

About Judge Richard Johnson:

Richard Johnson (1847-1921) was the son of Francis Solomon and Lucia Griswold Johnson. Both he and his wife, Annie Griswold, were grandchildren of Samuel Griswold, an important early Southern industrialist in Clinton and later Griswoldville. Judge Johnson lived his entire life in his childhood home on Madison St (no longer standing). He first practiced law in Clinton and then in Gray when it became the county seat in 1905. From 1877 to 1887, he was Judge of the Jones County Court. He was a Representative in the Georgia legislature in 1888-89 and a Senator in 1890-91.

Early law offices in Clinton:

Deed research shows that the Johnson office is one of three early-19th-century buildings on Madison St. that have been used as law offices. The other two have been incorporated into the residences at 412 Madison St. (Iverson and Lowther office) and 418 Madison St (Judge Jackson and Clay Barron office, formerly the Peter Clower store). *Thanks to Bill Bragg for this information and for the Judge Johnson Timeline.*