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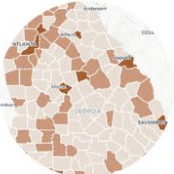
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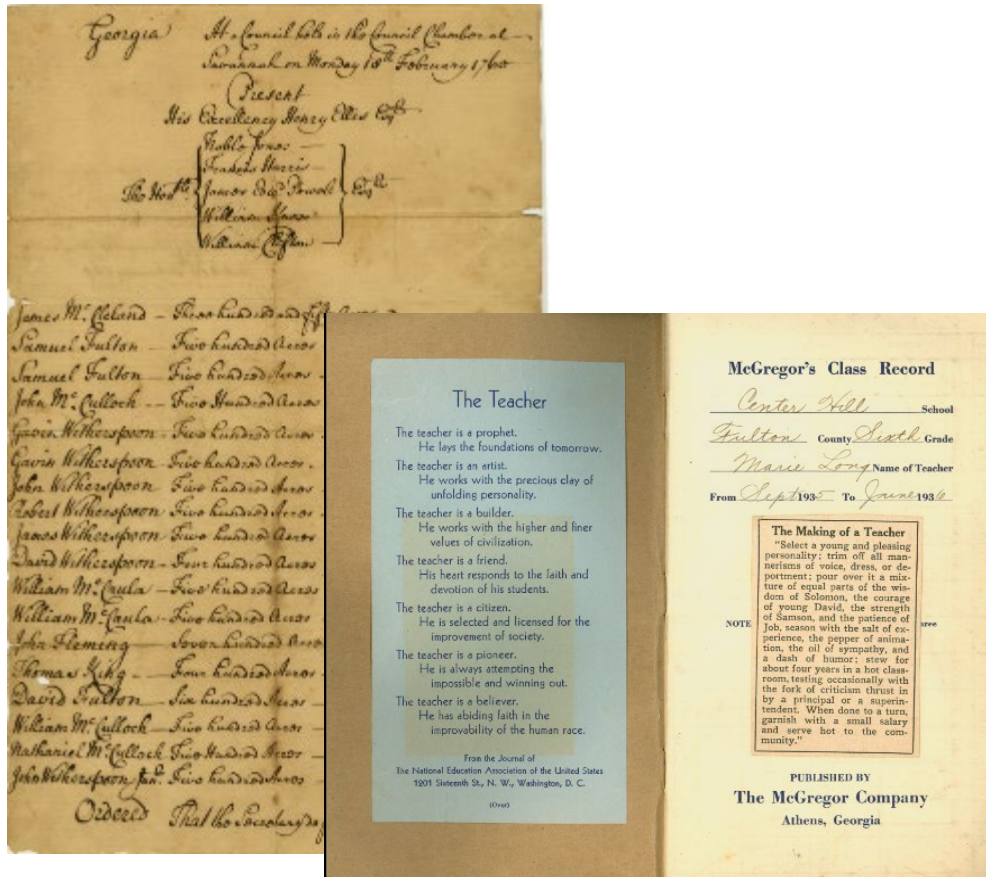
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What is the DLG?

- An aggregation
- a partnership
- a sample of what exists
 - breadth vs. depth

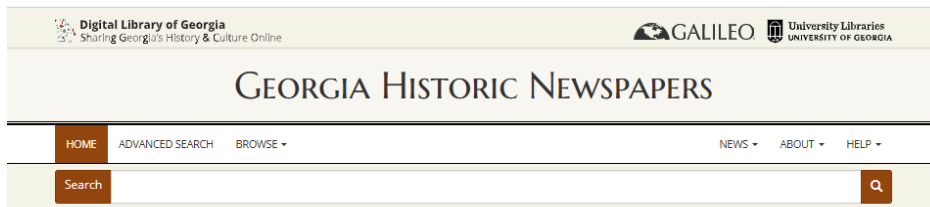
There are tons of materials for family research!



