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STATE GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT  
OF GEORGIA

SEPTEMBER 1, 1911, TO JUNE 13, 1912

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JESSE E. MERCER,  
State Game and Fish  
Commissioner.



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TO HIS EXCELLENCY, JOSEPH M. BROWN, GOVERNOR, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my report on the operations of Georgia's new game law, and the enforcement of the laws for the protection of fish.

There is no provision of law for this report, but assuming that a report is justified by custom and expected, I take the liberty of reporting concisely the organization of this Department, and its operations the few months since its establishment, September 1st, 1911.

### ORGANIZATION.

As provided by the act, of August 21st, 1911, I undertook the duties of organizing this Department, without a dollar of funds or a form blank, a book or a suggestion except as are contained in the brief law.

I appointed and commissioned a county warden in each of the 146 counties, being governed in their selection by the recommendations of the people in the respective counties interested in the protection of game and the enforcement of the law. As a rule I have secured the services of competent and unselfish citizens, who are more interested in the enforcement of the much needed law than they are in the small compensation provided by it. In turn the county wardens have recommended to me deputy wardens, usually one for each militia district—in some counties more than one deputy to each district have been appointed. In a few counties the wardens have been slow to name deputies, and I have not commissioned a sufficient number to properly protect the game, or enforce the laws for the protection of fish.

I have issued more than 2,000 commissions, under authority of section 5, and every one of them on the recommendation of the county warden, and interested citizens of the county.

### OPERATION OF DEPARTMENT.

From time to time I have issued, and mailed out from this office such literature as I believed would encourage and assist the wardens and deputies in the conduct of their duties, and the enforcement of the law in their counties and districts, and I have by constant letter writing given them personal assistance and instructions. I have visited a number of counties of

the State where there seemed to be urgent necessity, but on account of the extraordinary demands on my time in the office I have not found it possible to do as much traveling over the State as I wished, and as appeared to be necessary for the proper instructions of wardens and the uniform enforcement of the law.

The general results have been gratifying. Judging from thousands of letters and verbal expressions, published statements and comments, the people at large have been greatly pleased at the operation of the new game law. Few indeed have been the criticisms of the law or dissatisfied citizens at its enforcement.

The sentiment here and there at first against the law, has almost entirely disappeared with the few months of its operation, and it is probably not saying too much to state that the law appears to be already one of the most popular on the Statute books, with every reason for its increased popularity as the advantages arising from it in the increased amount of game and fish, becomes fixed in the public mind.

In a few sections of counties where the lawless element pre dominates, and where other laws are constantly violated, of course the provisions of the new game law are unpopular and frequently infringed. In some instances the lawless element is so strong that it is difficult, if not impossible, to successfully prosecute for violations.

That the game has been greatly conserved there seems to be no doubt or question. Assisted greatly by nature—an unusually fine hatching season—and by unsuitable weather throughout the hunting season the wardens have protected the quail in every county and district with the result that they are more numerous than they have been in many years.

Nature has also assisted in the distribution of fish. The unusually high water several months of the winter has made it possible for the fish to become diffused as they have not been before in many years, and with the reasonable enforcement of the law intended for their protection during the spawning and hatching season, February 1st, to July 1st, within the next year or two there will be an abundance of fish in the waters of every county of this State. However, the Legislature should immediately provide for their protection from the seine, at least by regulating the size of mesh.

In the enforcement of the law I have kept in mind the thought that the law was enacted for the benefit of all of the people interested; the land owner, the sportsman and the angler; and to discourage the pot hunter, the game hog and the law breaker—the man who is not willing to be governed by a

general rule adopted for the regulation of the conduct of all people at interest.

I have given special attention to the uglier crimes, such as dynamiting fish and baiting doves, using the telegraph and telephone to assist wardens in looking out for those particular crimes wherever I have received an intimation that the provisions of the law against those barbarous crimes were being violated. I am pleased to report that the use of dynamite and poison in the fish streams and the slaughter of doves over baited fields are becoming matters of history, a thing of the past, and while I have reason to believe that there have been a few instances of attempted dove baiting I do not believe a hundred doves have been killed over baited fields in this State since this office was opened, and while it is probably true that dynamite has been used in some remote districts, and isolated instances, the killing of fish in the streams and lakes is of rare occurrence. Very little evidence have I been able to get that the fish have been blasted with explosives or poisoned with suffocating juices of weeds and leaves, although I have been diligent and have urged wardens to be alert and to report every instance, even of rumors of the crimes, which I trust have passed into disgraceful history.

In counties where sportsmen's associations have been organized the results have been gratifying and the law much more easily enforced, however, this Department has not been encouraged by as many organizations of that kind as might naturally be expected. At the opening of the next season many local Game Protective and Sportsmen's organizations will, I believe, give their assistance to the wardens in the several counties of the State.

### CHANGES NEEDFUL.

The multiplying shot guns, and the increase in the number of bird dogs long ago gained the ascendancy over the bird life in the State, and the decreasing covies of partridges and the disappearing doves would have lasted but little longer but for the timely adoption of laws for their protection.

The brief sections of the law do not entirely cover the ground or give us a complete system, but it would be hard to embrace in the limited paragraphs more good law than is contained in the Act as it now stands. It seems to be the essence of the many salutary statutes, (some of them burden some in their detail) of several of the very best state laws. There are some inaccuracies and errors in recording and printing the bill that of course will have your attention; and



there are a number of desirable amendments, intended to enlarge the scope of the law and perfect a system of enforcement, that I shall take the liberty of enumerating in this report. I will confine myself to the changes that suggest themselves in administering the present law.

The law as it now stands completely ignores the question of propagation, and very properly so until the matter of protection has been, in a large measure, perfected and becomes generally effective.

Only for the protection of game, wild birds and fish from destruction by man is provided by the present law, which makes no reference to their protection from destruction through the agency of forest fires, predatory birds and four footed animals. That is a matter that might also wait for the more perfect enforcement of the present provisions of the law, although I am very much disposed to recommend the protection of quail in the laying and hatching season from the hungry, halfbreed pointer and setter dogs that prowl about the cover during the spring months, and in many instances destroy the eggs, or young birds before they leave the nest. It is claimed by those who ought to know, and is probably true, that the half-breed, half-fed pointers and setters roaming at large about the farms destroy more quail every season than are killed by the sportsmen's guns.

Notwithstanding the admirable natural conditions in every county in the State the supply of fish has been reduced to a minimum, and only in isolated cases are desirable fish to be found sufficient to tempt the angler or reward the efforts of those who enjoy that splendid article of diet.

German Carp in many streams of the State is probably the most difficult problem with which we have to deal in the matter of returning to a normal fish supply. They destroy the spawn of the game fish and have rendered some of the best fish streams of the State uninviting to the angler and unprofitable to people who might otherwise enjoy the advantages of a bountiful supply of fish.

We are hardly ready for game propagation. With our admirable climate, and excellent natural cover the matter of protection is a hundred times more important than propagation; besides the experiments attempted in different states indicate that, as yet the thought is a new one, the methods crude, and that results are often disappointing.

The Hungarian partridge will evidently do well in this climate and section, but its propagation might for the present be confined to the individual efforts of private citizens who

are sufficiently enterprising to undertake the work. It is doubtful if pheasants will do well in this climate.

