western ranch house. Also completed is a rustic but modern equipped clubhouse that Ward sees as the "hub of social activity for estate owners."

A regulation horse show ring, stables and indoor riding ring are also available. Yet to come: a swimming pool, tennis courts, gun club, golf course, youth center, stables for racers and hunters, bridge paths and a private school site.

Co-Op Apartments
Ward says that the first of two multi-story co-op apartment houses planned for the development will be under construction early next year and ready for occupancy by March of this year. The county

has resurfaced Paper Mill Road from Johnson's Ferry Road to Terrell Mill — a project approved in a bond issue several years ago. The developers have cut almost five miles of road on the tract and water lines are now in. Atlanta Gas Light Company will extend a six-inch main to the development. Electricity is available. Septic tanks will be used.

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Growth Predictions
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est arrival is on the Cobb side of the Chattahoochee east of the Four Lane.

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The model house is, as will be all houses in the development, custom-built. Its builder, Wyman Pilcher, says the \$40,000 number is the only authentic western ranch-style in this part of the country. The plans, drawn by Dover, Mitchell and Simpson of Smyrna, were based on a house Pilcher saw in California.

It has four bedrooms, three and a half baths, patio, garage and servants' quarters.

The house is air-conditioned and has been wired for AM, FM, stereophonic sound, and an intercom system. The roof is made of hand-hewn shingles from Washington. The house is open daily.

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Men Behind It
Who are the men behind this castles-on-the-Rhine plan? Ward is vice president and chairman of the board of Chattahoochee Plantation Estates, Inc. Fred Brown of Atlanta is president. Secretary-treasurer is Ward's Belmont Hills partner, Clyde King Jr.

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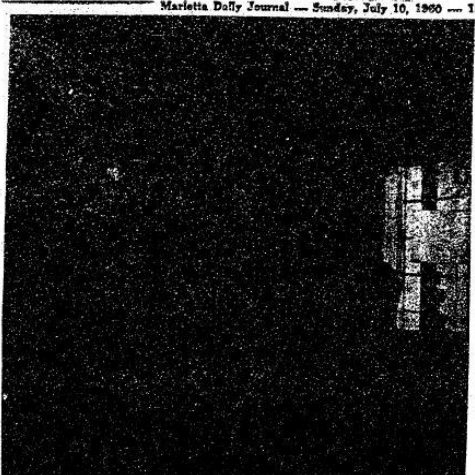
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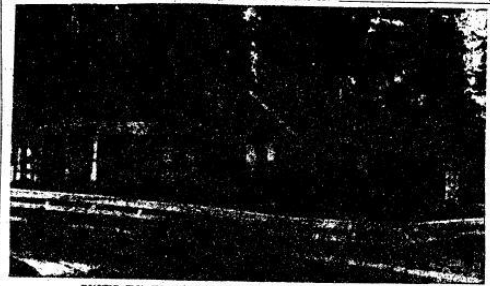
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1961

An MDJ article referred to the developers calling Chattahoochee Plantation "one of the largest restricted developments in the southeast."

10-A — Marietta Daily Journal — Sunday, May 14, 1961

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Boom Is Sweeping Cobb's New City

A building boom is sweeping Cobb's newest city—Chattahoochee Plantation, Georgia.

Ten high-priced homes are being started there in May. Most are already under construction. All are in the \$35,000 to \$60,000 range.

"This breaks the ice for us," Developer William A. Ward said this week.

The homes are being built for executives of Atlanta and national firms. A few are being built for speculation.

Ultimately, several hundred homes are expected to be located on the Plantation's more than 800 rolling acres. The minimum sized lot is two acres and all houses must contain 2,500 square feet or more.

The plush subdivision, located in East Cobb on Paper Mill Road, begins at the scenic Chattahoochee River. It was incorporated earlier this year and city officials were sworn in May 3.

One of Largest

Developers of the new city say that it is one of the largest restricted neighborhoods in the Southeast. The tract adjoins other property which someday may be developed similarly.

Chattahoochee Plantation is probably the only city in Georgia without a store. Furthermore, it's unlikely that the city will ever have a business district.

"We are planning no shopping center or anything like that," Ward said. "Eventually, we may have a small store for basic supplies and sundries."

Now in operation at the Plantation is a picturesque clubhouse which has become a popular dining spot. A large riding stable is also in operation.

Facilities Planned

A gun club, tennis courts, a swimming pool, a golf course and other facilities are planned later on, according to Ward. There is also some talk of a high rise apartment building.

