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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE GEORGIA ARCHIVES

Morrow, GA, August 8, 2017 – This Friday, August 11, 2017, the Georgia Archives will host our monthly Lunch and Learn Lecture, *Protecting the Treasures of Oakland Cemetery*. Also on August 11, the newest exhibit will open at the Georgia Archives, featuring records that document historic natural disasters in Georgia. Next month, on September 8, 2017, the Lunch and Learn Lecture will be, *Georgia Archives: Recent Building Upgrades*. There will be a tour of the building after the lecture. All are free and open to the public. No registration required.

Friday, August 11, 2017 at 12:00 noon, Ashley Shares, Preservation Manager, Historic Oakland Foundation, will speak about the theoretical framework that governs preservation efforts at Oakland Cemetery, how the institution functions, and explain some basic technical preservation issues they face "in the field". She will use examples from some of their past and current projects to share with guests both how they preserve and why they preserve Oakland's historic documents, landscapes, and hardscapes.

Ashley Shares is the Preservation Manager for the Historic Oakland Foundation (HOF). She began at Oakland as an intern in 2014 while studying at Georgia State University. Ashley holds two bachelors degrees from Saint Xavier University in Chicago (Sociology and History) and a Masters in Heritage Preservation from Georgia State. At Oakland, Ashley oversees and engages in all aspects of hardscape restoration which includes monuments, walls, and pathways and she works closely with the Director of Gardens. Ashley has been a part of numerous preservation projects at other cemeteries throughout Georgia including Oconee Hill in Athens and Southview Cemetery in South Atlanta.

Opening Friday, August 11, 2017, the Georgia Archives newest exhibit will include records documenting natural disasters that struck the State of Georgia. You will see an 1805 survey map showing tornado damage in Baldwin County, a letter from a Savannahian who experienced the 1886 earthquake centered near Charleston, SC, and photographs showing disasters from the 1898 hurricane that struck Brunswick, to flooding from Tropical Storm Alberto in 1994. Come and see records of historic disasters that struck this state and how Georgians responded to the calamities. Free and open to the public. Located in the exhibit area behind the welcome desk at the Georgia Archives. The exhibit will close November 11, 2017.

On September 8, 2017, Kim Norman and Adam Parnell, Georgia Archives staff members, will present the following Lunch and Learn Lecture, *Georgia Archives: Recent Building Upgrades*. There will be a tour following the program.

The Georgia Archives is a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. The Georgia Archives identifies, collects, manages, preserves, provides access to, and publicizes records and information of Georgia and its people, and assists state and local government agencies with their records management. This work is done within the framework of the USG's mission to create a more highly educated Georgia.

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