(left) GA Colonial Council Orders, 1760 (right) Ms. Marie Long's class record book, Center Hill School, Fulton Co. 1936

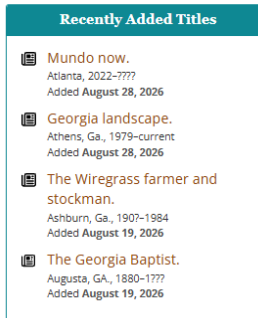
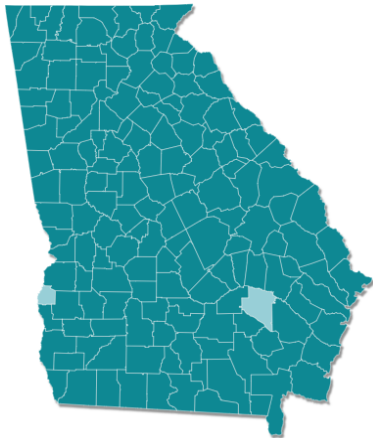
- Cemetery records & obituaries
- Census records
- Maps
- Church records
- Genealogy publications
- Court documents
- Other legal documents (agreements, affidavits, notices etc.)
- Military service records
- Naturalization records
- Property records
- Tax documents and receipts
- School records
- Birth records
- Marriage and divorce records,
- And More!

Georgia Historic Newspapers



Free access to **519,624** issues of **1,166** newspapers spanning Georgia history from **1763 – 2026**

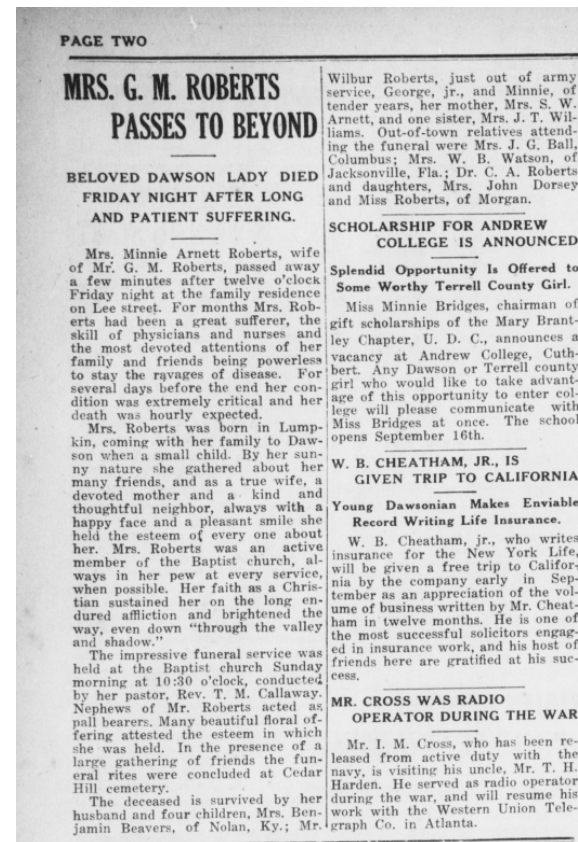
Browse newspapers by county



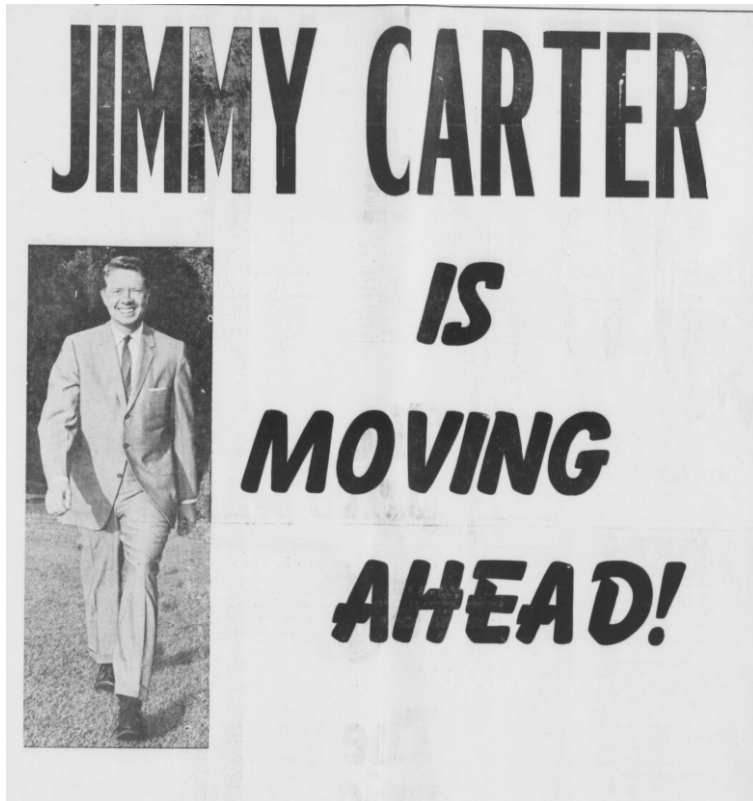
- **4 million pages**
- **1,170 titles**
- **1763-2025**
- **157 Counties**
- **227 Cities**
- **Completely free**

Full of Genealogical Information!

