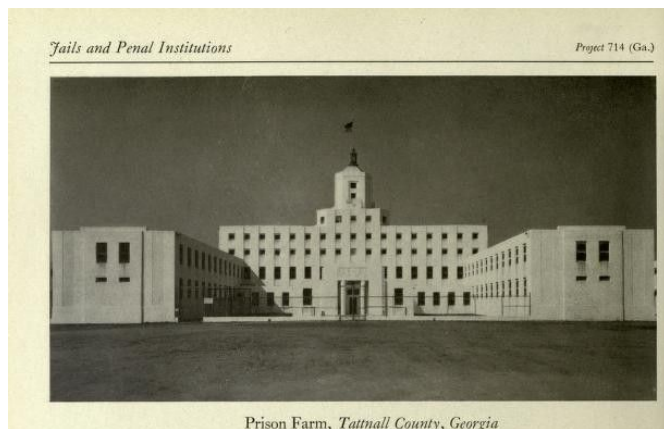


## Georgia State Prison 1938

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Georgia State Prison became infamous during the 1920's and 1930's as many citizens were convicted of crimes and sentenced to death by electric chair within its walls. The prison was built in 1938 to be the largest maximum security prison in the state and the only one to carry out the death penalty by electric chair. This form of execution remained until 2001, when it was replaced by lethal injection due to being deemed inhumane and unconstitutional in the Dawson v. State case. Since that ruling, the electric chair has been deemed to be cruel and unusual in many other states as society adopted the notion of lethal injection as the more "clinical" way of executing those on death row. However, in the progressive era, the Georgia State Prison executed many individuals by electric chair, some of whom were likely wrongly accused. In the book, *An Evil Day in Georgia: The Killing of Coleman Osborn and the Death Penalty in the Progressive-Era South*, the author explores the many injustices and wrongful convictions of three individuals due to societal biases and the political motivations of the entire legal system. Although the book helped to illuminate significant questions about the death penalty, the Georgia State Prison succeeded in carrying out thousands of executions during this time period.



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