In the matter of fish propagation, I am also of the opinion that we are not ready for a state hatchery. There is so much to be done in improving the conditions of, and protecting the State's thousands of miles of natural fish streams, and thousands of acres of the finest fresh water lakes in the world, and splendid area of salt water, inlets, bays, estuaries, rivers and creeks that we would be wasting money to attempt propagation at this time.

The rigid enforcement of the present law against the taking of fish in any manner except with hook and line between February 1st and July 1st, and the protection of the streams from pollution will result in the production of more fish than any hatchery could turn out. Certainly we need some immediate improvement in the seining law, as under the present law seines of any size mesh may be used, and it is true that millions of young fish entirely too small to be used for food are left on the banks of the streams to die by those who drag the seines that take everything from the size of a minnow up. This should have the prompt attention of the Legislature as the seining season opened July 1st, and the fishermen who have been restrained by the wardens eagerly resort to seines and use nets of the smallest mesh, and millions of small fish are being destroyed the first few weeks of the open season.

In the matter of prosecutions this Department has not been as active and persistent as would appear to be proper and necessary after the first season. As a rule the courts of the State have taken that view of the matter and grand juries have failed to find true bills and trial juries verdicts; Judges have been light in imposing sentences on the theory that leniency is usual and justifiable in initiating the operation of the new law. The State's share of the fines imposed by the courts in cases tried amounts to only \$624.35 out of a total revenue of nearly \$20,000.00.

I believe that a more strenuous campaign against infractors should be adopted by this Department after the first season, and it is quite probable that the courts will often impose more than the minimum fine. As a rule the courts from Justices of the Peace to the Court of Appeals have sustained the law and aided this Department.

Early in the season the question of the protection of ducks became an important question for this Department. Under the construction of the Attorney-general, the law protects ducks (except summer ducks) as it does non-game birds, but it became apparent that there was no intention on the part

of the Legislature to give such protection to ducks, and I advised wardens against prosecutions for duck shooting.

Section 18 seems to require a license to hunt, regardless of the character of the game hunted, but I find that good lawyers and members of the Legislature hold to the opinion that a license is required only for huntinig protected birds and animals. (One Superior Court Judge having so instructed his Jury.)

Under the construction of the Attorney-General, the local acts passed for the protection of game in several counties were annulled or repealed by the general law with the result that the game in those counties had to stand the drain of the open season as in other counties.

The act of August 19, 1911 to prohibit saw dust in fish streams has been over-looked by many grand juries, and is slow to put in operation on account of section 3. I unhesitatingly recommend the repeal of that section so that the law will go into effect without the necessity of the action of the grand jury.

There is a strong public sentiment for including Thanksgiving Day in the open season for quail.

Migratory ducks should be included in the list of game birds, as is the case in other states, and a bag limit prescribed.

Larks and black birds should be included in the non-protected list.

#### GAME PROTECTION SENTIMENT GENERAL.

1911 was a year of general activity in the matter of Legislation in the interest of game protection.

The passage of the general game law in this State was coincident with Legislation strengthening the laws in nearly every state in the Union, that had been enacted in advance of the Georgia Law. Sessions of the Legislature were held in all the States but seven and, with the single exception of Nevada, laws affecting the protection of game were passed by all of them. About 260 new laws were adopted by the different states of the Union last year in the interest of Game protection; which indicates that the people realize the importance of the conservation of game birds and animals and of fish.

The congress enacted four new laws in the interest of game in the Territories of the United States.

Arkansas,—adopted a new general law.

Alabama,—one amendatory act

California,—eight acts.

Colorado,—three acts.

Connecticut,—five acts.



Delaware,—five acts.  
Florida,—eight local acts.  
Georgia,—one general act.  
Idaho,—three acts.  
Illinois,—two acts.  
Indiana,—three acts.  
Iowa,—two acts.  
Kansas,—one act.  
Maine,—eleven acts.  
Massachusetts,—nineteen acts.  
Michigan,—six acts.  
Minnesota,—four acts.  
Missouri,—three acts.  
Montana,—six acts.  
Nebraska,—two acts.  
Nevada,—no Legislation.  
New Hampshire,—twelve acts.  
New Jersey,—twelve acts.  
New York,—five acts.  
North Carolina,—one general act.  
North Dakota,—five acts.  
Ohio,—one act.  
Oklahoma,—three acts.  
Oregon,—seven acts.  
Pennsylvania,—several acts.  
Porto Rico,—two acts.  
Rhode Island,—three acts.  
South Dakota,—two acts.  
South Carolina,—one act.  
Tennessee,—five acts.  
Utah,—one act.  
Vermont,—thirteen acts.  
Washington,—four acts.  
West Virginia,—one act.  
Wisconsin,—nine acts.  
Wyoming,—three acts.  
Manitoba,—one act.  
New Foundland,—two acts.  
Ontario,—one act.  
Quebec,—one act.

Some of the States prohibit the use of automatic guns and of dogs for hunting birds and the use of motor boats in hunting water fowls, such provisions have been adopted usually by those States much farther advanced in the matter of game preservation and hunting regulations than Georgia, and it may

be reasonably insisted that we are not yet ready for legislation of that nature, although most desirable.

There is a universal prejudice against the field lark, almost every farmer considers him a nuisance and an enemy about the planting season. However insignificant it may appear to be, we have heard more adverse criticism of the game law on account of the protection given to field larks than for any other reason.

### THE STATE'S OYSTER BEDS.

The State's oyster beds have been neglected so long and robbed and raked so constantly that the public has lost sight of their true value, which has been reduced to a minimum for the want of protection—the State's neglect. The laws that have been enacted have not been enforced, and it is doubtful if any attempt has ever been made to enforce them.

A hundred years ago Maryland adopted the first act looking to the protection of oysters in the Chesapeake Waters.

In 1820 they prohibited dredging; in 1830 they adopted a planting law; in 1838, the first packing house was established. In 1848 the first steam packing house was established; in 1866, second planting law, five acres; 1886, shell plantnig act adopted; in 1880, Cull Law; 1906, oyster culture law adopted. The oyster crop increased, 1810 to 1886 from one half million bushels to fifteen million bushels, at that time the multiplying oyster tongs reached the maximum and proved too numerous for the extensive beds in the Chesapeake bay and there has been a decline in the out put until in 1910 when the crop amounted to three and one half million bushels.

Nobody knows what the Georgia oyster beds produce nor what they are capable of producing. Irresponsible negroes with meager outfits, furnished by the several canning houses along the coast promiscuously and constantly rake the beds and sell the oysters to the canning houses.

Oysters are worth 40 cents to 50 cents per bushel, and Georgia has many hundred acres of natural oyster beds, which with protective measures—close season, and a strictly enforced cull law would produce ten to fifty bushels of oysters per acre.

I do not recommend expensive surveys now, or attempts at propagation, on the States account, but the time will soon come when a survey, and charting of the State's oyster beds will be necessary.

Under the new law, (Haman) Professor Caswell Graves estimates the value of the "State's oyster properties of Maryland at over \$125,000,000.00."

Maryland, is of course the great oyster State, and her

Oyster beds are conservatively valued at fifty million of dollars. Probably Georgia's oyster beds could be made to produce ten per cent of the Maryland crop; then five millions dollars would be a conservative estimate of the value of that asset of the State, but suppose the value was only a million dollars it is certainly worth the attention of the Legislature and the care of this Department.

### **CONSCIENTIOUS WARDEN SERVICE.**

In order that you may better understand the character of service being rendered under the warden system I call attention to some instances of unselfish service on the part of the gentlemen who are devoting their best efforts to the enforcement of the law in the different sections of the State.

