This story I will give the recollections of a boy of the various manufacturing
plants as they were at that time. Every body was engaged in recruiting the army
for the defense of the South and it was hard to locate the good military
officers and men. Consequently the war was slow and we were slow to make
headway. At that time there was a music store located by Brand's & Knox situated near the site of the former
Kilbourn & Moorman building. The store was located near the
bridge where the banana mill was located. This mill was
occupied by the Quartermaster's Department. It manufactured
mill and cloth goods. The store was used for uniforms for the army.

The factory was located near the site of the present
store. The yard back of the building contained 5000 bales of cotton.
The warehouse was located near to the store.

From this warehouse, where the store was located, the warehouse
was occupied by Manke and Conti and the store was used for
the storage and sale of cotton. It contained 7000 bales.

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The griststone question was a serious one with the Indians in the early part of the 19th century. Grindstone was used for grinding and polishing sabres and the stones could not be replaced. About 2 miles from the city, there was a large stone mill, and the stone was found in abundance. The mill was operated by John Keller, brother of the famous Indian leader, Tecumseh. The mill was located on a hill overlooking the Columbia River, and the stone was used to grind flour for the local residents.

The Hoffmiller bakery occupied the site on 6th Ave from Division Street to 13th St. Greenwood and Division, properties containing 5000 bales of cotton. Above the mill at that time was the city hall. Mills at the present site, which made meal and flour when they had wheat, Rock Island Paper Mill Co, from which a great deal of paper used by the CS government was made here. It was situated on the Alabama side of the river, a short distance above the mill. The mills. The Columbus (Cliffs) factory was situated on the well-known site. They were cotton and woolen goods and in connection with the same had a grist-mill which was noted for its fine quality of flour ground there. Also a tin yard and hose manufacturing. They also owned the bridge across the river, as there were no bridges at the bridge site, it took three bridges to span the river. A short one in the center and two longer ones on the Alabama and Georgia banks, but there were no piers needed for the bridges. It is hardly necessary all the last mentioned properties were also burned.

The Walker hospital was located at the Commercial Hotel site. Lee Hospital at 2nd and Broad St (Cousin Building). Another in the Sammis and Rooney building where the Grand Theatre is now located.

Bankers building. East side Broad above 13th St (3 story building) was also a hospital. The Courthouse court is near Baptist Church corner 1st and 11th St. The Gano Consolidated Camp was situated from 19th St north to 20th St and from 2nd Ave to the branch on the eastern boundary. The soldiers' hospital was on corner of 9th and Broad St. on the site where now stands the office of the Empire Mills.

"The old Wayside Inn", stood where station No 4 of the Fire Dept now stands.

Columbus, Ga Nov 30th 1920

Lee J. Burns