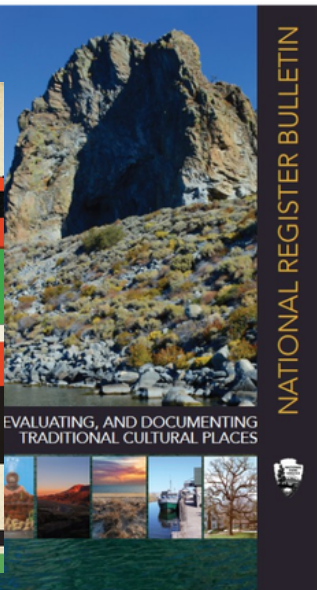


NEEDWOOD'S SPIRIT OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Families in these communities had gardens and kept livestock at home. They would often hunt and fish to add to their families' meals. Needwood residents remembered picking food from fruit trees and gardens, catching catfish and mullet, and keeping pigs and chickens.



Archaeologists found fishing weights, ammunition cartridges, fruit seeds, and other artifacts here. These show that people ate local foods, such as oysters and scallops, as well as mammals, fish, and birds.



People in Needwood worked together and shared resources to survive. They preserved extra food by canning, curing, or freezing for the future. Nothing went to waste. Stoneware pottery and canning-jar fragments, lids, and liners were recovered from digs all along Highway 17.

Safety pins, a thimble, scissors, and a sewing machine part were excavated. These sewing-related items show self-reliance in the home was important. They may mean that people made or mended their own clothing, or that they worked as seamstresses. Craftwork, such as quilting, could also produce such artifacts. Descendants of the Needwood community still make quilts. The craft has been passed down through generations.



This map from 1912 shows property boundaries in Glynn County, Georgia. Each named section was comprised of one or more properties for families or businesses.

"IF ONE PERSON HAD SOMETHING, THEY WOULD SHARE IT WITH THE OTHER, AND I CAN'T EVER REALLY REMEMBER GOING WITHOUT, BECAUSE THERE WAS ALWAYS A WAY TO SURVIVE. MY DAD USED TO DO A LOT OF FISHING AND HUNTING. SO, WE HAD FOOD COMING FROM EVERYWHERE... WE HAD OUR OWN ANIMALS, AND FRUIT TREES, AND YOU KNOW, EVERYTHING WAS THERE."



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