

Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board

2009 Award for Local History Advocacy



Darlene M. Walsh

Darlene M. Walsh of Roswell has worked for over 30 years, largely through volunteer efforts, to preserve and share the history of the Town of Roswell. In 1993, Ms. Walsh co-founded the Roswell Historical Society - City of Roswell Research Library and Archives. She served as the archivist from 1993-1999 and continues to volunteer every month. Ms. Walsh has helped educate others about the history of Roswell through a variety of visual and interactive exhibits and televised programs. She is the editor of several books including the recently published *Providence: Selected Correspondence of George Hull Camp*.

2009 Award for Excellence in Research Using the Holdings of an Archives

Douglas A. Blackmon

Douglas A. Blackmon of Atlanta wrote *Slavery by Another Name: the Re-Enslavement of Black Americans from the Civil War to World War II*. Based on a vast record of original documents and personal narratives, *Slavery by Another Name* unearths the lost stories of slaves and their descendants who journeyed into freedom after the Emancipation Proclamation and then back into the shadow of involuntary servitude. It also reveals the stories of those who fought unsuccessfully against the re-emergence of human labor trafficking, the modern companies that profited most from neoslavery, and the system's final demise in the 1940s. Mr. Blackmon's book won the Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction this year.



Susan Eva O'Donovan

Susan Eva O'Donovan of the University of Memphis wrote *Becoming Free in the Cotton South*, which challenges our most basic ideas about slavery and freedom in America. Instead of seeing emancipation as the beginning or the ending of the story, Ms. O'Donovan explores the perilous transition between these two conditions, offering a unique vision of both the enormous changes and the profound continuities in black life before and after the Civil War. The book is meticulously researched and engagingly written. This boldly argued work focuses on a small place--the southwest corner of Georgia--in order to explicate a big question: how did black men and black women's experiences in slavery shape their lives in freedom?

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2009 Award for Excellence in Archival Program Development

Chattahoochee Valley Libraries

The Chattahoochee Valley Libraries, headquartered in Columbus, has doubled its holdings since 2005 and vastly improved access to its Genealogy & Local History Collection. Using ARCHON, an open-source archival management system, staff created and automated collection descriptions to facilitate collection management, preservation, and access. In addition to the 22,000 bibliographic records for its print collection, the Chattahoochee Valley Libraries now provides web-based access to finding aids for over 70% of 20,000 rolls of microfilm and over 90% of its genealogy and local history collections. These efforts have provided information to researchers around the world.



Chattahoochee Valley Libraries
One Card...a World of Possibilities!

Center for Public History, University of West Georgia

City of Powder Springs

Seven Springs Museum

Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Environment/Location

Federal Highway Administration, Georgia Division

The Center for Public History at the University of West Georgia partnered with the City of Powder Springs, Seven Springs Museum, Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Federal Highway Administration to document the historic African American neighborhood known as "The Hill and the Flat" in Powder Springs. The partners conducted oral histories and other fieldwork that led to the creation of a professional archival collection now housed at the University of West Georgia. The project resulted in the production of a traveling exhibit and history publication to bring this archival research to both the Powder Springs community and a wider popular and academic audience interested in African Americans and southern history.



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City of Duluth

The City of Duluth preserved its unique history by videotaping oral interviews with over 50 longtime community residents and then producing a 90 minute film. In addition to film footage and pictures back to the 1900s, they collected information from people that represented diverse perspectives on Duluth history including business, education, government, leisure, general life and much more. The project brought many facets of the community together to both remember and appreciate Duluth's beginnings and to promote a sense of pride and responsibility to preserve the city's quality of life.

Fulton County School System Records Management Program

The Fulton County School System established a records management program four years ago and in the time since developed a full service records management program while simultaneously providing records support for its constituency. The program serves approximately 100 schools and over 200 administrative departments. It also includes home school records. As part of its overall training initiative and archival efforts, it provides personal training opportunities and advisory assistance as well as online training and assessments. This is a new program in a huge school system that has been innovative in promoting its historical records.

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Georgia Humanities Council Center for Public History, University of West Georgia

In conjunction with the tour of the Smithsonian traveling exhibit "Key Ingredients: America by Food," sponsored by the Georgia Humanities Council, the Center for Public History at the University of West Georgia developed an archival collection of oral histories about Georgia foodways. The project team visited twelve rural communities that are hosting the exhibit, and interviewed over 100 informants, collecting approximately 150 hours of oral history interviews as well as historic and contemporary photographs and recipes. This project has led to the creation of a professional archival collection that has and will continue to be available and useful for a variety of researchers and public programs.