For the moment, however, attention is being placed on increasing the city's population. And lending a hand are several Atlanta building contractors.

In House bill 631, the municipality of Chattahoochee Plantation was incorporated with a mayor and five-man council (including Bill Ward, owner of Chattahoochee Plantation Club). The council never met. The land lots were drawn along the Chattahoochee River, Paper Mill Road, Woodlawn Drive and Johnson Ferry Road. The 26-page bill stipulated, among other ordinances and regulations, the municipality should “protect and advance the morals of said city” and “establish an independent municipal school system for the residents.”

1964

There were approximately 44 homes in Chattahoochee Plantation. The Chattahoochee Plantation Community Association was formed this same year.

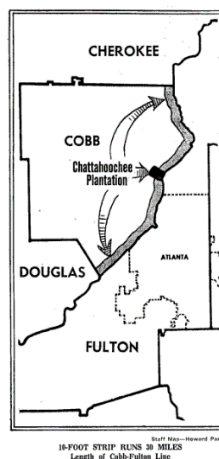
1965

The Cobb County Board of Education voted 5 to 1 in favor of desegregation. Over the next five years, desegregation in Cobb County became a reality.

1968

The Fair Housing Act is signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. It prohibits housing discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, and family status.

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A map from the AJC's archives of Chattahoochee Plantation. (AJC archives)

Actual Factual Cobb: Atlanta invasion fear led to a 10-foot-wide city **by By Ben Brasch, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

Dec 2, 2016

<https://www.ajc.com/news/local/actual-factual-cobb-atlanta-invasion-fear-led-foot-wide-city/QXnViGcIkFw6JAolkdKZdJ/>

Chattahoochee Plantation gained notoriety for one reason: It kept blue Atlanta off Cobb County's red lawn.

The small municipality was incorporated in 1961 in hopes of building luxury housing developed around a golf club.

A mayor and five councilmen (once of whom flipped the land to 25 "sponsors" for double his money at \$1,000 an acre) were named.

Its 29-page charter called for an election to replace the men once the population reached 500 registered voters. They started with 200. (That's what would get it in trouble.)

But after seven years of growth centered around retirement-age folks, something drastic happened.

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Yep. The fine people of Cobb wanted so badly not to be part of the hub of the Civil Rights Movement that they made a slender firewall of a city that never set up a formal government. (See, that government thing again. Keep reading!)

"The purpose of the 'city' was to make sure that Atlanta didn't annex into Cobb County. One city's annexation couldn't jump over the boundaries of another city," explained Tom Scott, retired Kennesaw State University professor. "I don't know whether Atlanta had any serious thoughts of doing so."

He remembers Representative Joe Mack Wilson helping to lead the charge.

"At the time Wilson and some other legislators were saying a lot of unkind things about liberal Atlanta, and I guess they didn't want to take a chance," Scott said. "In the colorful language that characterized him, Wilson suggested putting alligators in the Chattahoochee to keep Atlanta on its side of the river."

A 1969 article from The Atlanta Constitution summed up the "most forgotten town in Georgia" saying "most folks didn't even notice last year when the legislature passed a law and made theirs the longest town in Georgia."

It was 30 miles long and without a gas station at that time.

The city's mayor was Richard L. Simms Jr., an Atlanta advertising executive. One problem, he didn't move to the city he was the leader of. He decided to stay in Atlanta.

"He remembers the mayor and councilman arrangement as an informal sort of thing that never has been exercised," the story read.

When asked about general operations of the town: "I've lost track of it myself," Simms told the paper.

This is the guy who had the authority to levy a one-mill property tax, appoint police officers or "call every able-bodied citizen over 18 to form a militia to 'suppress riot or disorder.' "

Chattahoochee Plantation, existed "only to assure that Atlanta will never be able to annex any land across the river," according to a 1985 story in the Atlanta Constitution.

The city dissolved in 1995 because of a decision by the legislature that required three conditions to remain a city, ensuring that cities had to have active governments, according to the New Georgia Encyclopedia.

I would say there's not much left of the city that wasn't much to begin with, but this all started because Lee Decker saw the sign and was good enough to write into this column.

The signs act as roadside gravemarkers that read:

CITY LIMITS
CHATTAHOOCHEE PLANTATION
1961 - 1995

Heck, even when you search for the now-defunct city on Google Maps, it comes up.

The Chattahoochee Plantation Home Owners Association exists. Its website boasts that the association is 85 homes strong.

Oh, and then there's the Chattahoochee Plantation Women's Club, which has a closed Facebook group of 120 members.

So even if the city isn't around, its name certainly is.

