

• • • A Sketch of Georgia's History. • • •

THE University of Georgia was chartered in 1785 and is the second oldest State University in America; Pennsylvania being first. The people of the sparsely settled country recognized the necessity of a higher seat of learning for the welfare of the country than was then accessible to them.

In pursuance of this idea the legislature in 1785 set aside land for its establishment and maintenance and in the same provision we note these words, "And whereas the encouragement of religion and learning is an object of great importance to any community, and must tend to the prosperity, happiness and advantage of the same, *Be it therefore enacted,*" going on with the charter.

The trustees were appointed and set about their work.

The location was the first thing to be settled. The town of Greensboro was to be laid off and land sold to raise money to build the college buildings.

Failure to get a quorum changed plans and finally, after a meeting of the "Coffee House" in Louisville, the capital, a committee was appointed to select a location. They decided that Jackson county was the best place and, after much traveling about over this county, Cedar Shoals was selected.

John Milledge then purchased the tract containing 633 acres and presented it to the trustees. The town was laid out and named Athens. Josiah Meigs, of Yale College, was appointed, "upon examination," to build one or more log buildings and to teach until the attendance should demand a tutor. In November the President reported that there were several buildings on the Campus and Front Street; that the attendance was between thirty and thirty-five, and that the philosophical apparatus, the equal of any institution, was on its way from London to Savannah.

The college grew until 1811, when President Meigs became unpopular for political reasons and resigned. It then was poorly supported until 1816, when it suspended exercises.

The new Constitution, after the war of 1812, put the institution on firm financial footing, and with new buildings it began again to prosper. This prosperity has continued ever since; the attendance at times fluctuating, but additions have been going on both as to buildings and to the faculty. The last five years have seen the greatest improvement, for so short a time, in the history of the institution. The attendance this year is the largest in its history. The State seems to be awakening to its importance and 'tis well, for there is not another University South that has joined the classical courses with the mechanical and other features of training that fit men for life, both mentally and physically.

Her record has been grand, her future is bright. Her destiny is with her *alumni*.



JOSIAH MEIGS.

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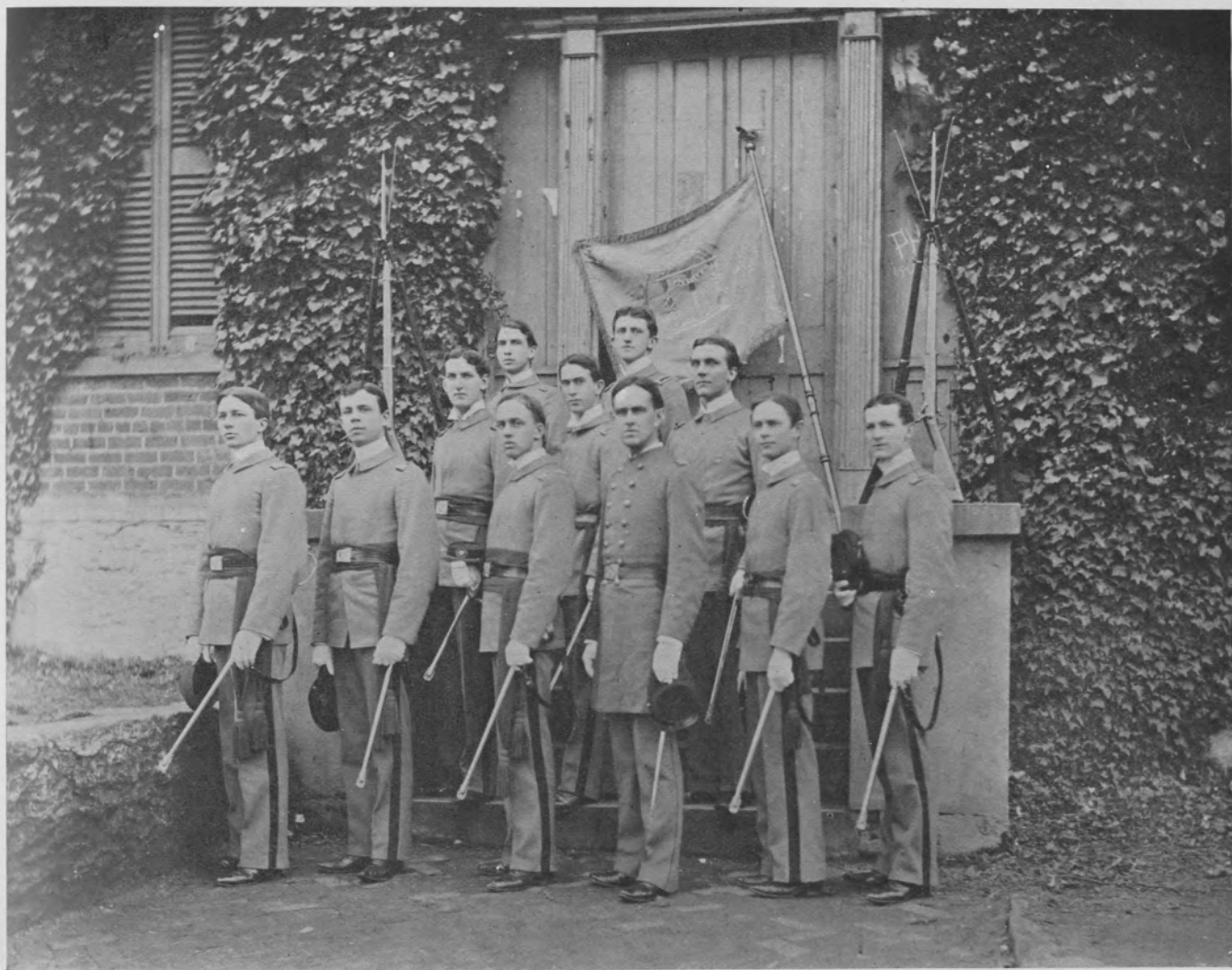
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