

In his *Reminiscences of Athens, Georgia, About 1880 to 1900* (pub. 1964), educator Edward Baker Mell has a paragraph devoted to the subject:

The Tanyard Branch derived its name from a large tannery which was located just east of Stegeman Hall [parking deck by Tate Student Center] and another one on the west side of the branch a little north of Baxter Street. Capt John W. Brumby had a shoe factory near this tannery. Red oak bark was placed in large wood vats filled with water and hides were left in the solution of tannic acid resulting [words omitted]. After some months a fine grade of sole leather was produced. (21)

Captain Brumby was the person most associated with tanneries for the last decades of the nineteenth century. He is listed as proprietor of the Steam Tannery in the 1889 city directory.

Leather.

HARNESS; sole, and sides of Upper leather; and a lot of very superior kip skins; all from the Tannery of Mr. Harris, and of the best quality, for sale low.

GEO. PRINGLE.

Aug. 10. Corner of Upper-Bridge and Front St.

Southern Banner, September 28, 1848.

Tan Bark Wanted.

WANTED, a hundred cords of good TAN BARK, for which the highest market price, in cash, will be paid at the Spring Hill Tannery.

Feb 26 2m. **BRUMBY & BACON.**

Southern Watchman, March 11, 1868.