How Atlanta Was Kept Out Of Cobb County By A 10-Foot-Wide City

<https://www.wabe.org/how-atlanta-was-kept-out-cobb-county-10-foot-wide-city/>

Stephannie Stokes | WABE

April 27th, 2015

You might have noticed these green signs in East Cobb. They're around Johnson Ferry Road, near the border of the Chattahoochee River. In white lettering, they read, "Former City Limits Chattahoochee Plantation (1961-1995)."

These signs sparked our curiosity at WABE. We'd never heard of a city called "Chattahoochee Plantation." But as we looked into the history of the area and the signs, we found a story stranger than we expected.

Not only was there once a city in this part of East Cobb (an area that's all unincorporated today), but it was one that was once 30 or so miles long. It spanned Cobb County's entire border with the Chattahoochee River, all the way up to where the county meets Roswell and back down to where Six Flags is today.

And for much of that length, the city was just 10 feet wide.

Now, this got us really curious. What could possibly be the purpose of incorporating such a long stretch of land so narrow it couldn't even fit a house?

As it turns out, back when these boundaries were drawn in the late 1960s, the purpose was clear. It was to create something like an invisible force field to protect Cobb County from Atlanta.

See at this time, in the '50s and '60s, the region was in the midst of a heated debate.

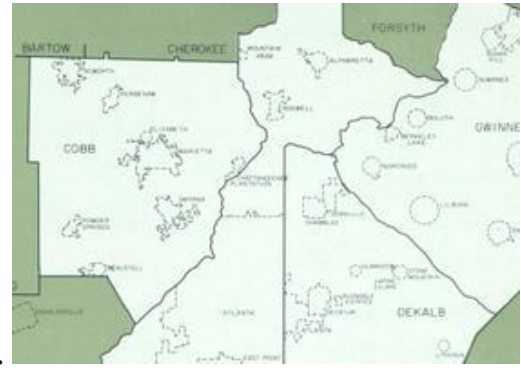
"The larger issue at stake with the city at the time was what would be the size of Atlanta," said Tim Crimmins, a professor of history at Georgia State University.

Atlanta's suburban white population was growing, Crimmins said. Former Mayor William Hartsfield thought Atlanta should grow and include these new suburbs. His successor — Ivan Allen Jr. — wanted the same.

But these additional areas that the two Atlanta mayors hoped to annex? Areas bordering Atlanta, like Sandy Springs or perhaps parts of Cobb County? They weren't exactly on board.

"The reaction to the people who were living in the unincorporated areas to the expansion of Atlanta was 'No we would prefer not,'" Crimmins said.

There were concerns about a government that big, and, Crimmins said, there were also concerns about race. Atlanta's African-American population was gaining political clout.



This is what brings us back to those former city limits signs.

Starting in 1961, there was a brand new city called Chattahoochee Plantation. Developers hoped it would be a wealthy, white suburb. Crimmins said that's probably why they put "plantation" in the name. To give it an Old South feel.

By 1968, this new city didn't have all that many residents yet. They hadn't even voted in a city council or mayor.

But that didn't matter so much at least in the eyes of Cobb County legislators. They noticed the city was in a convenient place to send Atlanta and its mayor a clear message.

"The Cobb County delegation introduced a change in city limits of Chattahoochee Plantation," Crimmins said.

In this change, they stretched the limits up and down the Chattahoochee River — so that the city covered Cobb County's entire border with Atlanta and most of its border with Fulton County.

This new incorporated area was just 10 feet across because that's all that was necessary to make their point.

"What you had then was in effect a symbolic strip, so that there was an incorporated city that would prevent any effort on the part of the city of Atlanta to expand its limits into Cobb County," Crimmins said.

Basically, this long city along the border of Cobb County was the Cobb County delegation's way of saying: "Atlanta, stay out."

It was effective; Atlanta never tried to annex any part of the county. In fact, Atlanta pretty much stopped expanding altogether.

As for the city of Chattahoochee Plantation, well, according to resident Gary McKee, the people there, who lived in the original boundaries that *were* wide enough to fit homes and neighborhoods, actually didn't care all that much about being a city.

"Just was never that big of a deal," McKee said.

The residents never did end up voting in a city council or mayor, and in the mid-1990s, they even gave up their charter — that is, what made them legally a city for about 30 years.

Today, all that's left of it, really, are those former city limits signs.

1968

The \$300,000 clubhouse of The Chattahoochee Plantation Club was reported in the Thursday, Jan. 2, 1968, paper as being destroyed that morning in a fire that was believed to have started in the ceiling behind the central fireplace. – Marietta Daily Journal

1995

The municipal corporation of Chattahoochee Plantation was officially deemed inactive and its charter was repealed in the State legislature.

