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## Taming the Monster: Conserving a Forgotten Map

November 2020 Virtual Lunch and Learn

On Friday, November 13, noon-1:00 p.m., the Georgia Archives' Microsoft Teams' virtual Lunch and Learn live event will be available to the public. *Taming the Monster: Conserving a Forgotten Map* will be presented by the Georgia Archives' conservator, Sigourney Smuts.

When an unlabeled "Franken-box" was opened and a crumbling 4 x 10-foot, rolled 1893 Fulton County map was revealed, it was the conservation staff's turn to step in and save a piece of history. Working against the extreme size, poor-quality materials, and terrible condition, staff were charged with the mammoth task of conserving, cleaning and stabilizing this map over the course of several months. Please join Conservator Sigourney Smuts as she describes the decisions and processes required to bring it back to life.

Sigourney Smuts joined the Georgia Archives as Conservator in 2019. She holds a Master's degree in Conservation of Art from Northumbria University, UK, and has 10 years of experience in the conservation field, working both in the United States and abroad. As well as being an active educator and advocate for conservation in Georgia, she is a member of the Southeast Regional Conservation Association (SERCA) and is the Co-chair of Education for the Heritage Emergency Response Alliance (HERA).

The link to the live event is: <https://tinyurl.com/y4bjz7wd>

Please try the link before the day of the presentation to see if it works. If the link works you will see "November Lunch and Learn" and the title of the presentation. If you prefer to watch on the web, when the link asks you to open Microsoft Teams, click cancel, and then click "Watch on the web instead."

The link for the live event will also be posted on the [Georgia Archives' Facebook](#) page on Friday morning, November 13. Microsoft Teams currently supports these browsers: Internet Explorer II, Microsoft Edge, RS2 or later, the latest version of Chrome, and the latest version of Firefox.

If you plan on using an iPhone or tablet, you may have to download the Teams app.

The virtual Lunch and Learn will be uploaded to our YouTube channel "[Georgia Archives](#)," and on our Programs and Education page on our website: <https://www.georgiaarchives.org/visit/programs>. To be notified when videos are uploaded to our YouTube channel, go to our channel and press subscribe. It is free.

Lunch and Learn Programs are sponsored by Friends of Georgia Archives and History (FOGAH).

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.

If you have any questions, please email Georgia Archives Education Specialist Penny Cliff before November 13 at [penelope.cliff@usg.edu](mailto:penelope.cliff@usg.edu).

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