* **J. M. GANN PASSES AT COBB HOME**Former Judge Ordinary Accident Victim. Funeral Services Held from Marietta Church This Afternoon  
  Judge J. M. gann, until recently a resident of Marietta and for 32 years, a political figure in Cobb County, succumbed late Saturday night at the home of a daughter, Mrs. W. P. Davis, Austell, to injuries received several weeks ago when struck by a train at a crossing near his home. He was in his 83rd year. Funeral services were conducted from the Marietta Baptist Church this afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Revs. George F. Brown, C. C. Heard and T. Z. Everton officiating. Burial was in the City Cemetery.  
  Grandsons served as pallbearers and members of the Marietta bar served as an honorary escort during services. The Springville Lodge No. 153, F. & A. M. were in charge of services at the grave.  
  One of Cobb County's oldest and most active civic leaders, Judge Gann retired as clerk of court of ordinary under Judge John Awtrey and six terms for himself. He was one of the oldest members of the Springville Lodge No. 153, F&AM and for 26 years served as deacon in the First Baptist Church here. He moved from Marietta several months ago to live with his daughter at Austell.

He was born January 17, 1854 on the old homestead ten miles south of Marietta and his parents John and Mary Allen Gann were of Clark County. His mother was born in 1816 and her life was terminated in 1856 at the age of forty.  
Judge Gann attended the common schools and the Olives Creek academy in Cobb County, after which he taught school for 12 years. During the '80's he read law under the direction of Judge David Irwin but had never practiced.  
He also served as conductor for the Southern railway for eight years prior to establishing residence in Marietta January 1, 1901.  
He was married to the late Deborah Pope, daughter of David Pope, who was on of the well known agriculturists of Cobb County and a life long resident of Georgia.  
He is survived by two sons, Gordon B. and Z. T. Gann, both of Marietta; three daughters Mrs. G. O. Allen, Marietta; Mrs. W. P. Davis, Austell; and Mrs. A. L. Conyers, Gainesville, Florida; one sister, Mrs. T. B. Dodgen, Mableton. Eighteen grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. (Marietta Journal, December 28, 1936 )

**Obituary – John Frank Gann JOHN FRANK GANN DIES IN MABLETON** **Former Post Master was Active in Civic Affairs in** **Cobb** . John Frank Gann former post master at Austell and father of Walter E. Gann of Atlanta died Saturday morning at his home in Mableton, he was 55 years old. Mr Gann was active in local and civic affairs both in Austell and Mableton. Besides his son in Atlanta he is Survived by another son Reagin Gann; two daughters, Mary Jo and Betty Ann Gann, his mother, Mrs. O. D. Gann, all of Mableton, and a sister, Mrs. A. T. Glore and a brother, R. J. Gann both of Austell. Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Mableton Baptist church with Rev. G. W Southard and Rev. Howard Walker officiating. Burial was in Davis cemetery with the Mableton J. O. U. A. M.. No. 12 serving as honorary escort. Mayes Ward and Company handled funeral plans. (Marietta Journal, 27 MAR 1939) Transcriber 20 JAN 2011-APL3

* **Francis Franklin Gann – Wounded in the Civil War** Francis Franklin Gann, wounded in the Battle of Atlanta, on 22 JUL 1864, seems to have never fully recovered and continued suffered the effect of the injury, particularly during the last year of his life. **Marietta Daily Journal 31 MAY 1900.** We regret to hear that… Confederate veteran Frank Gann, has been sick for sometime… **28 MAY 1908** Mr. F. F. Gann, wounded in the head during the war is suffering… **09 JUL 1908** Mr. F. F. Gann is still no better… **11 DEC 1914.** Sorry to hear that Mr. F. F. Gann is not so well as usual… **13 AUG 1915** We are sorry to hear that Mr. F. F. Gann is not doing so well… **11 MAY 1917** Mr. F. F. Gann has been very feeble for the last few days. **01 JUN 1917** Sorry to note that Lieut. F. F. Gann, one of our oldest citizens, is not as… **19 OCT 1917** Mr. F. F. Gann has been sick since June… **02 FEB 1917** We are sorry to note the illness of Lieut. F.F. Gann at his home two miles north of Mableton, who has been sick for two weeks, but glad to learn that he is greatly improved. **23 NOV 1917** DIED OUR FATHER…Sunday November 18th at 12:45 noon, Mr. Frances F. Gann 83 years…