1999

CPCA Community Association Chairperson Joe Gavalis wrote to Cobb County Board of Commissioner Joe Lee Thompson to request:

- Signs be erected designating the boundaries of the former city of Chattahoochee Plantation.
- The design and placement of these signs at no less than five locations defining the boundaries of the community
- The ability to use the Chattahoochee Plantation name as a mailing address using our current zip code



A sign showing the city limits of the Chattahoochee Plantation Community Association. Photo: Chattahoochee Plantation

Signs were also added atop intersecting street signs indicating the area as Chattahoochee Plantation. CPCA dues were used to purchase these signs.

2000

Chattahoochee Plantation Women's Club voted to expand the club's boundaries to include the streets in the Chattahoochee Plantation Community Association's region which were expanded by member vote.

2019

Susie Chattahoochee <chattahoocheepwc@gmail.com>

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Wed, May 8, 2019 at 10:03 PM

CPWC Board members,

Belinda and I want to ensure that our board members are aware of a series of recent events. Although we felt the events weren't appropriate to review during our board meeting given there was no specific action item, we want to be sure that our board is aware.

About nine members of the board went to see the new logo design (for 50th Anniversary) at Julie's home. Several members, including the two of us, brought up dropping Plantation from the name, for a variety of reasons. It was an organic discussion that arose unexpectedly.

Julie made us aware that the topic came up multiple times as members viewed the logo individually or in small groups. We decided to reach out to the advisory committee for feedback and conducted some research regarding the history of the club and the neighborhood.

In the course of that exploration, some non-board members became aware of the discussion; a development we did not anticipate and for which we apologize.

We feel transparency with the board is important. If you have any questions please reach out to either one or both of us.

Thank you again for serving on the board and for the heart you have for CPWC and our members!

Janet and Belinda
[Co-Presidents]

Creation of Chattahoochee Plantation Garden Club in 1970

Speech by Lettie Nixon, 2003

Good Morning Ladies. I've been around for a long long long time. We've been living in the Atlanta County Club area since 1968. We've seen this neighborhood progress from a country area – with one-lane bridges over Chattahoochee River and Sope Creek, into what you see now.

As we grow older, we become wiser, and we look back and wish that we had known then what we know now. One would be to buy more land out here. The property value in this area really increased.

As I look around at you beautiful, energetic ladies in your 30's and your 40's and even in your 50's, I wonder sometimes, if **you all** ever think about what life will be like when you get to the age of "The Prime Timers." That's what our Church, Johnson Ferry Baptist calls us.

Well more than likely, it will seem like no time at all, "*you're just there*," and you wonder where the time went.

The biggest problem with the younger generation these days IS that I don't belong to it anymore.

It seems like such a short time ago that 33 of us then, young energetic beautiful ladies, organized the Chattahoochee Plantation Garden Club. Interesting – it was 33 years ago and there were 33 of us.

As I look around the room, I see so many beautiful ladies, many so young and so energetic, and enthusiastic. You all look a lot like we used to look 33 years ago, but there is more of you than there were of us:

I was asked to tell about how we got started and what it was like.

To the delight of the community, the **Chattahoochee Plantation Garden Club** was organized February 25, 1970 , at a meeting held at the Atlanta Country Club. The Chattahoochee Plantation Community Association just mentioned that it would be a good thing. This was all I needed to hear.

I have a copy of the original letter that I mailed to the entire resident that were living here then.

This Organization has changed a lot. Instead of just a Garden Club, it has become a social organization. This gives all the ladies living in the Chattahoochee Plantation Community a wonderful opportunity to meet our neighbors, to get together and share our lives, our interest, and to have fun being together, and to work together on civic projects and all the other great things we do.