### **WARDEN PROSECUTES HIS DEPUTY.**

One of the first prosecutions under the new game law, if not the very first was where a warden prosecuted his deputy.

Warden Golden of Glynn County on information that Deputy Jones, who had just been commissioned had been hunting without permission of the land owner caused the arrest and prosecution of the deputy, but the jury refused to convict, and it appears that the deputy had not wilfully violated the law.

### **WARDEN PROSECUTES HIS PASTOR.**

In the County of Decatur the warden, a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Bainbridge prosecuted his pastor for killing a turkey hen. The preacher is not only a law abiding citizen, an able preacher and prominent citizen, but a conscientious law enforcement advocate. Unfortunately he could not discriminate between the gobblers and hens in the covey of turkeys he flushed, he brought home a turkey hen. The warden, his neighbor and warm personal friend, and deacon in his church did his duty by prosecuting his pastor, who plead guilty and paid the statutory fine.

### **WARDEN PROSECUTES HIS SON.**

In the County of Colquitt a deputy warden went to the Judge of the City Court, Judge McKenzie, to swear out a warrant, giving him the same name of the warden, W. T. Murray, the judge inquired if they were related. The faithful deputy replied that it was his son. He brought him into court convicted him, and collected the fine, furnishing the fine money to his son out of his own pocket.

I merely relate these circumstances or incidents to show

the faithfulness and impartiality of the wardens who have been assisting in the enforcement of the new game law.

### NOT LOOKING FOR FINE MONEY.

The following report of a deputy warden merely indicates how a good officer may do his duty and not do much prosecuting.

He states that he has made nothing out of the job, but has the satisfaction of knowing that the game law was enforced in his district. His work has been a credit to him, and to this Department.

“R. F. D. 4 Macon, Ga., March, 5th, 1912.

“Mr. Harry C. Kendall,  
County Game Warden, Bibb County,  
Macon, Ga.

Dear Sir:—

“As the hunting season for 1911-12 has closed I herewith hand you a review of the work as far as East Macon District is concerned.

“As for quail there has not been a single violation either hunting out of season or hunting without the necessary permission and license.

“I know of several places in this neighborhood where there has been no permission granted that there has absolutely not been a single gun fired upon it, and the owners of these places will vouch for this statement.

“I had two cases made against parties for shooting doves during the closed season. One against A. R. G——, which was reported to me by Mr. J—— E——, who stated that his son and another party were witnesses.

“I did not see the witnesses until some time after I made the cases and they stated although they heard Mr. G——, shooting they did not know what he was shooting.

“The other case was against J—— L—— whom I found in possession of a dove or at least was in his hunting sack which was being carried by a small boy named G——. This boy claimed that the bird was hurt, and the pointer dog which followed L—— caught it. This G——’s elder brother and a young man named S—— were along in this party and they told Officer Layfield later that the younger G—— picked up the dove after the dog had caught it and that L—— did not claim it at all.

“After this kind of a tangle developed I did not think there was any chance to convict L——. I had L——, the Elder G—— and S—— indicted for hunting on the lands of the



Massey Gin and Machine Company without permission but they afterwards prevailed on Mr. O. M. M—— to give a statement to the effect that they had permission.

“It was brought to our attention, you recall, that there was a wholesale shooting of bull-bats going on at Cross Keys. I commenced to investigate this matter and got information the same day to the effect that R. A. B——, J—— S——, F—— W—— and W—— R—— had been shooting them. I think I made a mistake in making these cases so soon as I did for I was unable to get any more evidence against these parties. J—— S—— and W—— R—— are school boys about 18 years of age, and as both did not deny the charges but stated they did not know it was against the law I took this matter up with Mr. G—— and we decided that it would do no good to push the cases against them as it might create a sentiment against the game law in as much as a lot of older men started the shooting and it has been impossible to apprehend them.

“I understand the negroes were the first ones that started bull-bat shooting there and warden Massey and myself tried every way in our power to get the names of the parties but we were unsuccessful.

“You understand that this occurred some time ago before there was any appointment of Game Warden made or probably we could have caught them in the act. It is safe to say that there will be no repetition of these violations this year. I was badly handicapped most of the season on account of not having any means to cover my territory, it being a large one, but I have a horse and buggy now and can look after it better if you desire me to stay with you another year. I have not made anything out of the job, but I have the satisfaction of knowing that the game law was enforced in East Macon District and am looking foward to several good hunts next season.

Yours truly,  
(signed) R. V. MACON.

Another report from a Deputy Warden, J. A. Killingsworth of Richmond County says in part:

“I am 62 years old and am pretty well known; I held up every hunter I saw in the fields or woods, 2 had State license and 39 had county license. I found 7 boys shooting robins, 63 men were over district line without license. Not a single man gave me a cross word. I took the boys to their parents, and they thanked me kindly for not carrying them into court; the men I found over the district line I put right, with warning that they must not do so again. I have been to several club ponds and fishing grounds in search of traps, but found none.



I have been very watchful but found no violations that I thought deserved arrest and prosecution. I believe in using good judgment in cases of that kind. I have heard of one warden who was thrown out of a window, another kicked off the poarch, and in the city one got his face all bunged up, and some got a cussing out, people think they were too hasty. I have not had a bit of trouble."

Warden Killingsworth was probably more lenient than is consistent with good service, but for the first season perhaps it was well enough to be slow to prosecute. The same warden will probably prosecute for like offenses the next season because he knows now that the hunters know better.

Deputy C. B. Hargrove, of Oglethorpe county writes a characteristic letter, I quote it in part below to indicate a general sentiment expressed by hundreds of wardens in different parts of the State:

"In regard to prosecutions in this county will say; we have not had any trouble at all. There has been less hunting here than I have ever known. The negroes do not seem to understand the law, and have not hunted scarcely at all and the white people so far as I can learn through my deputies and others, have obeyed the law, which meets with hearty approval of the majority of the people, especially the sportsmen, and the people all over the county, being outspoken in favor of the law, have generally aided me in its enforcement.

Respectfully,  
(signed) C. B. HARGROVE,  
Game Warden, Oglethorpe County.

### REPORT OF M. F. BOISCLAIR, WARDEN Whitfield County.

DALTON, GA., May 8th, 1912.

HON. JESSE MERCER,

State Game and Fish Commissioner,  
Fitzgerald, Ga.

