



**The Pengree Plantation Called Laurel Grove**

The Pengree family of the British Isles arrived in the early 18th century and established a plantation in the area now known as Laurel Grove. The plantation was a large estate with a main house and several outbuildings. The family lived there for several generations before the land was sold to the state.

**Indigo: Clay County's First Cash Crop**

Indigo was the first major cash crop in Clay County. It was introduced by the British in the 18th century and became a vital part of the local economy. The crop was used to produce dyes for textiles and was a major export for the region.

**British East Florida: The 14th Colony**

Established in 1763, British East Florida was the 14th colony. It encompassed the area from the Florida Panhandle to the Florida Keys. The colony was a strategic location for the British during the American Revolutionary War. It was eventually ceded to the United States in 1783.

The colony was a mix of British and American settlers. It was a center of trade and commerce in the region. The British government invested heavily in the colony, building forts and infrastructure. The colony was a key part of the British Empire in North America.

**After The Revolution**

After the American Revolution, the territory of British East Florida was divided into the states of Florida and Georgia. The territory was a source of conflict between the two states. The United States government eventually resolved the dispute and established the Florida Territory.

The territory was a key part of the United States' expansion into the South. It was a source of land for settlement and agriculture. The territory was eventually admitted to the Union as the states of Florida and Georgia.

