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whose brilliant services the State was during this year bereaved. The town was incorporated on December 19, 1860, with Messrs. Isaac Bush, J. S. Vann, D. F. Gunn, Thomas S. Floyd and F. M. Hopkins, as commissioners.<sup>1</sup> Situated on the Georgia, Florida and Alabama Railway, Colquitt occupies the center of a rich territory, which has just commenced to develop, and the future of the town is bright with splendid possibilities.

### Recollections of Andrew J. Miller.

He was several times elected President of the Senate, in which position he evinced the highest administrative ability; and when, from political majorities in the Senate, adverse to him for the time being, he was passed over in the choice of presiding officer, his accurate knowledge of parliamentary law always caused him to be appealed to, in open Senate, when difficulties arose, on points of order. During his service of twenty years, he was the coolest, safest, and most practical mind in the Senate.

Frank H. Miller, Esq., in a letter to Major Stephen H. Miller, thus writes of his father. "He was plain and unaffected in manner of speech, suiting the word to the thought and expressing it as plainly as possible. He rarely, if ever used a metaphor. His memory was his most wonderful gift. He never forgot. He could remember the minutest details years after the event occurred. He was small of stature and a man of pleasant address, had blue eyes, which wore the appearance of gray as he grew older, his mouth and nose were large, and his lofty forehead expanded and grew broader the longer he lived. He had an amiable expression of countenance, though there ever appeared around his mouth those small lines which indicated decision of character."\*

### MILTON

\* **Alpharetta.** In 1857 Milton was organized out of Cobb and Cherokee, and named for Hon. John Milton, who saved the records of the State during the Revolution. Alpharetta was made the county-seat. The town was incorporated December 11, 1858, with the following-named commissioners, to-wit.: Oliver P. Skelton, P. F. Rainwater, J. J. Stewart, Thomas J. Harris and

<sup>1</sup> Acts, 1860, p. 86.

\*Stephen H. Miller, in Bench and Bar of Georgia, Vol. 2.

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Oliver P. Childers.\* Though without railway connections, Alpharetta is a thriving town.

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## MITCHELL

**Camilla.** When a new county was made from Baker, in 1857, it was given the name of Mitchell, in honor of Governor David B. Mitchell, a distinguished former chief executive, while the county-seat was named for the old Governor's daughter, Miss Camilla Mitchell. The town was first incorporated in 1858. It possesses a splendid public-school system, established in 1889, a number of up-to-date public utilities, and is commercially a prosperous town, with a most encouraging outlook.

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**Pelham.** One of the most enterprising towns of South Georgia is located in this county: Pelham. The town was named for Major John Pelham, an Alabama youth, whose gallantry on the field of battle immortalized him before he was twenty-one. His heroic death has been the inspiration of poems almost without number. General Lee once wrote of him: "It is glorious to see such valor in one so young," and to Stonewall Jackson at Fredericksburg he remarked: "General Jackson, you ought to have a Pelham on each flank." The town was incorporated on September 14, 1881, with Hon. J. L. Hand as Mayor, and with Messrs. Cornelius Lightfoot, G. F. Green, J. C. Rhodes and J. L. Glozier Councilmen. The corporate limits were fixed at one-half a mile in every direction from the Georgia, Florida and Western depot. To meet the demands of growth the town charter was amended in 1887 and the corporate limits extended.

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## MONROE

**Historic Forsyth.** On the highest ridge between Atlanta and Macon, in almost the exact center of the State, stands the old historic town of Forsyth, named for the illustrious diplomat and statesman, John

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\*Acts, 1858, p. 148.