DEAR SIR:—

Acting under your personal instructions, and after the Grand Jury had recommended that saw mills stop putting saw dust in the streams, I beg to submit the following work done:

April

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| 1st. | Destroyed the Parker trap, also McCunes trap, both on river, Connasauga.   | \$3.00 |
| 2nd. | Went to Caylor & Isbell's saw mill and had saw-dust chute changed. Also had a fish trap taken out at Herndon's mill. | \$3.00 |

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| 3rd.  | Had a trap taken out at Duckett's mill and two on creek below the mill.  | \$3.00 |
| 4th.  | Went to the Quillman place and destroyed one trap, and visited two saw mills.  | \$3.00 |
| 5th.  | Destroyed two traps on Cohutta creek. One of them was full of fish at the time.  | \$3.00 |
| 8th.  | Destroyed two fish traps near Rocky face on Mill Creek and stopped Hassler's saw mill until they changed, so they can keep dust out of creek. This mill heretofore had emptied their saw dust in Mill Creek.                                   | \$3.00 |
| 9th.  | Visited Vining's Mill at Dawnville and Boyles' mill at Norton. Both of them were putting saw dust in Deep Spring creek.  | \$3.00 |
| 10th. | Went to Deep Springs in upper end of county and had the Richardson mill to shut down until they could make other arrangements for the dust   | \$3.00 |
| 12th. | Visited Clark's Mill, above Tunnell Hill, also Calloway's Mill and shut one down, and the other will change saw dust run.  | \$3.00 |
| 13th. | Went again into Deep Spring settlement and tore out three fish traps and regulated one saw mill changed dust deposit.  | \$3.00 |
| 15th. | To Jackson's Mill and changed mill and to Wallace's Bros. mill and destroyed one fish trap.  | \$3.00 |
| 16th. | Revisited Callaway's Mill as it was reported to me that he was still depositing dust in streams illegally, but found out that it was a mistake. On this trip I went to Jom Wood's mill and on the way there found and destroyed one fish trap. | \$3.00 |
| 20th. | Sent to near Tennessee line to see after saw mill and three fish traps. I was 17 hours on this trip. Put the traps out of business.  | \$3.00 |
| 22nd. | Went to Holland's bridge on Murray county, line, for traps also to Kenness Farm, got three traps.  | \$3.00 |
| 23rd. | Prater's Mill, north end of county, and found 2 fish traps doing land office fish business, and put them out of commission.  | \$3.00 |
| 24th. | To Treadwell's mill, and also to Gordon county line and found 3 traps on Connasauga river. Destroyed 2 of them and will destroy the other.   | \$3.00 |
| 25th. | To Herndon's Mill and to river between Whitfield and Murray. Found a place when the water gets up and overflows. The people let down a trap door while the water is up, and  |        |

	when the water recedes they catch barrels of all kinds of fish. Had it removed.	\$3.00
27.	Visited Carbondale District and found saw mill illegally running. Regulated them all.	\$3.00
29th.	To Mayward's Mill, also Mr. Martin's farm, for a saw mill. Had dust chute changed.	\$3.00
May		
1st.	Went to Sam Smith's mill, on Mill creek, and also to a new mill just set up on the Falsom place. Changed dust chute of both of them.	\$3.00
2nd.	Went over to Trickum, and Mill creek districts, and to Swicks grist mill, and got two traps, and one saw mill changed dust deposit.	\$3.00
3rd.	Visited near Tennessee line on Cohutta Creek.	\$3.00
4th.	Went from one end of county to the other on both sides of the mountain and regulated saw mills that were depositing saw dust in the streams.	\$3.00
6,7,8	Got a boat and floated down river from Carbondale to near Tilton, a distance of nearly 70 miles, and found numerous traps, 3 saw mills, all doing business contrary to law; regulated mills and destroyed traps.	\$9.00
TOTAL		\$78.00

I found our county in a most deplorable condition as practically every saw mill in Whitfield was directly over the water course, or had a water run cut under the saw, and in some places I found the saw dust a foot or more deep. I found nearly all of the mills running (even after the law became effective) when I visited them, and would have continued to work regardless of the new law had I not made the above rounds, depending on luck or the good will of their neighbors in not being reported. As it is, some of the water power mills will cut out sawing altogether, while others will change their plants. Nearly all of the above mills are small, probably not cutting on an average of 2,000 feet per day. Still they make enough dust to exterminate all the fish.

I shall continue to pay strict attention to the saw mills, as they can avoid putting the dust into the streams at a little additional expense, and I consider them more destructive than traps or even dynamite as it kills both big and little fish as well as the eggs.

It is a rarity now to be lucky enough to catch a good mess of fish in Whitfield county, as they have been murdered and butchered in every conceivable manner heretofore, but as I

intend to be vigilant at all times in their interest, I hope in a year or two it will be possible to enjoy a day on the river or creek.

I find our people as much or even more interested in the protection of fish than they are in anything else. The new game law in Whitfield is becoming popular.

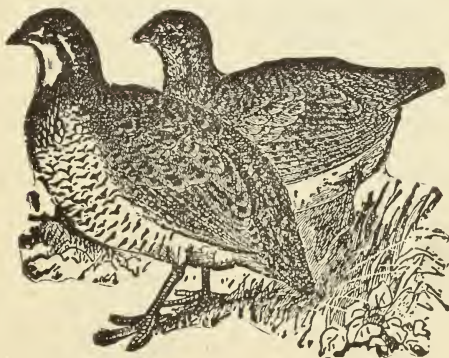
Yours very truly,  
(Signed) M. F. BOISCLAIR,  
Warden Whitfield County.

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### THE WARDEN SYSTEM.

Not only in Georgia but in most of the States of the Union it is clearly proven that the warden system is the only practical and effectual way of protecting game and fish. Reliable men, resident in every militia district who know the conditions and the temper of people, and who are interested in the protection of game and fish afford the best protection possible.

No large number of men may be expected to continually give their attention to the matter, and their services to the State without some reasonable compensation. To pay them a salary or per diem would soon lead to corrupt and most unsatisfactory conditions, and exhaust the funds.



**FINANCIAL REPORT.**

This Department has not only been self sustaining, but the expenses have not reached much more than 25 per cent of the receipts.

I have had the books and the accounts of the Department carefully audited and submit here the report of the auditor:

**STATEMENT OF LICENSES SOLD SEPTEMBER 1, 1911 TO  
JUNE 13, 1912.**

COUNTIES	WARDENS	No. of County Li- censes sold	No. of State li- censes sold	No. Of Non-Res'd't Lic'ns sold	Amount Remitted
Appling	G. W. E. Herndon	94	19	—	\$108.75
Baker	Centennial Kidd	39	12	—	53.25
Baldwin	Theo. R. Cline	43	35	—	102.25
Banks	Harvey Anderson	22	2	—	20.50
Bartow	J. A. Henderson	104	23	—	124.00
Berrien	W. R. Futch	80	23	—	106.00
Ben Hill	T. J. Luke	55	99	1	251.25
Bibb	H. C. Kendall	252	276	1	753.00
Brooks	M. L. Stanley	106	8	—	95.50
Bryan	David Clark	54	15	12	214.50
Bulloch	P. C. Richardson	161	50	—	220.75
Burke	R. W. Chandler	148	63	1	247.50
Butts	J. G. Maddox	47	13	—	61.25
Calhoun	P. P. Dozier	52	42	—	123.75
Camden	Chas S. Arnow	80	4	12	212.00
Campbell	W. R. Hopkins	55	15	—	71.25
Carroll	B. L. Burns	27	3	—	26.25
Catoosa	S. B. Ward	19	19	2	76.25
Charlton	S. E. Cannon	45	21	1	87.75
Chatham	G. R. Rossignol, Jr.	590	268	4	1,022.75
Chattahoochee	J. B. Howell	28	1	—	23.00
Chattooga	C. S. Bradley	61	4	—	53.75
Cherokee	W. D. Miller	37	5	—	37.75
Clarke	E. S. Price	26	61	—	141.50
Clay	T. J. Young	24	13	—	44.00
Clayton	J. M. Archer	28	20	—	61.00
Clinch	J. H. W. Livingston	3	—	—	2.25
Cobb	M. T. McCleskie	70	39	—	130.50
Coffee	C. L. Campbell	39	46	—	121.25
Colquitt	Dr. R. C. Lindsey	24	26	—	70.50
Colquitt	Dr. C. C. Fletcher	66	22	—	93.50
Columbia	C. J. Dill	21	8	—	31.75
		2,500	1,255	34	\$4,789.25



