



History of Thomasville, Georgia



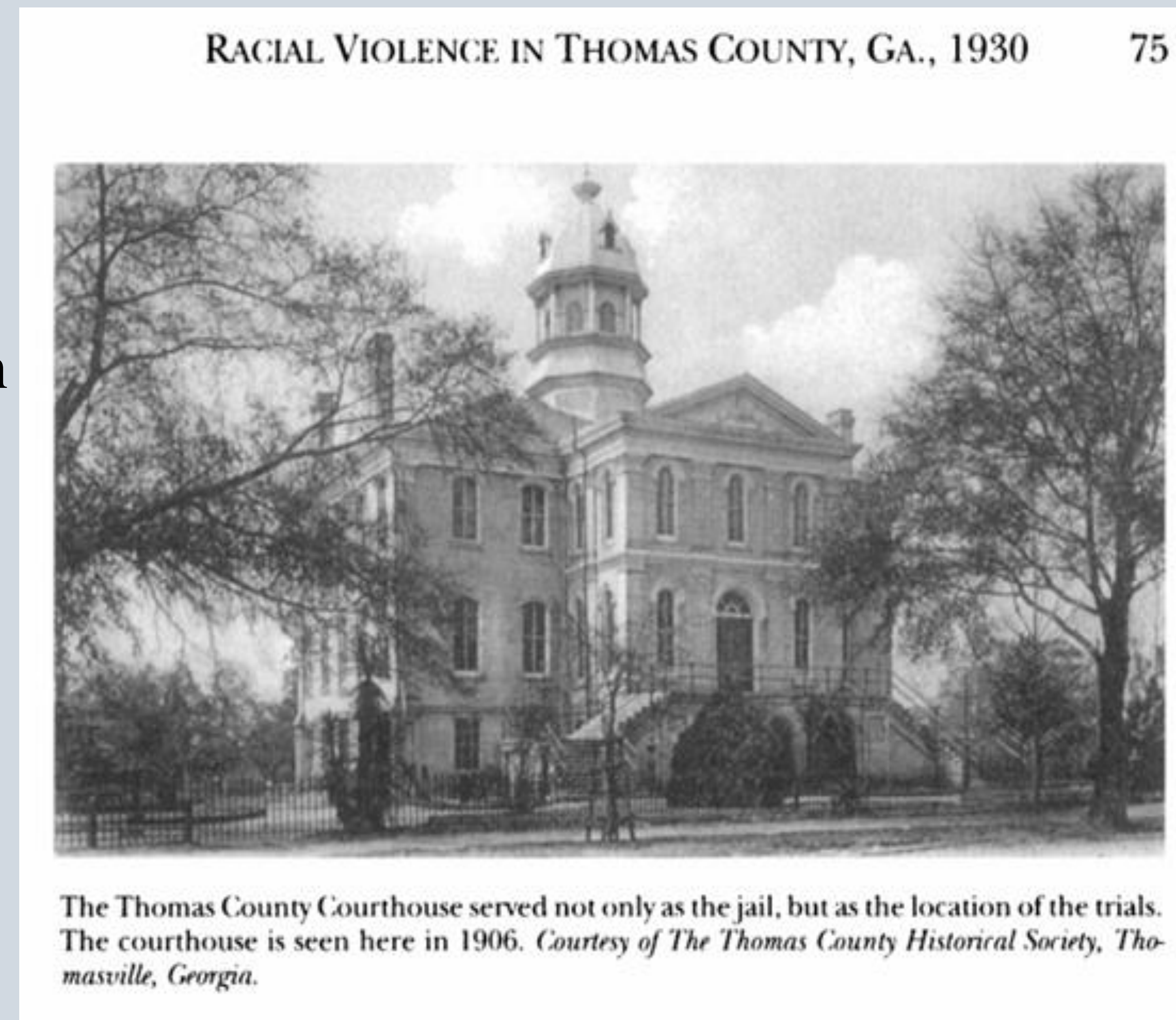
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Abstract

The purpose of this research project is to gather historical information on Thomasville, Georgia utilizing both primary and secondary sources. The main purpose of this project is to analyze historical events in Thomasville, Georgia which encompasses the political climate in the 1800s, ethnic/racial tensions, the legal system, the history of plantations, farming methodologies, and other prominent architectural infrastructure.

Introduction

It is because of the nature of this research project; the research methodology is very different. While serving as a research assistant I had to be mindful of chronology (arranging events in order of the time period they correspond/ align with). There was no statistical analysis, no participants, and no variables to operationalize. Archival research was conducted in order to procure the primary sources.



No place on earth does refinement and culture assert itself more evident than some point where mob violence is on the eve of action. In such places all sorts of men assemble and may rub up shoulder to shoulder, but their ideas and purposes stand out as distinct as the difference between blooded race horse and a mule. Education and christianity does not remove evil instinct from the coarse element in any one generation, it takes time to clean instinct. The child carries the blood of the parent and that blood must be regenerated before it can rise above the taint of natural perternal instinct. Passion and prejudice overrides the first element of reformation.

Newspaper clipping on Lynching in Thomas County Georgia.

Results

Most of the information collected are from extant secondary source material that are scholarly research papers which center around Thomasville. More information has been found on the innerworkings of the legal system of Thomasville Georgia, e.g. there is legal precedent such, State V. Burton Fortner, which establishes that the freedom of African American slaves was not legally justified and thus unwarranted.

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