

# Index books, minutes, and bench dockets for the District Court, Southern District of Georgia

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	United States. National Archives and Records Administration.
<b>Title:</b>	Index books, minutes, and bench dockets for the District Court, Southern District of Georgia
<b>Dates:</b>	1789-1928
<b>Extent:</b>	0.06 cubic feet (3 microfilm boxes)
<b>Identification:</b>	MS 1739

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## Biographical/Historical Note

In 1789, a judiciary act created a system of district and circuit courts in the United States, designed to function in addition to the Supreme Court. The act divided the country into 13 judicial districts, which were then divided into eastern, middle, and southern circuits. The states of Georgia and South Carolina constituted the Southern Circuit. When the circuits were reorganized in 1802, Georgia and South Carolina became the 6th circuit.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of a microfilm copy of index books, 1789-1928, and minutes and bench dockets, 1789-1870, for the District Court, Southern District of Georgia (NARA collection M1172). Included are admiralty minute books and admiralty bench dockets.

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## Index Terms

Judicial records.  
Microfilms.  
Minutes (administrative records)  
United States. District Court (Georgia : Southern District)  
United States. National Archives and Records Administration.

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## Location of Originals

Original materials in the National Archives.

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## Technical Access Restrictions

A microfilm reader is required to access this collection.

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Unknown.

### Preferred Citation

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## Acquisition Information

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## Restrictions

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## Container List

### roll

- 1 X-1739-01. General index books: volume 1, 1789-1860; volume 2, 1867-1928. Minute books: volume 1, 1789-1799; volume 2, 1799-1809

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- 2 X-1739-02. Minute books: volume 3, 1809-1813; volume 4, 1813-1843; volume 5, 1843-1857

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- 3 X-1739-03. Admiralty minute books: volume 1, 1819-1833; volume 2, 1834-1870. Bench docketts: volume 1, 1825-1837; volume 2, 1838-1842; volume 3, 1843-1845; volume 4, 1846-1852; volume 5, 1852-1860. Admiralty bench docketts: volume 1, 1817, 1820-1832; volume 2, 1834-1859, 1867-1868