

Georgia Archives Presents Archives and Genealogy Day

- Saturday, October 1, 2022
- On-site event
- Free and open to the public
- Track 2 will be available on Georgia Archives YouTube page after the event

TRACK 1

Beginning Basics of Genealogy 9:00am – 4:00pm

Laura Carter, MEd, MLIS, SLIS

TRACK 2 - No Registration Required

9:15-9:30 *Welcome and Intro*

Session 1 9:30am-10:30am

Railroad Retirement Board Pension Files at the National Archives, presented by Maureen Hill, National Archives at Atlanta

10:30-10:45 *Break*

Session 2 10:45am-11:45am

Managing and Protecting Your Personal Records, presented by Christine Garrett, Manager, Records Management, Georgia Archives

11:45-12:45 *Lunch*

Session 3 12:45pm-1:45pm

Adoption and Genealogy, presented by Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., Genealogist

1:45-2:00 *Break*

Session 4 2:00pm-3:00pm

Georgia Archives Staff Present Search Tools You can Use, presented by Archivists Tamika Strong, Hendry Miller, and Kayla Barrett, Georgia Archives

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TRACK 1 REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Beginning Basics of Genealogy by Laura W. Carter, MEd, MLIS, SLIS 9:00am - 4:00pm

This day-long session is designed to introduce participants to the basic principles and methodology of genealogy and family history research and a few of the first sources that should be used. We will cover the importance of source citations, the evaluation of informational sources, and the analysis of what clues the information reveals. There will be assignments sent in advance to make the class more effective, plus hands-on exercises, including learning how to fill out ancestral charts and family group sheets.

Prior registration for Track 1 is required. This class is full. If you have registered, please notify us of cancellations so that we may give your space to another. To cancel, please call 678-364-3710.

TRACK 2 NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Session 1 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Railroad Retirement Board Pension Files at the National Archives at Atlanta, by Maureen Hill

Maureen will be talking about the history of the Railroad Retirement Board and the changes made to the retirement program over time. She will also discuss the types of records that are found in the pension files that are helpful for genealogy research.

Maureen Hill is an archivist at the National Archives, starting in 2006. She holds a Masters of Library Science degree from Valdosta State University. Maureen has presented on various records at the National Archives including the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Civilian Conservation Corps, the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, and the Railroad Retirement Board.

Session 2 10:45 am - 11:45 am

Managing and Protecting Your Personal Records, by Christine Garrett

After dedicating countless hours researching and documenting your family's history, losing the records would be devastating to you and your family, including future generations. This presentation will cover records management tips and strategies to organize and protect your family's paper and digital records, from the past and today.

Christine Garrett has been with the Georgia Archives since 2014 and is the Manager of Records Management. In this role, she oversees the Records Management section, including Local Government Records, State Government Records, Electronic Records, and the State Records Center. She has a BA in history from Randolph-Macon Woman's College and an MA in history with a concentration in archival studies from Auburn University.

Session 3 12:45 pm - 1:45pm

Adoption and Genealogy, by Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr.

This lecture will address how adoptees can learn information on their birth parents via various means. This will include connecting with the adoption bureaus in the states where they were adopted, as well as using DNA testing to hopefully match up with birth-family relatives. The speaker has helped a number of people locate information on their birth families and will include a number of case study examples in his talk.

Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., has been the weekly genealogy columnist for the Atlanta Journal-Constitution since 1977. He is a frequent lecturer on history and genealogy, especially on DNA testing for genealogical research. He worked as Historian for the Historic Preservation Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Session 4 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Georgia Archives Staff Present Search Tools You Can Use, by Georgia Archives staff panel

Georgia Archives staff will present tips and tricks to using three different databases with Georgia Archives records. Tamika Strong will provide a case study of how researchers can use FamilySearch.org to trace their family's history. Hendry Miller will introduce Georgia Government Publications, a database of state publications such as vital records indexes, election results, and state auditor reports. Kayla Barrett will review HeinOnline, a database of legal publications including laws and historic codes from all 50 states.

Archivists Tamika Strong, Hendry Miller and Kayla Barrett all provide reference services and research assistance to Georgia Archives patrons.