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Flood, E.F. 1998. *Fluvial terraces of the Oconee River, Georgia*. Atlanta: Turner Press.

Collins, G.A., and Wortmaster, M.D. eds. 1953. *The collected works of G. Farthington Pennyloss*. Boston: C.F. Pennyloss.

Sanders, G.S., Brice, T.R., DeSantis, V.L., and Ryder, C.C. 1989. *Prediction and prevention of famine*. Los Angeles: Timothy Peters.

**Chapters in Books:**

Glass, J.K., and Fields, J.T. 2000. Urban shadows on the rural landscape: Reflections of new office buildings. In *A Cultural History of Atlanta, 1861–1991*, ed. E.T. Kim, 241–257. New York: Manhattan University Press.

**Journal Articles:**

Hill, P.B. 1997. The lowest and highest places in the southeastern United States: Florida and Tennessee. *Southeastern Geographer* 33:93–107.

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