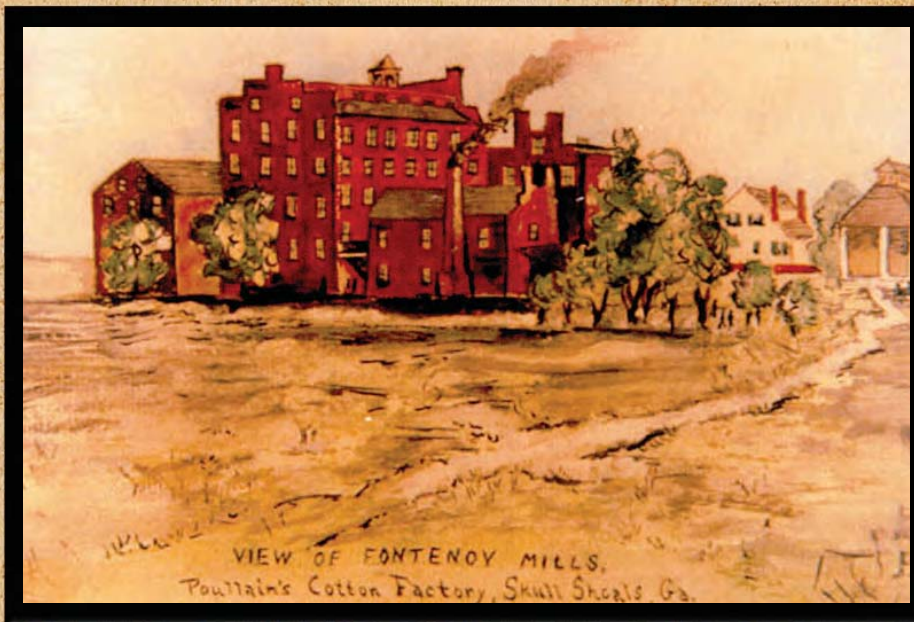


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Friends of Scull Shoals, Inc. is inviting students
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FOREWORD

To all educators and students of Georgia History:

Georgia's past and the lessons learned from it are too often overlooked in the haste and hustle of modern life and in the rapid development of our state. The non-profit Friends of Scull Shoals, Inc. was formed in 1996 under the professional management and personal guidance of USFS archaeologist, Dr. Jack T. Wynn. Our purpose is to research the story, revealing, preserving and sharing the secrets of the extinct nineteenth-century mill village.

The story of Scull Shoals is a pure southern human story of the “haves and the have-nots” and showcases the pride and the prejudice, the fortunes earned and the terrible losses due to fire and floods. Friends of Scull Shoals volunteers have spent many hours presenting on-site heritage festivals and giving tours to give to others the fascinating story of what went right and what failed as this once booming Piedmont village faded into the forest.

It is my privilege as 2008 President of the Friends of Scull Shoals, Inc. to present, on behalf of the board and all the members, this creative, easy to use and understand Scull Shoals History Project. With her fine efforts, Dr. Janice Fisher has markedly improved our grasp of the cultural importance of this key agricultural and industrial community and the pivotal place it plays in our understanding of what Georgia is today. Her work will continue to educate and enlighten for years to come.

You are invited and encouraged to visit the FOSS web site for more information about Scull Shoals and our organization: www.scullshoals.org.

Robert Skarda

Author of Scull Shoals: The Mill Village That Vanished in Old Georgia

INTRODUCTION

The goal of this project was to create user-friendly supplemental curriculum materials for eighth grade Georgia Studies teachers and students. These materials are intended to complement and enrich your existing curriculum while focusing on the village of Scull Shoals as an interesting example of a once-thriving mill village that is located close enough to your own school that you and your students might visit the site. I believe we have achieved that goal and that you will enjoy using these materials.

This is not a booklet of ready-to-use lesson plans but it does include some teaching suggestions. The three mini-units are set up in such a way as to give teachers many options so that you may pick and choose among the various activities and components. Each unit includes an introduction and rationale; a summary of the content; Student Learning Objectives; Essential Questions; Georgia Performance Standards that are addressed; cross-curricular connections; an optional pretest and post-test; related web sites that students may explore; as well as ten to twelve pages of information for your students. Sources of information are also provided.

Student pages are given in a newspaper-like format that we've named The Scull Shoals Scholar. Factual information is presented in a variety of articles that sometimes include photos or maps. Each edition of The Scull Shoals Scholar contains topics for class discussion and a vocabulary puzzle. A special feature of each is "Hands-On History"—an active participation activity that is an individual or group project that would be appropriate for extra credit in your class or just for fun as well as for enrichment.

The binding for this booklet was chosen to allow it to open out flat to make copying the student pages easy for you. I suggest that you make enough copies of the articles or pages you choose to use (hopefully, but not necessarily, each entire edition) to accommodate your largest class and have each class share the materials. You will also want to make enough copies of the vocabulary puzzles to give one to every student.

I know that teachers are under a lot of pressure to prepare their students for a variety of standardized tests and meet local, state and federal mandates. As an educator with many years of experience, I can honestly say that I've been in your shoes. The Scull Shoals History Project is not one more thing that you "have to" do. Rather, it is a gift that will allow you to present interesting material in a somewhat different way than usual while achieving your professional goals and your students' learning objectives. Hopefully, it will prove valuable to you. I recognize that your plate is full, but this is dessert!

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