Coweta	A. J. Smith	80	29	—	\$118.50
Crawford	A. B. Young	56	6	—	54.00
Crisp	J. A. Bishop	61	47	1	151.75
Dade	J. T. Woolbright	27	1	—	22.25
Dawson	Lee J. Anderson	5	3	—	9.75
Decatur	T. M. Battle	225	22	22	475.25
DeKalb	E. L. Waggoner	47	47	—	130.00
Dodge	T. H. Hargrove	84	33	—	130.00
Dooley	H. J. Morgan	109	29	—	139.75
Dougherty	R. Hobbs	76	159	—	375.00
Douglas	C. F. Selman	42	5	—	41.50
Early	L. E. Black, Sr.	86	38	2	164.50
Echols	W. E. Prescott	11	1	—	10.25
Effingham	A. J. Simmons	13	8	—	25.75
Elbert	W. C. Christian	91	5	—	78.25
Emanuel	Homer D. Strickland	53	12	2	87.75
Fannin	C. M. Butt	31	2	2	51.25
Fayette	W. E. Peeples	23	4	—	25.25
Floyd	C. A. Todd	178	68	—	269.50
Forsyth	Chas. E. Davenport	17	6	—	24.75
Franklin	R. A. Turner	26	25	—	69.50
Fulton	Jos. W. McCord	93	480	3	1,065.75
Gilmer	A. E. Sharp	17	2	—	16.75
Glasscock	E. O. Williams	17	6	—	24.75
Glynn	P. M. Golden	115	139	17	568.25
Gordon	H. A. Wise	11	5	—	18.25
Grady	C. R. Godwin	37	12	—	51.75
Greene	H. G. Copeland	126	31	—	156.50
Gwinnett	John L. Brown	37	7	—	41.75
Habersham	A. F. Nix	43	23	—	78.25
Hall	F. L. Comer	37	18	—	63.75
Hancock	L. E. Moore	84	11	6	157.00
		1,958	1,284	55	\$4,697.25

Haralson	T. B. Eubanks	28	5	—	\$31.00
Harris	G. R. Robinson	5	6	—	15.75
Hart	Amos W. Adams	40	5	—	40.00
Heard	W. S. Crockett	21	4	—	23.75
Henry	J. M. Stone	55	17	—	75.25
Houston	Jno. T. Hartley	104	42	—	162.00
Irwin	Dr. R. H. Pate	46	34	—	102.50
Jackson	R. S. McGarrity	54	40	—	120.50
Jasper	T. W. Mercer	81	26	—	112.75
Jeff Davis	J. E. Varn	25	13	3	80.75
Jefferson	P. K. Wren	68	28	1	119.00
Jenkins	H. J. Witzel	51	32	—	103.25
Johnson	J. M. Walker	33	12	—	49.25
Jones	C. L. Green	127	17	—	129.50
Laurens	R. Y. Beckham	145	55	—	219.25
Lee	F. S. Hale	137	14	—	130.75
Liberty	D. P. Hughes	87	24	—	113.25
Lincoln	J. E. Deason	18	1	—	15.50
Lowndes	R. D. Mydleton	90	49	—	165.50
Lumpkin	Dr. Craig Arnold	11	1	—	10.25
Macon	W. T. Christopher	46	46	—	126.50
Madison	N. J. Porterfield	19	19	—	52.25
Marion	Jos. H. Story	37	11	—	49.75
McDuffie	Joe De Medicis	45	23	1	91.75
McIntosh	Alex Bailey	10	4	—	16.50
Merriwether	C. Mallory	115	24	—	134.00
Miller	L. A. Free	19	11	2	60.25
Milton	Ed. M. Upshaw	4	6	—	15.00
Mitchell	W. L. Campbell	54	41	—	122.50
Monroe	C. M. Hooks	81	18	—	96.75
Montgomery	J. H. Kent	75	12	1	92.25
Morgan	Millard George	51	9	—	57.25
		1782	649	8	\$2,734.75

Murray	J. S. Keister	47	8	—	\$51.25
Muscogee	Robert S. Grier	135	135	—	372.25
Newton	F. C. Snell	39	25	—	79.50
Oconee	R. M. Anderson	44	18	—	69.00
Oglethorpe	C. B. Hargroves	51	11	—	60.25
Paulding	B. J. Edmondson	11	1	—	10.25
Pickens	W. S. Brady	28	12	—	45.00
Pierce	F. M. Purdom	31	13	—	49.25
Pike	L. P. Milner	9	9	—	24.75
Polk	J. M. Hanrick	84	20	—	103.00
Pulaski	L. C. Ryan	103	87	—	251.25
Putnam	R. L. DeLoach	152	21	—	157.50
Quitman	A. P. Surles	10	4	—	15.50
Rabun	W. T. Dozier	28	4	—	29.00
Randolph	J. K. Spann	75	53	—	162.25
Richmond	W. H. Lanier	320	168	11	708.00
Rockdale	V. C. Almand	31	7	—	37.25
Schley	R. E. L. Eason	21	14	—	43.75
Screven	W. T. Willis	89	12	4	139.00
Spaulding	Gill Willis	46	37	—	108.50
Stephens	R. L. Carroll	12	15	—	39.75
Stewart	W. B. Simpson	35	18	—	62.25
Sumter	W. T. McMath	155	158	—	432.25
Talbott	Miles G. Parker	70	14	—	80.50
Talliaferro	S. O. Acree	38	8	—	44.50
Tattnall	Jno. B. Goffe	111	54	—	191.25
Taylor	W. R. Whatley	37	9	—	45.75
Telfair	Steve Williams	38	20	—	68.50
Terrell	Eli G. Hill	84	116	—	295.00
Thomas	John W. Futch	59	33	62	852.25
Tift	Wiley Branch, Jr.	53	46	—	131.75
Toombs	M. A. McQueen	72	47	—	148.00
		2118	1197	77	\$4,908.25

Towns	S. F. Wood	8	9	—	\$24.00
Troup	R. J. Willis	136	51	—	204.00
Turner	W. T. Williams	31	24	1	83.00
Twiggs	J. I. Mercer	48	9	—	54.00
Union	Moses Weaver	2	—	—	1.50
Upson	E. R. Ingram	69	14	—	79.75
Walker	Jno. C. Knox	56	13	2	92.00
Walton	G. P. Hurst	197	29	—	205.75
Ware	Hal Lambdin	95	77	1	237.25
Warren	W. J. Norris	83	19	3	136.25
Washington	Max Snell	81	25	2	134.75
Wayne	Anderson Williams	13	25	—	59.75
Webster	J. C. McEarchern	21	6	1	39.75
White	Jesse R. Lumsden	8	2	—	10.00
Whitfield	M. Boisclair	37	11	—	49.75
Wilcox	W. W. Taylor	74	32	—	119.50
Wilkes	H. O. Colley	158	7	—	132.50
Wilkerson	C. K. Parker	33	5	—	34.75
Worth	G. M. Pinson	86	15	6	166.50
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		1236	373	16	\$1,864.75

### RECAPITULATION.

Sheet "1"	2500	1255	34	4,789.25
Sheet "2"	1958	1284	55	4,697.25
Sheet "3 "	1782	649	8	2,734.75
Sheet "4"	2118	1197	77	4,908.25
Sheet "5"	1236	373	16	1,864.75
Total	9594	4758	190	\$18,994.25

PROSECUTIONS FOR VIOLATION GAME AND FISH LAW  
SEPTEMBER 1, 1911 TO JUNE 13, 1912 INCLUSIVE.

