

1/82: George County



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The Lucedale-George County Library

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County Seat: Lucedale

Population: 22,406

Municipalities: Lucedale

Commodities: Cotton, Peanuts, Cattle, Timber and Ornamental Nurseries

Industries: Forest Products and Metal Fabrication

Natural Resources:

Pascagoula River and Lucedale Greenway

History Notes: Settled in late 1700s, George County was formed in 1910 from the lower part of Greene County and the upper part of Jackson County. The county was named after James Z. George, a well-known U.S. senator, military officer, lawyer and author.

Attractions: Historic sites include the Merrill Bridge, which spans the Pascagoula River at the convergence of the Chickasawhay and Leaf Rivers. The county is also home to the George County Courthouse, a beautifully restored early 20th century building. The Gingham Tree Arts and Crafts Festival, held each November, attracts visitors from around Mississippi and surrounding states. Lucedale hosts a large birding festival each spring.

Did you know?

George County is the wholesale nursery and peanut capital of Mississippi.

"It has been a blessing to be raised in such a beautiful area and to be able to come back and work and to give back to my hometown. A client summed it up best last week when she commented on the reason she moved to George County. She said, 'This is the perfect place to live. We have beautiful weather, located near any needs I may have and the nicest people in the country.'"

Mike Steed, Extension County Director