



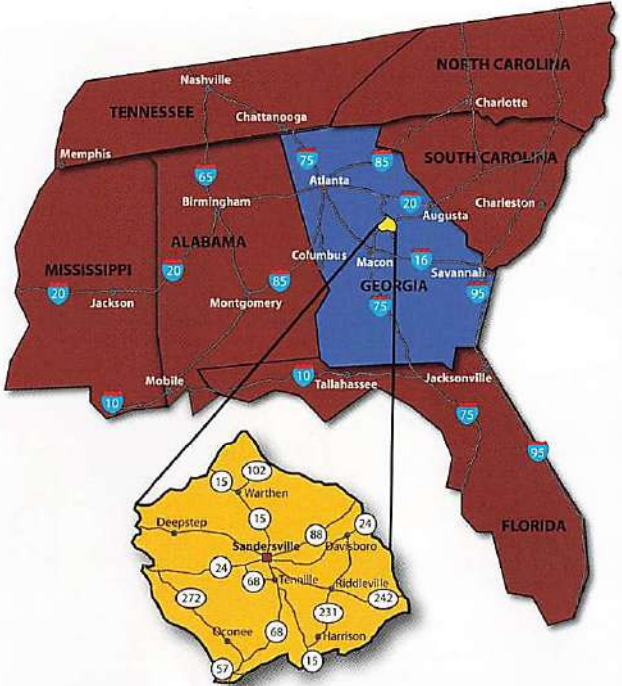
Kaolin Field Airport, near Sandersville, provides a 5,150 foot paved and lighted runway, jet "a" fuel, and a non directional beacon system. Besides the impressive kaolin industry, the county is diversifying as a regional center.



Dedicated educators make learning fun at our public and private schools.



Washington County is a family-oriented community offering diverse recreational, educational and cultural experiences.



Mileage Meter:

Atlanta.....	120 miles
Augusta.....	60 miles
Macon.....	60 miles
Savannah.....	120 miles

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**WELCOME TO
HISTORIC SANDERSVILLE &
WASHINGTON COUNTY, GEORGIA**



A Halfway Meeting Point!

In Washington County, we are located in East Central Georgia, halfway between Macon and Augusta, and Atlanta and Savannah. Splendid examples of Victorian, Greek Revival and Antebellum-influenced architecture are tangible reminders of our gracious lifestyle.

A Colorful History!

Created in 1784 by the state legislature, we were the ninth county formed in Georgia and the first county in the country to be named for Revolutionary War General and later President, George Washington. We proudly celebrate each fall our claim as the Kaolin Capital of the World.

The Transylvania Club established the local library in 1909. Today, the members of the Transylvania Club sponsor commemorative plates which depict the deeds of the men who contributed to the stirring history of our famous state. In 1974 the Georgia legislature declared that they are the official historical plates of Georgia.

The Washington County Historical Society maintains two museums dedicated to the history of Washington County. Both museums are open on Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m.

- *The Washington County Genealogy Research Center & Old Jail Museum* houses a wealth of information about Washington County and its families. Records available for research include: cemeteries, census info, family histories, marriages, obituaries and other historical records. Visit the center at 129 Jones St. or call 478-552-6965.

- *The Brown House Museum* is known historically as the place where General Sherman spent the night on November 26, 1864. Recently restored as a house museum, and located at 268 N. Harris St., tours are available. Call 478-552-1965.

Black history, culture and religious activities are celebrated at the *T.J. Elder Community Center*, an authentic Rosenwald Plan School, established in 1927 as T.J. Elder High, is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Leisure Activities!

Washington County's Recreation Department provides a full slate of year-round activities for kids of all ages. And when it comes to hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation, opportunities are plentiful! Hamburg State Park (www.gastateparks.org) is a picturesque 250-acre paradise for boating, fishing, picnics and reunions. Community fine arts include Community Theater and award winning high school productions.



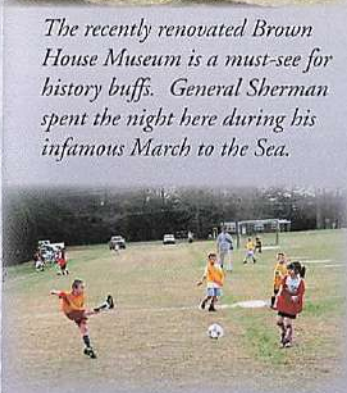
Inviting Christmas scene, downtown Sandersville



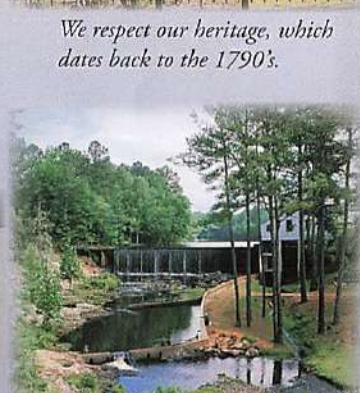
The recently renovated Brown House Museum is a must-see for history buffs. General Sherman spent the night here during his infamous March to the Sea.



We respect our heritage, which dates back to the 1790's.



Recreational activities are abundant in Washington County.



Old grist mill, Hamburg State Park



Championship athletic teams

Meet Our Communities!

SANDERSVILLE (founded 1796) is the county seat and is a bustling community of over 6,200 graced with magnificent architecture and impressive Main Street enhancements. The Washington County Courthouse (see cover photo) is the focal point of our beautiful downtown square. First-rate public and private schools, a technical college, healthcare professionals and a regional hospital add significantly to the quality of life.

TENNILLE (founded 1875) is a civic-minded community boasting excellent rail connections, district office of the Georgia Department of Transportation, a lovely historic district, two schools and its own fire and police departments.

Other communities in Washington County include: **DAVISBORO** which dates back to 1827 and today is a diverse, thriving community; **DEEPSTEP** sits on a creek named by Indian natives and is a tight-knit community chartered in 1900; **HARRISON** was named in 1883 for a wealthy farmer who gave us the right-of-way of his land for the coming railroad; **OCONEE** once saw action in the Civil War and was the locale for the county's first kaolin plant; **RIDDLEVILLE** boasted a college in the 1850's and today is a quiet farming community; and the small town of **WARTHEN** (unincorporated) boasts Georgia's oldest active church, Bethlehem Baptist, established in 1790, and still standing is the oldest log jail in Georgia. Here, Aaron Burr, third vice-president of the United States, was incarcerated in 1807. He was later acquitted for charges of treason against the government of the United States.