- Obituaries
- Society columns
- Crime stories
- Legal notices
- Birth/Wedding Announcements
- Business ads

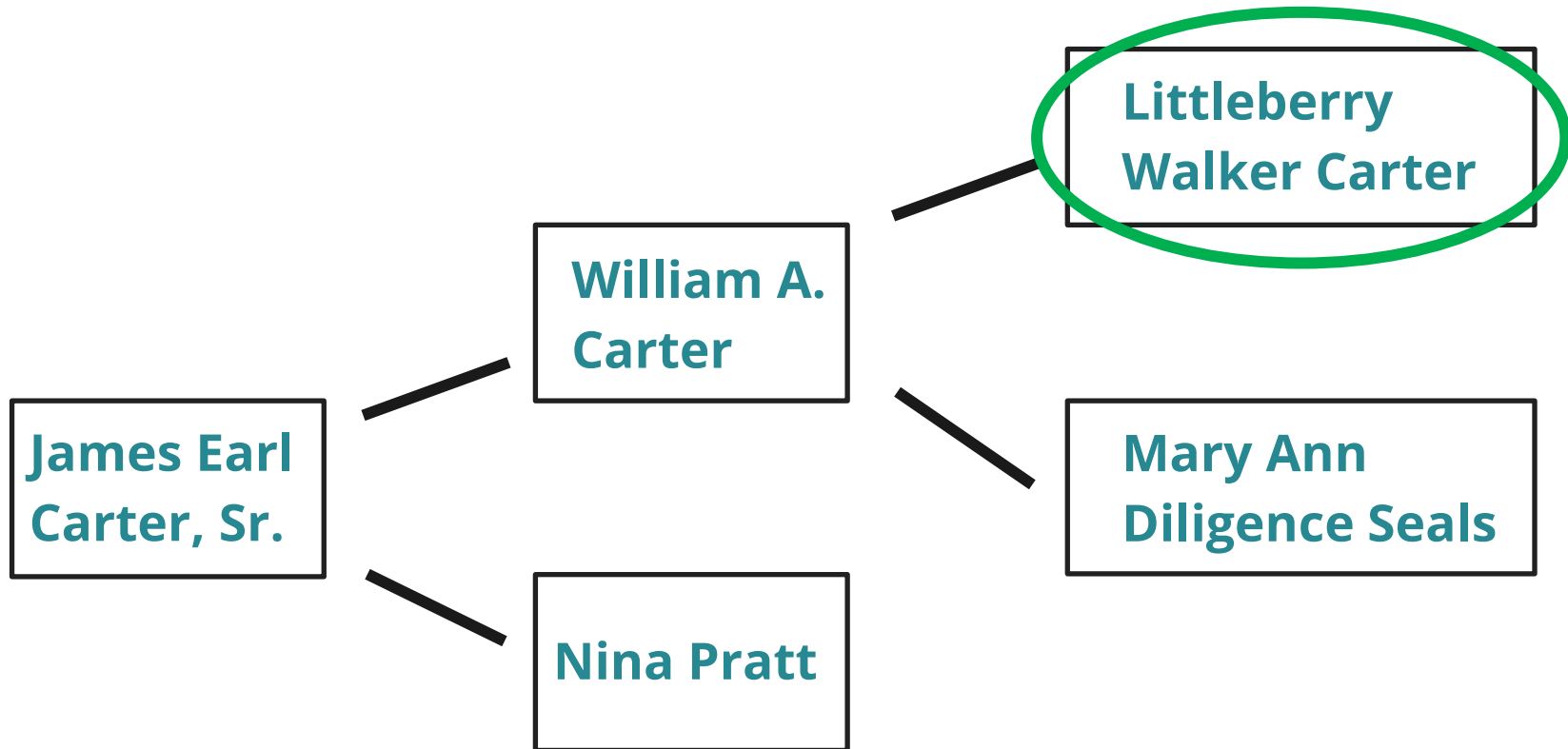


Jimmy Carter



- Born in Plains, GA
- Family in Georgia dating back to late 18th century
- Related to Berry Gordy
- Tragic family story in Warren County, GA