COUNTY	No. of Prosecution	Amount of Fines	State Proportion
Appling			
Baker	4	\$ 40.00	\$ 10.00
Baldwin	4	40.01	10.00
Banks			
Bartow	10	100.00	25.00
Berrien			
Ben Hill	4	63.00	15.75
Bibb			
Brooks			
Bryan			
Bullock	4	40.00	10.00
Burke			
Butts			
Calhoun	2	20.00	5.00
Camden	3	30.00	7.50
Campbell			
Carroll	5	50.00	12.50
Catoosa			
Charlton			
Chatham	6	60.00	15.00
Chattahoochee			
Chattooga	2	30.00	7.50
Cherokee	3	45.00	11.25
Clarke	1	10.00	2.50
Clay	1	10.00	2.50
Clayton			
Clinch			
Cobb			
Coffee			
Colquitt	17	170.00	42.50
Columbia	3	71.55	17.93
Coweta	3	70.00	17.50
Crawford	1	10.00	2.50
Crisp	1	10.00	2.50
Dade			
Dawson			
Dacatur	3	30.00	7.50
DeKalb			
Dodge	3	30.00	7.50
Dooley	4	70.00	17.50
Dougherty	1	23.85	5.97
Douglas			
Early			
Echols			
Effingham			
Elbert	2	20.00	5.00
Emanuel			
Fannin			
Fayette			
Floyd			
Forsyth	1	10.00	2.50
Franklin			
Fulton	1	25.00	6.25



Gilmer			
Glasscock			
Glynn			
Gordon			
Grady	2	20.00	5.00
Greene	4	40.00	10.00
Gwinnett			
Habersham			
Hall			
Hancock			
Haralson			
Harris			
Hart			
Heard			
Henry			
Houston			
Irwin	6	60.00	15.00
Jackson			
Jasper	1	10.00	2.50
Jeff Davis	1	10.00	2.50
Jefferson	1	15.00	3.75
Jenkins			
Johnson			
Jones	5	50.00	12.50
Laurens	5	50.00	12.50
Lee			
Liberty			
Lincoln			
Lowndes			
Lumpkin			
Macon	2	20.00	5.00
Madison			
Marion			
McDuffie			
McIntosh			
Merriwether	6	60.00	15.00
Miller			
Milton			
Mitchell			
Monroe	2	20.00	5.00
Montgomery	1	5.00	1.25
Morgan	8	80.00	20.00
Murray			
Muscogee	6	60.00	15.00
Newton			
Oconee	2	20.00	5.00
Oglethorpe			
Paulding			
Pickens			
Pierce			
Pike	2	20.00	5.00
Polk	8	80.00	20.00
Pulaski	9	120.00	30.00
Putnam	9	90.00	22.50
Quitman	8	80.00	20.00
Rabun			
Randolph			
Richmond	6	68.75	17.20

Rockdale			
Schley	2	20.00	5.00
Screven			
Spaulding			
Stephens			
Stewart			
Sumter			
Talbott			
Talliaferro	3	40.00	10.00
Tattnall	7	70.00	17.50
Taylor			
Telfair			
Terrell			
Thomas	1	10.00	2.50
Tift			
Toombs			
Towns			
Troupe	10	100.00	25.00
Turner			
Twiggs			
Union			
Upson			
Walker			
Walton	3	30.00	7.50
Ware			
Warren			
Washington	2	20.00	5.00
Wayne	1	10.00	2.50
Webster			
White			
Whitfield			
Wilcox	4	60.00	15.00
Wilkes	9	60.00	15.00
Wilkerson	2	20.00	5.00
Worth			
	<u>230</u>	<u>\$2,553.30</u>	<u>\$624.35</u>

## RECONCILEMENT OF BANK BALANCES AS OF JUNE 13, 1912

American State Bank, Fitzgerald	Balance	\$1,015.22
Exchange National Bank, Fitzgerald	Balance	1,335.93
The Third National Bank, Fitzgerald	Balance	492.95
First National Bank, Fitzgerald	Balance	9,009.71

## LESS OUTSTANDING CHECK VOUCHERS.

Voucher No. 70 for T. B. Skinner outstanding	\$18.00	
Ledger balance		<u>\$8,991.71</u>
		\$11,835.81
Game Protection Fund with State Treasury		<u>\$ 2,000.00</u>
		\$13,835.81

## COMMENTS ON AUDIT OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH

We verified in detail the collections of the county wardens for the sale of hunter's licenses, also collections made by clerks of the courts for fines imposed for violation of this act and their remittances to the commissioner. The course of our audit covered the period from September 1, 1911 to June 13, 1912 as shown on Exhibit "A".

The amount received by the commissioner is as follows:—

From County Licenses	9594 @	75	\$7,195.50
From State Licenses	4,758 @	2.00	\$9,516.00
From Non-Resident Licenses	190 @	12.00	\$2,280.00

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\$18,991.50

Amount overpaid by wardens \$ 2.75

From fines for violation of the game and fish law  
State's proportion \$ 624.35

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\$19,618.60

The \$19,618.60 has been deposited in the banks, and the balances as of June 13, 1912, are as follows:

American State Bank	\$ 1,015.22
Exchange National Bank	\$ 1,335.93
The Third National Bank	\$ 492.95
First National Bank	\$14,823.50
Game protection fund with State Treasury	\$ 2,000.00

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\$19,667.60

Vouchers have been issued by the commissioner, amounting to 5,813.79, which the First National Bank of Fitzgerald has honored in financing this department, until such time as the next legislature meets and the necessary appropriation be made to cover the expenses of said department.

We certify that the foregoing statements show the true financial condition of the Georgia Department of Game and Fish at June 13, 1912, and the result of the operations thereof for the period covered from September 1, 1911 to June 13, 1912.

CHAS. NEVILLE,  
Public Accountant.

# STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES SEPTEMBER 1, 1911 TO JUNE 13, 1912.

## INCOME:

From sale of county licenses	9,594 @ .75c each	\$ 7,195.50
From sale of State licenses	4,758 @ 2.00 each	\$ 9,516.00
From sale of non-resident licenses	190 @ 12.00 each	\$ 2,280.00

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\$18,991.50

Amount overpaid by county wardens \$ 2.75

Sch. 1 \$18,994.25

From fines for violation of the game and fish law

State's Proportion Sch. 2 \$ 624.35

J. E. Mercer, Commissioner. (Money advanced for incidental  
expenses, since first of month

\$ 46.88

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\$19,665.48

Expenditures \$19,665.48

## Office Expenses:

General 126.76

Stamps 431.80

Express 79.27

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\$ 637.83

Stationery and printing 1,130.61

Traveling expenses 493.91

Telephone and telegraph tolls 53.99

Salary—commissioner 1,500.00

Salaries—employees 877.75

Extra service 50.50

Warden per diem (By commissioner's special directions) 504.00

Furniture and fixtures 313.84

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Total \$5,562.43

Excess income over expenditures (Schedule 3) \$14,056.17

## RECEIPTS FROM PROSECUTIONS.

In this report is given the names of the parties charged with violating the Game and Fish Laws of Georgia, by counties:

