

John McKinney Howell was born in Houston County, Ga.

The Johnson & McKinney Howell lands gave out about 1830 and the whole town of White Plains, including the Mc Brades moved to Houston Co. When the railroad from Augusta to Atlanta was built, guano (fertilizer) could be shipped to Ga. farmers. The R.R. reached Union Point, Greene Co., about 1836, so everyone moved back to grow cotton again on their old properties. (Guano is bird droppings, come mainly from Peru; supplanted by chemical fertilizers. Cotton depletes the land terribly.)

Also dates of McKinney & John Johnson Howell's death dates big mystery. Everyone says John Johnson died before his father did.

B.H. Traver's backdoorway is from the "Mc Kinney Howell House" outside of White Plains near the Taliaferro County line. Also first two steps of backstairs. House was torn down in 1970 to avoid taxes & to avoid hunters' and vagrants' use. Hand-carved mantel with sunburst pattern is in Baumeister home "The Rectory" at Youngs Island, S.C. on the Edisto River. Margant Relpatried Baumeister rescued <sup>the mantel</sup> it in 1930's when black family tenants who were living there. (Replacement mantel from Sears was sold recently as "antique" although it was not in a junk shop in Siloam, Ga.)