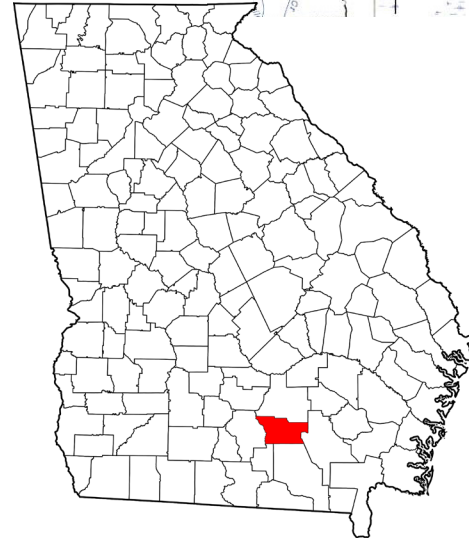


# Atkinson County, Georgia



## Findings

The Center for Community Design and Preservation (CCDP) located within the University of Georgia’s College of Environment + Design (CED) conducted a Phase I historic resource survey of Atkinson County Georgia in April 2012. The project area covered the approximately 338 square miles. Atkinson County borders Coffee County, Ware County, Clinch County, Lanier County, and Barrien County, and contains two incorporated cities: Willacoochee and Pearson.

The resource survey was performed by historic preservation professionals, and graduate students in the Masters of Historic Preservation (MHP) program and the Masters of Environmental Planning and Design (MEPD) program at the CED. The survey consisted of background research, with particular focus on the 1996 Georgia Historic Resources Survey of Willacoochee and Pearson, Georgia. The survey also included windshield and pedestrian field work, data collection and analysis. The survey identified and documented all resources within county limits.

## Summary

A total of 27 resources were documented that meet and maintain a minimum level of age, integrity, and significance. Of those resources surveyed, 19 were denoted as religious sites, churches, and/or associated cemeteries. The remaining eight were single family residences with varying degrees of integrity. Lack of maintenance and the rerouting of roadways has led to the loss of a number of resources that were identified in the 1996 survey. Those that remain lack the combination of integrity, significance, and age to be individually eligible for the National Register.

The documented cemeteries may be eligible; however, further archaeological review and in-depth historical research are necessary for adequate determination.

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Upper Left: 1850-1859 dogtrot single family dwelling  
Middle Left: Railroad tracks into Nahunta  
Lower Left: Whitewashed doghouse

Upper Right: Axon Cemetery landscape  
Middle Right: 1900-10 Central Hallway, side gable dwelling  
Lower Right: Mount Zion Cemetery  
Front: 1850-1859 dogtrot single family dwelling