COUNTY	NAME OF OFFENDER	OFFENSE CHARGED	NET FINE	STATE'S SHARE
Baker	R. H. Bostwick	Shooting Fish	10.00	2.50
Baker	Andrew Cheever	Illegal Hunting	10.00	2.50
Baker	Caesar Alford	Illegal Hunting	10.00	2.50
Baker	George Holt	Illegal Hunting	10.00	2.50
Baldwin	ManDozier Watts	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Baldwin	Sim Fowler	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Baldwin	Ed Pittman	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Baldwin	J. H. G. Williams	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Bartow	James Smith	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Bartow	Cam Smith	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Bartow	Arthur Cantrell	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Bartow	Ed Kelley	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Bartow	Joe Henderson	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Bartow	Cleve Carson	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Bartow	Jack Smith	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Bartow	Willis Crittenden	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Bartow	Richard Terrell	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Bartow	Charlie Garrison	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Ben Hill	John Wootson	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Ben Hill	John Johnson	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Ben Hill	Alex McDonald	Violating Game Law	33.00	8.25
Ben Hill	Georgia Curry	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Bulloch	Jim Thomas	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Bulloch	Henry White	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Bulloch	Mackey White	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Bulloch	Dan Butler	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Calhoun	Dan Roberson	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50



## RECEIPTS FROM PROSECUTIONS (Continued.)

Calhoun	Albert Green	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Camden	George Stewart	Killing deer out of season	10.00	2.50
Carroll	Oscar Bailey	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Carroll	John Bailey	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Carroll	Crawford Butler	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Carroll	Warren Evans	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Carroll	Mack Neel	Hunting unlawfully	10.00	2.50
Chatham	B. M. Frazier	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Chatham	C. E. Frazier	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Chatham	Ward Allen	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Chatham	Oglethorpe Club	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Chattooga	Felton Wootten	Hunting without Permission of Land Owner	25.00	6.25
Chattooga	Gus McArthur	Hunting without license	5.00	1.25
Cherokee	T. Castannelli	Hunting without license	15.00	3.75
Cherokee	A. Castanelli	Hunting without license	15.00	3.75
Cherokee	G. Muraglia	Hunting without license	15.00	3.75
Clarke	Cris Jones	Offering game for sale	10.00	2.50
Clay	Mack Snipes	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	York Webb	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	O. N. Sloan	Hunting without license	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	Charles Sloan	Shooting baited doves	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	Robert Sloan	Shooting baited doves	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	Nash Murphy	Shooting Baited doves	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	Robert Murphy	Shooting baited doves	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	Jess Murphy	Shooting baited doves	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	John A. Carlton	Shooting baited doves	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	A. C. Murphy	Shooting baited doves	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	L. I. Murphy	Shooting baited doves	10.00	2.50

## RECEIPTS FROM PROSECUTIONS (Continued.)

Colquitt	G. W. Murphy	Shooting baited doves	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	A. C. Murphy	Shooting baited doves	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	S. P. Turnbull	Shooting baited doves	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	Fred Burroughs	Fishing without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	Will Green	Fishing without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	Noah Thomas	Fishing without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Colquitt	W. D. Murphy	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Columbia	Ed. Sweatman	Violating Game Law	23.85	5.96
Columbia	Dan Gleaton	Violating Game Law	23.85	5.96
Columbia	Prince Gilpin	Violating Game Law	20.05	5.01
Coweta	Solomon Crayton	Violating Game Law	30.00	7.50
Coweta	Willis Sanders	Violating Game Law	30.00	7.50
Coweta	Bruce McElroy	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Crawford	Mack Dean	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Crisp	Jesse Gilbert	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Decatur	C. W. Minor	Killing Turkey Hen	10.00	2.50
Decatur	C. L. Perry	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Decatur	Man Williams	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Dodge	H. H. Hall	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Dodge	Joe Brantley	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Dodge	Howard Wright	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Dooly	James Woodward	Violating Game Law	20.00	5.00
Dooly	Lucius Thomas	Violating Game Law	20.00	5.00
Dooly	Effy Thomas	Violating Game Law	20.00	5.00
Dooly	John Flagg	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Dougherty	Frank Many	Violating Game Law	23.90	6.25
Elbert	Ben Hughes	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Elbert	Tom Green Noble	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50

## RECEIPTS FROM PROSECUTIONS (Continued.)

Forsyth	J. J. Reid	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Fulton	Ga. Terrace Hotel	Serving Game to Patrons	25.00	6.25
Grady	Lem Singleterry	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Grady	Robert Donald	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Greene	Jake Reid	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Greene	Love Armour	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Greene	Aleck Armour	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Greene	Nathaniel Moore	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Irwin	James Fletcher	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Irwin	A. B. C. Dorminey	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Irwin	S. V. Graham	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Irwin	Waldo Henderson	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Irwin	J. D. Parks	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Irwin	Walter Powers	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Jasper	Dave Holt	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Jeff Davis	Seth Fuller	Shooting Game out of Season	10.00	2.50
Jefferson	Tom Little	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Jones	Mark Freeman	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Jones	Spinks Sollomon	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Jones	James Balkam	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Jones	Jesse Balkam	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Jones	Ben Anderson	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Laurens	Monte Clark	Shooting Doves out of Season	10.00	2.50
Laurens	C. L. Cumbers	Shooting doves out of Season	10.00	2.50
Laurens	W. M. Sutherland	Shooting doves out of Season	10.00	2.50
Laurens	Noah Stanley	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Laurens	George Metz	Hunting without permission of Land Owner	10.00	2.50
Macon	Jimmie Felton	Violation of Game Law	10.00	2.50

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Macon	Henry Goodwin	Violation of Game Law	10.00	2.50
Merriwether	John Lambert	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Merriwether	Johnnie Young	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Merriwether	Will Arthur Griggs	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Merriwether	Robert West	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Merriwether	Jack Mercer	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Merriwether	Fred Stephens	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Monroe	Ed Taylor	Hunting out of Season	10.00	2.50
Monroe	Ode Smothers	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Montgomery	Bruce Elam	Violating Game Law	5.00	1.25
Morgan	Arthur Gibson	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Morgan	Boodle Jones	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Morgan	Lamar Haile	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Morgan	Carl Wallace	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Morgan	Hayes Burton	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Morgan	Aaron Easeley	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Morgan	Gus Glover	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Morgan	S. C. Few	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Muscogee	Woods Nichol	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Muscogee	Stanford Hamor	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Muscogee	Aleck Mahone	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Muscogee	W. P. Evans	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Muscogee	Ernest Massee	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Muscogee	Sam Foster	Having Robins in possession	10.00	2.50
Oconee	Floyd Kenney	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Oconee	Dave Bird	Killing Quail out of Season	10.00	2.50
Pike	Emmet Traylor	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Pike	Arch Ferguson	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50

