

## Georgia State Penitentiary at Milledgeville

This penitentiary was created on the belief that it would help people become reformed. The idea was that people would be taken away from their society to repent and reform. They had the criminals working in “prison shops” in order to create more revenue and help teach them life skills. They were required to do the hardest work based on their age and capabilities. There were very few women incarcerated there, but the ones who were sewed and did similar things of the sort. During the Civil War they manufactured supplies such as guns. Later into the war they let most of the prisoners go with the one rule that they would help protect against the Union troops. The building was set on fire and they were not sure by who. After the war they to rebuilt and held prisoners there again. After the “Convict Lease System” was created the penitentiary leased 100 of their prisoners to help build the Georgia Alabama railroad. The building that was one the Georgia State Penitentiary at Milledgeville is now Georgia College and State University.



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