Jimmy Carter Paternal Family Tree



Jimmy Carter and family on the DLG

- Attended GA Southwestern College, GA Institute of Technology, and the US Naval Academy.
- Father: James Earl Carter Sr. Was a prominent public figure in Sumter County
- Mother: Lillian Gordy Carter. Was a registered nurse. She volunteered for the Peace Corps at the age of 68 and served in India.
- 3 Siblings: Gloria, Ruth, and Billy.
- <https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/history-archaeology/carter-family/>



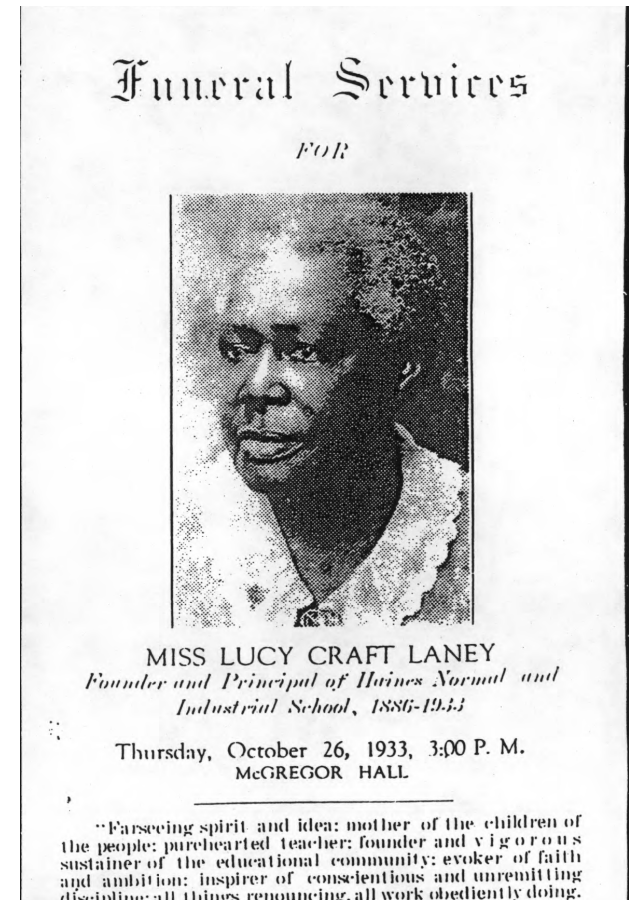


Take-aways:

- Use the "date" and "location" fields – especially with common names – to help ensure that results are relevant to you
- Search any and all name variations and spellings you can think of
- Don't be afraid to look more closely at things that don't immediately seem relevant

Lucy Craft Laney in the DLG

- Founder and Principal of Haines Normal and Industrial School in Augusta (1883-1933)
- Created the first kindergarten and first nursing training program for African Americans in Augusta
- Attended Ballard high school in Macon and Clark ATL University
- Taught in Macon, Milledgeville, Savannah & Augusta
- Her father Rev. David Laney was a Presbyterian minister and carpenter. Her mother Louisa Laney worked as a maid in a Macon home.
- <https://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/articles/education/lucy-craft-laney-1854-1933/>



**Laney pictured with Civil & Women's Rights activists,
including Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and Lugenia Burns Hope.**





Take-aways:

- Don't forget to switch up name order (i.e. last, first + first last).
- Don't discount the value of a good city directory (which may have different info based on the publisher, so look at all of them!)
- And if you have an address, search the Sanborn maps.

African American Newspapers in GHN



- *Atlanta Daily World, 1931-1963*
- *Savannah Tribune, 1876-1960*
- *Savannah Herald, 1946-1963*
- *Over 50 titles from 1865-2025*

Lucy Craft Laney



- **Born in Macon, GA**
- **Parents were free former slaves**
- **Father was a minister**
- **Spent adulthood in Augusta, GA**
- **Pioneering educator**

Thank You!



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