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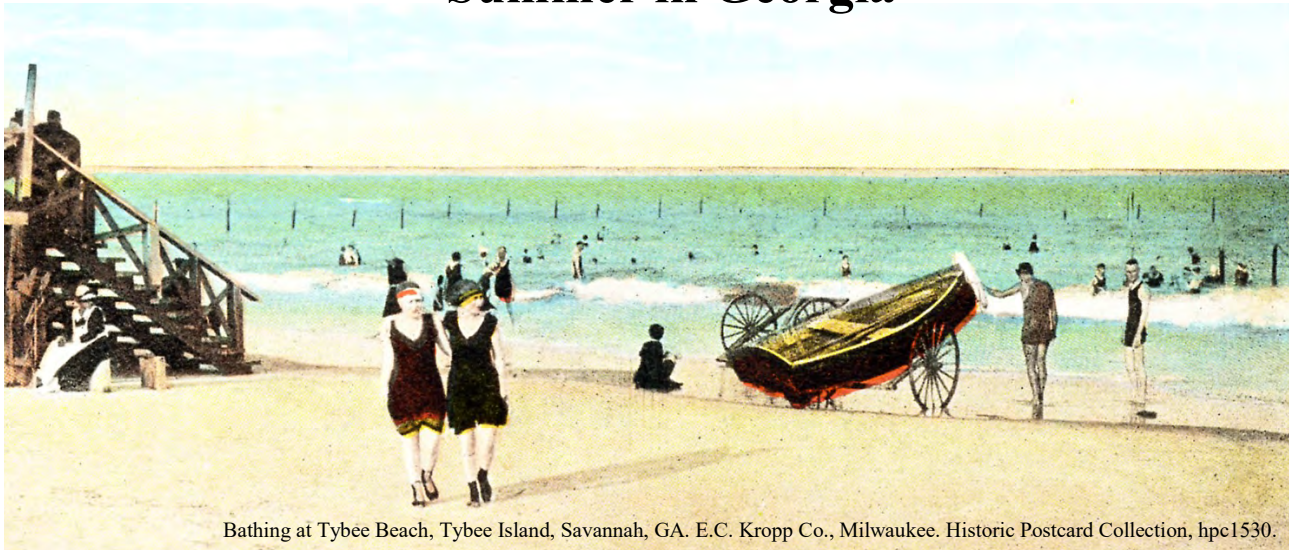
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Summer in Georgia



Bathing at Tybee Beach, Tybee Island, Savannah, GA. E.C. Kropp Co., Milwaukee. Historic Postcard Collection, hpc1530.

Coming this Summer... Explore Georgia history with us!

July 23rd 2016, 10:00am-2:00pm

An event recommended for elementary age children and families.

10:00am-10:45am

Meet archaeologist Pamela Baughman of the Georgia Department of Transportation! She will give a presentation on archaeology in Georgia and discuss her job at GDOT. The program will feature hands-on activities.

11:00am-11:45am

Join Susan Rosson Spain as she talks about her book, *The Twelve Days of Christmas in Georgia*, in which Jacob is visiting his cousin Ava, and together they will have a Southern-style holiday exploring the Peach State and its history. Learn about the Georgia gold rush in Dahlonega, the Trail of Tears, and Georgia's role in the Civil Rights Movement. Books will be available for sale.

12:30pm-2:00pm

Visit the ArchaeoBus, presented by the Society for Georgia Archaeology. Tour the bus, see its exhibits, and work on archaeology puzzles and games.



News From Friends of Georgia Archives

Update from the President

Summer is upon us in Georgia! We hope you will spend some time this summer at the Georgia Archives. The Archives is the perfect spot for researching your genealogy or state history topics and will also be hosting several special programs this summer.

On Saturday, July 23, the Archives will host a special program for elementary students about exploring Georgia history. The day's events last from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and are free. Students will spend time with an archeologist and will join Susan Rosson Spain as she talks about her book, *The Twelve Days of Christmas in Georgia*.

You may have a family reunion coming up or perhaps you have recently done a DNA test. You may have just begun wondering about your family history or you may have been puzzling over connections for years. Whatever the reason, the time is right to work on your genealogy. It is great to have basic details, such as names and birth, marriage, and death dates for parents, grandparents, and ancestors from earlier generations, but it is even more interesting when you know details about the lives of these people. What did they do for a living? How did spouses meet? Did they live in one place all their lives or did they buy and sell land and move to new communities every few years? Did they have strong religious beliefs? The Georgia Archives may be able to help you with your research. The Archives is open five days a week and has a wide variety of resources for your research, from county histories and county records to online databases, plus microfilm records of Georgia newspapers, and much, much more.



Kaye Lanning Minchew

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- ☐ Ancestry/\$100
- ☐ Heritage/\$500
- ☐ Legacy/\$1,000

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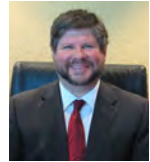
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For more information on membership or volunteer opportunities visit www.fogah.org.

Thank You For Your Donations!

From the State Archivist

This summer looks to be a very exciting one for the Georgia Archives. The Genealogy Picnic, cosponsored with GGS, was a great success. On July 23, there will be a wonderful opportunity for children to experience the Georgia Archives, and in August, archivists from all over the world will arrive in Atlanta for the joint meeting of the Society of American Archivists and the Council of State Archivists.

I encourage everyone to find some time this summer to visit an archives. Enjoy hunting for treasures across the state while researching and exploring, and try to stay cool.



