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October Virtual Presentation
“People Moving the Land and the Land Moving the People: Georgia’s Agricultural and Environmental Past through the Records since 1874”

On Friday, October 28, from **12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**, join us for the virtual presentation in the Fourth Friday From the Archives series, “People Moving the Land and the Land Moving the People: Georgia’s Agricultural and Environmental Past through the Records since 1874,” by Georgia Archives’ Archivist John Whitehurst.

Follow this link to register for the webinar: <https://bit.ly/3EUA6Jb>

Download the free Microsoft Teams app prior to the event and register through the link above. The link to this presentation is also available on the Georgia Archives’ webpage: www.georgiaarchives.org under “Announcements.” Once registered, Teams will send an email with a link to the presentation.

The presentation will be uploaded to the Georgia Archives’ YouTube channel.

This presentation will survey some of the environmental and agricultural records held at the Georgia Archives while offering insights into the patterns of migration among Georgians during the same time. Georgia was the first state to create a department of agriculture in 1874 and since that time the state has tremendously increased its agricultural output. The records held at the Georgia Archives reflect this growth and the challenges that have accompanied it. An overview of these documents provides an account for both the impact Georgians have had on their landscapes and the impacts these landscapes have had on Georgians.

John Whitehurst was born in Macon and raised in Griffin, Georgia. After graduating high school, he completed his bachelor’s degree in Idaho and returned to Georgia to earn a master’s degree in history from Georgia State University. During that time, he also worked for the National Archives at Atlanta. In 2012, Whitehurst moved south to attend Florida State University where he earned a Ph.D. in history in 2019. While working towards his doctorate, he taught history courses at Gordon State College and worked for the University of Georgia as an agricultural researcher. As an agricultural researcher he maintained a 9-acre peach orchard that included dozens of peach varieties. Currently, he is working on a Master of Library and Information Science at Valdosta State University and works as a reference archivist for the Georgia Archives.

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.

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