When we organized 33 years ago, we adopted bylaws. Don't know if you still have by-laws or not. Our first officers were: President: Lettie Nixon, served two years-

First vice President – Helen Friel

Second Vice President, - Jimmie Coates

Recording Secretary – Barbara Choats

Corresponding Secretary – Peg Compton

Treasurer – Sara Davis

Just to give you an idea of what it was like back then, I'll list some of our committees:

Conservation and Horticulture – Amelia Patton, Chairman

Charitable Projects – Nell Trimble

Current Events – Rose Gaines

Decorations and Exhibits – Ann Davis

Hostesses – Marie Samson
Litterbug – Betty Wolfe
Membership – Nadine Edwards
Publicity – Peg Compton
Scrapbook and Historian – Joy McMillan
Social – Mittie King
Special Projects – Jane Agati
Sunshine – Skip Dunlap
Telephone – Doris Mohr
Ways and Means – Virginia Harding
Yearbook – Helen Friel

Here's a list of some of our programs –

We had a slide show on Conservation and wild flowers
Charlene Mallory with the Atlanta Symphony Chorus sang lovely melodies from various Broadway Plays for our entertainment
Another time we had Mary Evelyn Jones sang all the songs about Georgia .
We had Ross Reaves; General Horticulturist talked to us about lawn, plants and shrub care.
June Steward gave a demonstration on Holiday Decorations
Mr. Webster with the Cobb County Extension Service spoke on Adapting Soil for Plants.
We toured the Marietta Educational Garden Center
We had many programs on flower Arrangements
Learned about ways to prevent pollution of our streams and rivers
How to do “Fall Arrangements”
We had programs on conservation and wild life.
Sears gave us a program on rhododendrons.
Lord and Taylor 's Birds Cage Restaurant give us a Fashion Show

At one of our meetings our husbands presented a skit. They ad-libbed how it would be when the women's liberation took over and the wives went to work and the men stayed home and attended garden club meetings. It was hilarious. Actors was Frank Nixon, Chuck Edwards, Quinton King and Frank Galigardi

Charity Projects -***One Christmas we gave gifts to the people that lived in the Manning Home.*** Another project was Calvary Baptist Children's home when we landscaped their front yard and many other projects.

Beatification Projects - Our goal was striving for beautification at all times for our community, and our theme was Southern Hospitality.

We planted Dogwood Trees, Azaleas, and many beautiful shrubs all through the neighborhood.

Keeping the corner at Johnson Ferry Road **and Paper Mill Road beautiful.** There used to be a wrought iron fence and a Beautiful sign structure like a Plantation entrance with Large Columns. **We used the Husbands to paint this sign, and to plow up the ground and get it ready for landscaping. We planted beautiful flowers.**

After we finished with our Corner at the entrance of Paper Mill and Johnson Ferry Road it looked to us like a picture in Southern Living. We thought it should be in Southern Living and Better Homes and Gardens magazines.

Our Theme of Southern Hospitality continued throughout all the entrances and all were designed with this theme in mind.

Our Litterbug Committee met every month and kept the streets neat and clean. After our work was done we met at someone's home for coffee and desert.

We installed a *Southern Lamp Post* at one of the entrances, in memory of our first year and our 33 charter members.

Not only had our community been completely beautified to the fullest, but **all home owners** in our area had taken a sincere and serious interest in beautifying their yards. An award was given to the Home Owner with the best yard "Yard of the Season"

The ways and Means committee were really kept busy, Card Parties, auctions and Fashion Shows, tour of Homes, etc. netting us \$4,000.00

Other communities in this East Cobb area complimented us, and they wanted to know how we accomplished this?

Our answer was, "A lot of effort in planning and a lot of hard work maintaining these entrances."
We were able to accomplish all this, because of the wonderful cooperation of all our members and our love for one another and, our eagerness to work together, and have fun together doing it.

Within one year we were up to 50 members and each year thereafter we grew steadily.

We worked diligently with the Chattahoochee Home Owners Community Association. And you can be sure that when they had a meeting we all went and participated. We helped them with all their endeavors (going to zoning meetings, etc) and especially helping them get new neighbors to join and keeping them abreast as to what the Home Owners Community Association were trying to protect and accomplish.. I served as secretary of the Association and we had members of the Garden Club on various committees.

We seriously fought the rezoning of this area which seemed to want to change our beautifully community into a New York City . The first rezoning fight that I remember was about the **31 acres** where the Chattahoochee Plantation Club was at that time, and now where tennis court and cluster homes are. They wanted to build high-rise condominiums. We wrote letters to Ernest Barrett and went to meetings, etc. From then on rezoning issues have been a continuous battle. I want you to know that we saved our beautiful Atlanta Country Club area from so many awful zoning tactics! If you have any questions, just ask me later and I'll try to answer them for you.

This is a great group of ladies, and you are an asset to our community. You have talented officers and leaders. You can look forward to a great productive year, with successful rewarding programs and projects, *and I know you are going to have fun working together.*

We have a Neighborhood Bible Study and if you are interested in attending, please call me for the location and the times we meet. Come join us!

I pray that you all will be blessed with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly places IN Christ. Eph. 1:3

Lettie Nixon, Sept. 2003