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Polk	Robert Hinemen	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Polk	Sol Hineman	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Polk	Tom Rowland	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Polk	F. L. Godwin	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Polk	B. G. Moore	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Polk	P. A. Redmond	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Polk	Alex Dade	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Polk	Anthony Woodward	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Pulaski	John Holland	Shooting Doves out of Season	10.00	2.50
Pulaski	Raymond Holland	Shooting Doves out of Season	10.00	2.50
Pulaski	Tom Holland	Shooting Doves out of Season	10.00	2.50
Pulaski	Will Beale	Possum Hunting without permission	15.00	3.75
Pulaski	Lige Beale	Possum Hunting without permission	15.00	3.75
Pulaski	Dempsey Mathews	Violating Game Law	15.00	3.75
Pulaski	Henry Rozier	Violating Game Law	15.00	3.75
Pulaski	Walter Rozier	Violating Game Law	15.00	3.75
Pulaski	Phonzo Rozier	Violating Game Law	15.00	3.75
Putnam	Will Key	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Putnam	George Farley	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Putnam	Pres DuMas	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Putnam	Brown Macon	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Putnam	Harper Ward	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Putnam	Brown Macon	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Putnam	Congress Ingram	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Putnam	Will Pound	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Quitman	Will Lynn	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Quitman	Young Lynn	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Quitman	Leonard Lynn	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50



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Quitman	Ellis Moore	Shooting birds out of Season	10.00	2.50
Quitman	Lovett Willis	Shooting birds out of Season	10.00	2.50
Quitman	Carlton Bradley	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Quitman	Walter Bradley	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Quitman	Louis Crawford	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Richmond	Jim Griffin	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Richmond	Ezekial Wright	Shooting Robins	11.45	2.82
Richmond	Lester Elliott	Shooting Robins	11.45	2.82
Richmond	Carl Brinson	Shooting Robins	11.45	2.81
Richmond	Eddie Story	Shooting Robins	11.45	2.81
Richmond	Central Fish Market	Violating Fish Law	15.00	3.75
Schley	Dave Monday	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Schley	Burk Walker	Shooting Quail out of Season	10.00	2.50
Talliaferro	Oliver Pound	Violating Game Law	20.00	5.00
Talliaferro	Lucius Edwards	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Talliaferro	Lucius Edwards (2nd)	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Tattnall	Steve Kennedy	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Tattnall	William Lynn	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Tattnall	G. H. Paul	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Tattnall	Weed Holland	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Tattnall	Robert Wine	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Tattnall	T. L. Sikes	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Tattnall	Lee Cowart	Hunting without License	10.00	2.50
Troup	Grady Taylor	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Troup	Henry Reed	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Troup	Parker Ringes	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Troup	Frank Jarrell	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Troup	Doherty Boykin	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Troup	Evans Edmondson	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Troup	Warren Hatlow	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50

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Troup	Dock Walker	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Troup	E. D. Daniel	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Troup	A. H. Daniel	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Walton	John Murphy	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Walton	Joe McCoy	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Walton	Howard Rawls	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Wilcox	Emanuel Ransom	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Wilcox	Lewis Reid	Violating Game Law	15.00	3.75
Wilcox	Off. Rawls	Violating Game Law	15.00	3.75
Wilcox	R. L. Jones	Violating Game Law	20.00	5.00
Wilkes	Andrew Jones	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Wilkes	Hubert Burton	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Wilkes	Paul Hughes	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Wilkes	Ed Coleman	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
Wilkes	Sam Kelly	Violating Fish Laws	5.00	1.25
Wilkes	Herbert Smith	Violating Fish Law	2.50	63
Wilkes	Willie Washington	Violating Fish Law	2.50	62
Wilkes	Sam Collie	Violating Fish Law	5.00	1.25
Wilkes	Willis Smith	Violating Fish Law	5.00	1.25
Wilkinson	W. F. Cannon	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Wilkinson	E. I. Irwin	Hunting without permission of Land owner	10.00	2.50
Thomas	Emanuel Larkin	Hunting without permission of Land Owner	10.00	2.50
Washington	Maud Downs	Shooting Squirrels out of Season	10.00	2.50
Washington	W. J. Osborn	Shooting Squirrels out of Season	10.00	2.50
Wayne	Sidney Chalk	Shooting Quail out of Season	10.00	2.50
Chatham County;	Charlie Green	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50
	Grover Davis	Violating Game Law	10.00	2.50

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Camden	Gilbert Watts	Fishing for Shad out of Season	10.00	2.50
Camden	Lester Nix	Fishing for Shad out of Season	10.00	2.50
Columbia	Completed payment			1.00
Putnam	Wash Andrews	Hunting Possums	10.00	2.50
			<hr/> \$2,494.00 \$624.35	



Trials for violation of Game and Fish Law; without revenue to the State. Name of Offenders given; prosecutors names on record of court.

COUNTY	Name of Offender	Offense Charged	Penalty
Baker	Albert Edwards	Shooting Doves out of Season	\$10.00 and costs Chain Gang.
Bartow	Ben Joe Johnson Bob Sullivan	Hunting without permission of land owner	\$10.00 each Absorbed as costs by the Court.
Bartow	Early Branch Will Butler	Hunting without License	Nol prossed.
Bartow	Boyd Wages Jack Cope	Hunting without License	Not Guilty.
Bartow	Dock Fletcher	Hunting without License	Chain Gang.
Brooks	S. L. Folsom	Violation of Game Law	Not Guilty.
Berrien	Mitch Lawson	Fishing without permission of Land owner	\$10.00 and costs not yet collected.
Carroll	Early Dobbs Allen Smith	Violation Game Law	Not Guilty.
Catoosa	B. W. Barnes N. W. Barnes	Hunting possums	Not Guilty.
Chatham	Alex Doward Ward Allen	Offering quail for sale Violation Game Law	Not guilty. Nol Prossed.
Coffee	Nick Mathews	Violation Game Law	\$25.00 and costs Chain Gang.
DeKalb	Lex Crew Joe Bailey A. E. Binder	Hunting without permission of Land Owner.	Grand jury found no bill.
Dodge	J. B. Vaughn	Hunting without permission of Land Owner	Case Nol prossed.
Glynn	J. B. Jones S. Stanisland	Hunting without permission of Land Owner	Not Guilty.
Gordon	Will Rucker D. D. Clark Paul Hughes Russell York	Hunting rabbits out of own district without license	Judge ordered verdict of not guilty. Ruled they had legal right to hunt rabbits anywhere without license.
Henry	Osborne Davis Nesby Davis	Violation Game Law	\$10.00 each gross absorbed by Court as costs.
Jeff Davis	Jerry McDonald	Hunting without permission of Land Owner	Not Guilty.



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Laurens	Lonnie Brown	Hunting possums	\$10.00 and costs Chain Gang.
Sumter	W. A. Hawkins	Shooting Birds out of Season	\$22.95 gross absorbed by court as costs.
	Ernest Jackson	Shooting Doves	\$14.75 gross absorbed by court as costs.
	Euly C. Ragan	Shooting Robins	Not guilty.
Tattnall	W. R. Payne	Hunting without License	Both Nol-Prosed.
	Burrell Moore		
Tattnall	Lee Todd	Hunting without permission of Land Owner	Costs of court Absorbed by court.
	Dennis Cowart	Hunting without permission of Land Owner	Not guilty.

This takes all cases that have been returned up to June 13, 1912.

This Department will, under the present law raise a larger revenue than can legitimately be expended in the conduct of the affairs pertaining to this Department unless the scope of the work is broadened, not only in the matter of conservation, but to include propagation.

If a large revenue for the school fund, or any other fund, that is desirable this Department I think can furnish the treasury with a quarter million dollars, annually, possibly much more within a few years, if the law is amended to include provisions embraced in the laws of many other states.

If only Game Protection is desired then we will have plenty of revenue without amendments with that in view.

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely,

Jesse E. Mercer,  
State Game & Fish Commissioner.