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Jackson County Historical Society

The Jackson County Historical Society's Historic Courthouse Document Recovery Project has recovered thousands of historical documents dating back to 1796. During the first phase of the project, members vacuumed, dusted, and removed thousands of paper clips and rubber bands from loose papers, books, and court documents. Started in April 2006 as a two-week project, it has turned into a multi-year effort because of the wealth of documents recovered from the attic, basement, and two vaults in the courthouse. In 2009, the project continues as the records are being indexed in an electronic database in order to make them accessible to genealogists and the general public. With the help of 16 faithful volunteers, the group logged in 1,892 hours from January-December 2008.



THE JACKSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Museum Committee Bowdon Area Historical Society

The Museum Committee of the Bowdon Area Historical Society produced "Portraits of a Place: Selected Photographs from the collection of the Bowdon Area Historical Society" in order to preserve the rich history of Bowdon, Georgia. The original photographs are fragile, and the transfer process organized the images, afforded wider audience and educational access, and also insured better protection of the originals. The resulting DVD contains over 400 images spanning more than one hundred years of Bowden history.

Whitfield-Murray Historical Society

For 34 years, the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society has been the pivot point for all things historical in Whitfield and Murray counties. Organized to save the Vann House during the 1950's, the Society continues to preserve area history by saving structures, preserving objects and materials, and serving as the go-to entity for historical questions. Archived materials make the historical society a treasure trove for genealogists and other researchers. The Society publishes a bi-monthly newsletter and a quarterly historical review, awards annual scholarships to young researchers and presents historic preservation awards to recognize preservationists.



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2009 Award for Excellence in Documenting Georgia's History



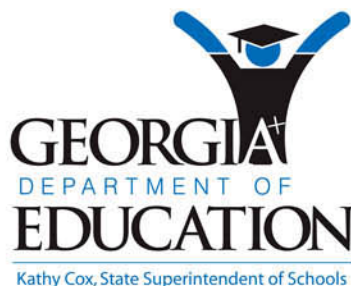
Tara D. Fields

Tara D. Fields of Woodbine has been researching historical events in Camden County, Georgia since 1995. Ms. Fields worked on the extraction and transcription of all deeds and mortgages relating to slavery in Camden County. These deeds are located in the courthouse in Woodbine but are not easily accessible or useful to researchers. On her own initiative, she began indexing the deeds, including all names found in the deeds - grantors, grantees, witnesses, and slaves. The result of this five year project is her book, *Human Bondage*, which can be considered an important accomplishment by a dedicated researcher as well as a starting point for other researchers who might be interested in studying African Americans and slave history in Georgia.

2009 Award for Excellence in the Educational Use of Historical Records

Georgia Department of Transportation, Office of Environment/Location
Cultural Resources Section
Federal Highway Administration, Georgia Division
Georgia Department of Education
Georgia Public Broadcasting
Brockington and Associates

The Georgia Department of Transportation created "The Immortal 600 Teaching Package" in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration, Georgia Department of Education, Georgia Public Broadcasting and Brockington and Associates. The Immortal 600 was a group of Confederate POWs held in the Morris Island stockade in South Carolina where they were exposed to canon fire from both the Confederate and Federal armies. The "Immortal 600 Teaching Package" meets the Georgia Performance Standards and includes video and lesson plans designed to challenge intellect while enhancing the oral/written skills of eighth grade students. The teaching package has been promoted statewide and nationally in educational newsletters and can be downloaded by teachers from the Georgia Public Broadcasting website.



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2009 Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records, Graduate Level

Catherine Marian Hendricks

Catherine Marian Hendricks of Bowdon has made a significant contribution to the study of African American history in the South through her graduate thesis at the University of West Georgia, "Creating Community in the Jim Crow South." Tackling a project for which primary sources are difficult to find, she became a devoted archival sleuth. Through her well-written and carefully-documented work, Hendricks' thesis provides a good case study of how African American communities evolved in small Georgia towns during the late Jim Crow era. Ms. Hendricks demonstrates how, in towns where blacks had little voice or economic power, they still managed to create and find community and sustain themselves and their families in the face of increasing restrictions.



2009 Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records, Undergraduate Level

Catherine Miller

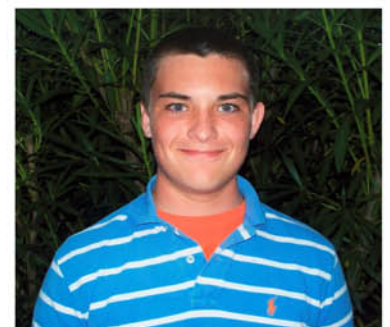


Catherine Miller of Warner Robins wrote "This Ain't No Fish Fry or Picnic": The 1922 Lynching of John Glover as her senior research paper at Macon State College. After doing thorough research in Macon's Washington Memorial Library, Miller took the extraordinary step of investigating the indictments that were handed down in the cases that followed Glover's lynching. It is thought that few, if any, historians have examined these records housed at the Bibb County and Monroe County courthouses in connection with the lynching of John Glover. The paper was well written and cogently argued. Its greatest strength however is directly attributable to Ms. Miller's archival research. By unearthing previously unused sources, Miller was able to provide a rich historical context for the atrocities of the 1920s.

