Finding African American Resources in the Digital Library of Georgia
About the Digital Library of Georgia

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About the Digital Library of Georgia’s Websites

● What’s in there?
  ○ Digitized books, manuscripts, photographs, government documents, newspapers, maps, audio, video, and other resources

● How much is there?
  ○ over 1,00,000 digital objects
  ○ in 1200+ collections
  ○ from 170 institutions and government agencies
  ○ over 3 million newspaper pages

Sandersville, early 1940s. Workers seen standing beside the diesel engine and generator used by the city to produce its own electricity, Vanishing Georgia, Georgia Archives
Cemetery records often include birth, marriage, and death information and information related to military service, religion, or membership in an organization.

- **Brooklyn Cemetery Collection**
  (Athens)
- **Carroll County Georgia cemeteries**
- **Gospel Pilgrim Cemetery Collection**
  (Athens)
- **They Endure: A Chronicle of Courage Oral History Project**
  (Cairo)
- **Record Series 5600PC-10, Minutes of the Park and Tree Commission, 1896-1972, no date**
  (Savannah)
- **Willow Hill: If These Cemeteries Could Talk**
Census Records

Census records can provide names, relationships, approximate birth years, marital status, birthplaces, and parents’ birthplaces. There is also information about immigration and naturalization, homeownership, literacy, education, neighborhood makeup, and more.

- Georgia Government Publications
- Mary Turner Project - 1860 slave schedules
- Planning Atlanta - A New City in the Making, 1930s-1990s
Church records often contain funeral programs, notices, and other items that provide dates and places of births, marriages, and deaths, and the identity and relationships of family members.

- Lexington Presbyterian Church (Lexington, Ga.) records, 1822-1916
- Record book of the Sardis Church of Christ
- St. Paul's Church of Augusta collection
- African American funeral programs, 1960-2022 (Evans County)
- African American funeral programs from the Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System
- African-American Funeral Programs, Willow Hill Heritage & Renaissance Center, Bulloch County, Georgia
- Atlanta funeral programs collection
- Funeral programs from the Thomas County Public Library System
- Rees Funeral Home funeral records collection
Maps


Sanborn maps (fire insurance maps) and cadastral maps can be used to locate ancestral addresses.

- Planning Atlanta - A New City in the Making, 1930s-1990s
- Record Series 3121-019, Savannah Cadastral Survey – Ward Survey Maps, 1939-1940
- Sanborn Maps
- Works Progress Administration of Georgia Atlanta Maps
Newspapers
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Local newspapers provide a daily account of a community's residents and organizations. DLG's Georgia newspaper collection covers communities all over the state.
City Directories


City directories offer annual snapshots of the communities they cover—their residents, businesses, and community organizations. Our collections are particularly strong for Georgia's larger towns and cities but are growing.
School Records

School records can include yearbooks, alumni publications, and reports that include names of pupils, ages of pupils, images of pupils, years of graduation, special awards, student life, and classroom observations.

- Historic School Photograph Collection
- Regional African American Museum of Northeast Georgia
- Teachers’ Monthly Reports (Laurens County)

- Asa H. Gordon Library Collections (Savannah State)
- Atlanta University Center Collections
- James Pendergrast Memorial Library (Albany State University)
- Paine College Library Digital Collection
Vital Records

Vital records include birth, marriage, and death records.

Birth Records

Birth records typically provide an individual’s date of birth and parents’ names. These records can be newspaper birth notices, birth certificates, church baptismal records, birth ledgers, or other documents.

- Georgia B. Williams Nursing Home Archives
- Neva Lomason Memorial Library Birth Records
Death Records

Death records can include death registers, death certificates, church records, obituaries, probate records, cemetery records, or other documents.

Marriage Records

Marriage records can include marriage certificates, marriage applications, marriage licenses, marriage bonds, newspaper marriage announcements, or other documents.
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A Gateway to Georgia's History

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Counties
Find content from Georgia's 159 counties.

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Includes over 3.2 million searchable Georgia newspaper pages

Over 1040 newspaper titles from over 100 cities

Freely available to the public

Majority of the holdings are pre-1928, but includes many twentieth century titles
Searching By Keyword
Advanced Searching

Advanced search in the Georgia Historic Newspapers database allows for more sophisticated searching options, including:

- Advanced Search: Selecting the option to search for ALL of the words, ANY of the words, or without the words.
- Word Proximity Search: Specifying the number of words within a certain distance from each other.
- Limit Search: Choices for cities, counties, types, regions, and newspapers.
- Limit by Date Range: Selecting a date range for publication.

These features enhance the precision and flexibility of searches for historical newspaper content.
Select ‘Browse by Title’ from drop-down menu
Browsing By Date

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You can also select a particular year.
Browsing By City

Select ‘Browse by City’ from drop-down menu
Browsing By Type

Select ‘Browse by Type’ from drop-down menu

Use the tabs to browse the different types of papers.
Clipping

The Georgia gazette. (Savannah, Ga.) 1763-1776, April 07, 1763, Image 1

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Searching Tips

- Try search terms that compensate for common misspellings or incorrect OCR.
- Consider the language used during the time period you are searching through.
- First names were often abbreviated in nineteenth century papers (Wm. = William).
- First and middle initials are commonly used during that same time period (E. S. Stephens = Eugene Samuel Stephens).
- Use exclusion words to help narrow your search results.