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**WELL LOGS OF THE**  
**COASTAL PLAIN OF GEORGIA**

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**ATLANTA**  
**1961**

## WELL LOGS OF THE COASTAL PLAIN OF GEORGIA

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	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Sand: fine to coarse-grained, pyritiferous, micaceous, interbedded marl, gray, silty, chalky, micaceous, pyritiferous .....	63	876
Marl: bluish-gray, chalky, micaceous, pyritiferous, fossiliferous (macroshells, Ostracods, and Foraminifera); interbedded sand, fine to medium-grained, pyritiferous, micaceous .....	99	975
<i>Globotruncana</i> sp., <i>Gaudryina rudita</i> at 948-975.		

## Summary:

Residuum .....	20	20
Upper Eocene (Ocala limestone) .....	130	150
Middle Eocene (Lisbon formation) .....	60	210
Middle Eocene (Tallahatta formation) .....	234	444
Lower Eocene (Wilcox group, undifferentiated) .....	126	570
Paleocene (Clayton formation) .....	166	736
Upper Cretaceous (Providence and Ripley, undifferentiated) .....	239	975

## Potential Water-Bearing Zones:

Limestone .....	130	150
Sand .....	35	245
Sand: fine to coarse-grained .....	92	412
Sand: fine to coarse-grained .....	19	467
Sand: fine to coarse-grained .....	52	570
Limestone .....	108	706
Sand: fine to coarse-grained .....	30	736
Limestone .....	29	813
Sand: fine to coarse-grained .....	63	876

## EARLY COUNTY

Location: About 6 mi. northwest of Saffold, Land Lot 406,  
26th Land District

Well No.: GGS 121  
Elev.: 187

Owner: No. 1 A. C. Chandler

(derrick floor)

Driller: Mont Warren et al

Drilled: October 1943

	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
No samples .....	615	615

## In Paleocene: Midway Group: Clayton Formation:

Indurated sand: gray, fine-grained, somewhat argillaceous, glauconitic, fossiliferous (casts of megafossils at certain

	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
levels, Ostracods, and Foraminifera); sand; medium to coarse-grained, angular, glauconitic, grains of light-green quartz .....	15	680
Indurated sand: as above; interbedded marl, dark-gray to black, somewhat fissile, carbonaceous, micaceous (finely disseminated); limestone, cream, dense, crystalline, glauconitic, sandy, fossiliferous (some macroshells, bryozoan remains, Ostracods, and Foraminifera) .....	315	945
<i>Operculinoides catenula</i> , <i>Pseudophragmina stephensoni</i> at 660-675.		
<i>Robulus midwayensis</i> at 675-690.		
<i>Robulus midwayensis</i> common at 750-765.		
Limestone: gray to cream, dense, crystalline, glauconitic, sandy, cherty at certain levels, fossiliferous (some macroshells, bryozoan remains, Ostracods, and Foraminifera); interbedded marl, dark-gray to black, carbonaceous, micaceous (finely disseminated).....	150	1,095
Marl: gray, somewhat indurated, fissile, carbonaceous, micaceous, fossiliferous (Ostracods and Foraminifera); interbedded limestone, as above .....	110	1,205
<b>Upper Cretaceous: Post-Eutaw (Undifferentiated):</b>		
Marl: dark, bluish-gray to brown, gray and chalky at depth, silty, micaceous, abundantly glauconitic, carbonaceous, pyritiferous, fossiliferous (at certain horizons macroshells, Ostracods, and Foraminifera) .....	1,255	2,460
<i>Globotruncana</i> sp., <i>Guembelina striata</i> at 1213-1228.		
<i>Bolivinooides decorata</i> at 1268-1283.		
<i>Planulina texana</i> common at 1553-1569.		
<i>Kyphopyxa christneri</i> at 1591-1605.		
<i>Vaginulina texana</i> at 2108-2123.		
<b>Eutaw Formation (Restricted):</b>		
Indurated sand: fine to medium-grained, micaceous, glauconitic at depth, phosphatic, fossiliferous (oyster shells) .....	130	2,590
<b>Tuscaloosa Formation:</b>		
Sand: fine to coarse-grained, subangular, arkosic, micaceous; interbedded clay, pale to dark-yellowish-green, laminated, silty, finely micaceous, somewhat iron-stained .....	250	2,840

	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)
Sand: as above; interbedded shale, dark-gray to black, fissile, silty, carbonaceous, finely micaceous .....	125	2,965
Shale: as above; interbedded sand, fine-grained, micaceous .....	120	3,085
Indurated sand: fine to medium-grained, subangular, glauconitic, micaceous .....	20	3,105
Sand: fine to coarse-grained, subangular, arkosic, micaceous.....	62	3,167
Sand: as above; interbedded clay, dark-gray to greenish-gray with red to purple streaks (mottled), sandy, micaceous, sideritic .....	48	3,215

Sideritic nodules common to abundant at 3167-3182.

#### Lower Cretaceous(?) (Undifferentiated):

Sand: coarse-grained, subangular to subrounded, varicolored, cherty, arkosic; interbedded clay, mottled, somewhat waxy in appearance, very micaceous, sandy.....	161	3,376
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#### Summary:

No samples .....	615	615
In Paleocene (Clayton formation).....	590	1,205
Upper Cretaceous (post-Eutaw, undifferentiated).....	1,255	2,460
Upper Cretaceous (Eutaw formation, restricted).....	130	2,590
Upper Cretaceous (Tuscaloosa formation).....	625	3,215
In Lower Cretaceous (?) (undifferentiated).....	161	3,376

#### Potential Water-Bearing Zones:

Limestone .....	150	1,095
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#### Remarks:

On the basis of the above log good aquifers are scarce. In this part of Georgia the entire post-Tuscaloosa Cretaceous section has become marine, hence has "silted-up", leaving very few, if any, well developed sands that can be utilized as sources of ground water. Consequently the first good water-bearing sands occur in the more deeply-buried Tuscaloosa formation, beginning at a depth of 2590. Above the Cretaceous the only reliable, relatively shallow-lying aquifers are the Clayton formation (noted above) and the lower Wilcox sands. The latter are not reported in this well log because the samples were not collected until a depth of 615 had been reached.

<sup>1</sup>Not reported below 3,376. Total depth 7,320 feet.