**Cob County Times 22 NOV 1917.** MR. FRANK F. GANN. Mr. Frank F. Gann died at his residence at Floyd Station on Sunday, November 18. The funeral services were held from the Baptist church there on Monday… **28 NOV 1917.** FRANK F. GANN. Mr. Frank F. Gann, 83 years old, whose death occurred at his home in Floyd Station last week was a gallant Confederate soldier. He was wounded in the battle of Atlanta, on the 22nd of July 1864, while commanding Company E, 18th Georgia regiment. He never recovered from the wound but has been an invalid even since. Mr. Gann is survived by two daughters Mrs. Fed Kalb and Mrs. J. S.. Dodgen; two sons, Messrs. O. D. Gann and P. H. Gann all of Mableton. Sisters Mrs. J. F. Bond, Mrs. T. B. Dodgen of Mableton; brothers. Mr. J. M. Gann and Mr. N. T. Gann of Atlanta. These, as well as a large number of other relatives and friends followed the remains to their last resting place in the family burying-ground….(Cobb County Times, 28 NOV 1917) Transcribed \_AP3 18 JAN 2011

* **The Reconstruction of an Amazing House T** he Gann House is a historic residence dating back to the early 1800s. It was constructed for then State Senator John Gann on property acquired in the 1832 land lottery. It has survived a burning by the Union Army, a sell off of its once 380 acres, and recent years of neglect and vandalism. **J** ohn Gann (1812-1881) served as senator of Cobb County in 1842. He was a charter member of the **Concord Baptist Church**, Cobb's (and Mableton's) oldest church and is buried alongside his 2nd and 3rd wives in the historic cemetery off South Hurt Road. **D**uring the Civil War the house played a significant role in Sherman's march to the sea. The Ganns refugeed their children, livestock and five slaves to Monroe, GA one week before the Federal troops arrived. Possibly because of John Gann's confinement to a wheelchair due to a severe case of rheumatism, they remained until they could hear gunfire nearby. They tried to reach the Confederate lines in Smyrna but were overtaken near the **Covered Bridge**. The Ganns were returned to their home and forced to wash the uniforms and shine the boots of the fifteen Union officers who were billeted there. **U** nion troops were encamped on the property through the July 4th, 1864 Battle of Ruff's Mill. The **Concord Woolen Mill**, where Confederate uniforms were produced, and the **Covered Bridge** were burned. The railroad track thas was located on the **Silver Comet Trail** was also destroyed. **A** s the troops were departing they started to burn the house, throwing torches under the current dining room. The house was built with old growth heart pine lumber, rich with pitch, and was only seconds from becoming a raging inferno. In an amazing twist of events, a Masonic apron was found in the house and presented to the commanding Union general. He quickly ordered that the fire be extinguished and spared the house. **I** n 1874, John Gann sold the house to Seymore B. Love, one of the proprietors of the **Concord Woolen Mills**. In the 1930s, it was the childhood home of Agnes Louis Bradford Barnes, mother of ex-Governor Roy Barnes. In 1947, the property was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. James M. Hill who owned the house until Mrs. Hill's death in 1992. **O** ut of state heirs saw the potential for monetary gains by developing the 30-acre farm located on what early settlers called "an exceptionally beautiful part of Cobb County." They left the house open to vagrants, vandals, and the elements, trying to remove the property from the historical district. **R** ecognizing that the house is a national landmark on the Historical Registry, the public rallied to save the property. Community activists and the Cobb County Historic Preservation Commission uncovered inaccurate surveys designed to enable the demolition of the property. They corrected the surveys and implemented regulations of preservation. **J** ohn Gann had so much land that he was able to place the house on a perfect location. Atop a grassy knoll with firm bedrock, water naturally drains away from the house. Because of that, rot and termite damage was surprisingly low for a house this age and condition. The stack stone foundation remains stable and the now petrified 8" x 8' oak beams support the oversized old growth studs, making an incredibly strong structure. **M** any historic homes experience moisture and rot problems when they are insulated and air-conditioned. While drafts were not comfortable for the early occupants, they prevented condensation. Innovative ventilation designs are now in use to make the house energy efficient, comfortable, and durable. **T** he most urgent priority was to install a new roof. New dormers were also added to increase the living area of the upper level. The floors were reinforced and new interior walls were added to maximize space and allow for the addition of two mini-suites. **T** he chimneys were stabilized and then rebuilt to match the original. The wood floors in the living room, dining room, and master bedroom were painstakingly removed and stored for reuse while the utility systems underneath were being upgraded. **T** he utilities are designed to meet modern needs. The underground electrical service is rated at 200 amps. The massive plumbing system includes yard hydrant, two hot water heaters, and a constant hot water recirculating pump. Two independent heating and air conditioning systems separate the two levels. Each room is wired for power, telephone, cable, and security. **T** he renovation has been undertaken by Mr. Andrew Fenlon, who states: "A house like this is like a classic car, an antique table, or a fine wine. It improves with age. Like restoring a masterpiece, it's an arduous but extremely rewarding task."

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