

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Commemorating 150 Years of Georgia's Department of Agriculture April 6, 2024

Georgia Archives History Symposium 2024
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5800 Jonesboro Road
Morrow, GA 30260

The Georgia Archives invites proposals for presentations and posters for our annual symposium. To coincide with the 150th anniversary of Georgia's Department of Agriculture, this year's symposium studies the impact of agriculture on Georgia's history and culture. We welcome proposals on topics related, but not limited, to:

- Crops (rotation, planting and harvesting)
- Animal husbandry
- Pesticides (and their use)
- Georgia laws related to agriculture that have affected Georgia and its citizens
- Slavery and farming
- Small farming practices verses industrial (large scale) farming practices
- Farming equipment (hand drawn plows, animal pulled/driven farm equipment, tractors, and modern farming equipment)
- Agricultural and Mechanical schools

The use of Georgia Archives records is encouraged but not required.

The Symposium will include up to four 50-minute sessions, and a session featuring student posters. We invite proposals for (a) full 50-minute presentations, (b) individual 10-to-15-minute presentations, (c) panels of three 10-to-15-minute presentations, and (d) student posters. We seek a variety of presenters and encourage students, historians, historical researchers, or anyone with an interest in Georgia's Department of Agriculture and the history of agriculture within the state. The symposium will be held in person. Recordings of symposium sessions will be available on our YouTube channel shortly after the event.

We are pleased to announce that we will print posters for chosen poster proposals.

Suggested Georgia Archives Records:

Our online finding aids provide information on Government records as well as private manuscripts detailing the history of Georgia's agriculture through the years. Access to our online finding aids may be found through our website, www.georgiaarchives.org. Government records are catalogued in the "Finding Aids" link and private manuscript collections may be found in the "Finding Aids" link and the "Book and Manuscript Catalog (GIL)." Some examples of said collections are listed below:

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Government records examples:

- Record Group 037.01.015 Legislature-House and Senate-Enrolled Acts and Resolutions
- Record Group 013.01.002 Agriculture-Commissioner's Office-Commissioner's Subject Files, 1927-2009
- Record Group 013.02.009 Agriculture-Laboratory-Annual Reports, 1955 - 1981
- Record Group 013.08.012 Agriculture-Animal Industry-Subject Files, 1969-1991

Private manuscript collections examples:

- 0000-0333M - Central Georgia District Agriculture and Mechanics Fair Stockholders list
- 1987-0010M Elijah Moseley Williams letters
- 1980-0064M Planters Club of Hancock County records
- 0000-0208M Shepard Ezekiel Perkins Diary
- 1978-0366M Fears/Ballard/Boyd family papers
- 1982-0004M History Group, Inc., Richard B. Russell Multiple Resource Area investigations record
- 0000-0154M A. Thomas Bradbury papers
- 0000-0075M Lamar Q. Ball World War II collection
- 1969-0501M Carnegie Estate Records of Cumberland Island

For more information on these records, please contact Hendry Miller at Hendry.Miller@usg.edu

Guidelines for Submission:

Proposals must include a prospective title, presentation category (50 minute, 10 to 15 minutes, or student poster), a brief summary of the presentation (100-200 words), short biography of the presenter (<100 words), and any technological requirements beyond a laptop, projector, and internet access. Please email proposals to Hendry Miller at Hendry.Miller@usg.edu by January 12th, 2024.

Important Dates:

Deadline for submission: January 12th, 2024

Notification of acceptance: January 29th, 2024

Deadline for final submission for posters (if Archives staff prints for presenter): March 15th, 2024

Program Committee: Hendry Miller, Robin Klemm, Amanda Mros, John Whitehurst

Questions?

If you have further questions, please contact Hendry Miller at Hendry.Miller@usg.edu