2009 Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records, Grades 6-8

Justin Rectenwald

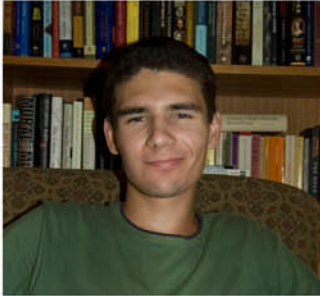
Justin Rectenwald of Martinez produced a ten-minute documentary at Evans Middle School for National History Day entitled "Do You Remember Me?: The Legacy of Richard Holstein Sr." A farmer in Aiken County, South Carolina, Richard Holstein hired German POWs to harvest crops in the summer of 1945. One of the prisoners developed a close relationship with Mr. Holstein's grandson, a friendship which endures until the present. Mr. Rectenwald interviewed the grandson and the former POW who lives in Germany, worked with an archivist at Aiken Historical Society, and visited the former Aiken Camp. His documentary took third place/Honorable Mention at the state contest, sponsored by the Georgia Humanities Council.



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2009 Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records, Grades 9-12

Kerem Trolander & Ben Woodard



Kerem Trolander and Ben Woodard of Rome produced a ten-minute documentary at Rome High School for National History Day entitled "Dr. Joseph Goebbels: Coercion in the Third Reich." The work presents the story of Dr. Goebbels' significance and infamy in history and took first place at the state contest sponsored by the Georgia Humanities Council. Mr. Trolander and Mr. Woodard consulted with scholars of modern European history and explored primary sources that were available in their home community, via printed compilations and digitized archives. Digitized film footage and recordings of speeches were among their key primary sources. Because of their ability to read German, they were able to translate many of the items that they found. They represented Georgia at the national level of competition in June for the second year in a row.



2009 Award for Lifetime Achievement

Dr. Eugene A. Hatfield

In 2008, Dr. Eugene A. Hatfield retired from a career of academic and educational distinction at Clayton State University. During his tenure he was tireless in his support and advocacy for history, historical documentation, preservation, and regional planning. He was especially interested in highlighting the vital role of the Georgia Archives in preserving historical memory, and through his efforts helped establish a foundation of mutual support between the Archives and Clayton State University.

Dr. Hatfield was a charter member of the Friends of Georgia Archives and History (FOGAH), and served as its first Board Chair from 2004 until 2008. During his term, FOGAH undertook a very effective fund raising effort in support of the Georgia Archives and its services; created a unique membership base that includes genealogists, archivists, historians, librarians, and individuals interested in our history; and took important steps in advocacy for the Archives. Because of his efforts, the Georgia Archives today enjoys a broad base of public support that is destined to grow.



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2009 Award for Lifetime Achievement



Dr. Linda Matthews

Dr. Linda Matthews began her career as a part-time archivist in the Special Collections Department at Emory University in 1971 and moved rapidly into roles of increasing responsibility. In 1982, she became head of the department, where she developed one of the most respected special collections departments in the state and nation among professionals in the archives, rare books, and manuscripts fields. Her work was recognized on a national level when she was named a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists.

At the forefront of her profession, she provided vision and leadership to the historical records community through her work with the Society of Georgia Archivists, the Georgia Archives Institute, the Society of American Archivists, the Friends of Georgia Archives and History, and as a member of the GHRAB Board from its inception in 1993 to 2001. Dr. Matthews has made remarkable contributions as a practicing archivist through a 35 year career distinguished by innovation, dedication, and excellence.

Dr. Edward Weldon

Dr. Edward Weldon has enjoyed a distinguished archival career including serving as Director of the Georgia Archives from 1982 until his retirement in 2000, State Archivist of New York, and Deputy Archivist of the United States. During his career in Georgia, he led the effort to create the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board, which has been a key source of funding and training for persons working in local historical societies and government agencies.

A founding member of the Society of Georgia Archivists, he served as its first president from 1969 to 1970 and the Edward Weldon Scholarship was established in 2000 to recognize his leadership in furthering the preservation and access of Georgia's historical records. On the national level, he played a strong leadership role in a variety of professional organizations. Dr. Weldon's outstanding contributions to the national archival community were recognized by his colleagues when he was named a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists and elected SAA President in 1981.