Group of people gathered at Edgeworth's Ferry for a picnic, Carroll County, 1910 (Vanishing Georgia, car191)

The Georgia Archives will be closed July 2 for Independence Day weekend

Lunch & Learn at the Georgia Archives

Sponsored by FOGAH, this is a great program on the second Friday of each month from noon to 1:00 p.m. Visitors are welcome to bring a lunch to enjoy during the free program.

July 08 *Beyond the Reference Desk*, Georgia Archives Reference Staff

August 12 *Ft. Morris, Sunbury, and the American Revolution in Southern Georgia*, Jim Piecuch, Kennesaw State University

September 9 *The Three Governors Controversy*, Charles Bullock, Richard B. Russell Professor of Political Science, University of Georgia

Archives Activities

Georgia Archives History Symposium: Transportation History in Georgia

On Saturday, April 23, the Georgia Archives and the Friends of Georgia Archives and History (FOGAH) hosted the symposium *Roads, Rails and Rivers: The History of Transportation in Georgia*. The day began with “‘Just a Snake Stretched Out across the Path’: Travel and Trade in Georgia from the Mississippian Era to 1900” by James Owen from the University of Georgia. Next on the agenda was “Atlanta’s Historic Streetcar Systems,” a talk given by Patrick Sullivan and William Matthew Tankersley of New South Associates. Ashton Ellett of the University of Georgia spoke on “A Century of Pavement Politics: GDOT, Road Building, and the Creation of Modern Georgia, 1916-2016.”

During the lunch break there was a screening of *Down the Dixie Highway*. Edward Hatfield from Kennesaw State gave a talk entitled “Pave the Way: Atlanta and the Politics of Mobility.” The programs ended with “The Odd Couple: Historic Preservation and Transportation - A Review of GDOT’s Historic Preservation Products.” This last presentation was from Sandy Lawrence, Cultural Resources Section Manager at the Georgia Department of Transportation.

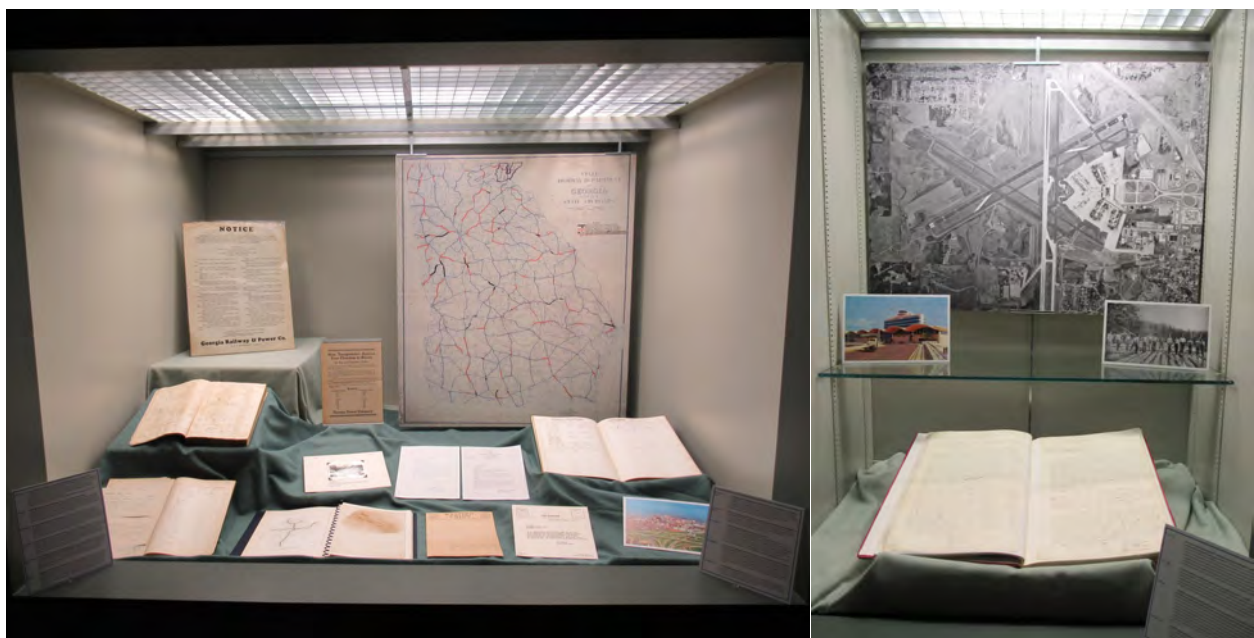


**Roads, Rails and Rivers: The History of Transportation in Georgia:
An exhibit presented by the Georgia Archives April 23 - July 16**

Did you know that in the 1820s, Georgians planned to build canals between the Savannah and Altamaha Rivers to move their goods to market? Did you know that for the past 90 years, there has been an airfield or airport at the site of Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson Airport? Our current exhibit explores the ways Georgians travelled and transported their goods to market, from the days of stagecoaches and streetcars to the Interstate Highway System of today.

This exhibit explains the projects that made transportation in the state possible. In addition, learn about the history of the Georgia Department of Transportation, founded 100 years ago. See an early map produced by the department, correspondence from Commissioner Tom Moreland, as well as plans for the Atlanta expressway and Downtown Connector. We also feature images of the Atlanta Municipal Airport from the early 1960s, including an image of the 1961 jet age terminal, and records that highlight the use of streetcars and passenger rail.

If you are curious about the ways that Georgians travelled and traded, stop by the exhibit on your next trip to the Georgia Archives. Our next exhibit will focus on education in early Georgia- just in time for back to school.



Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau Family Reunion Showcase

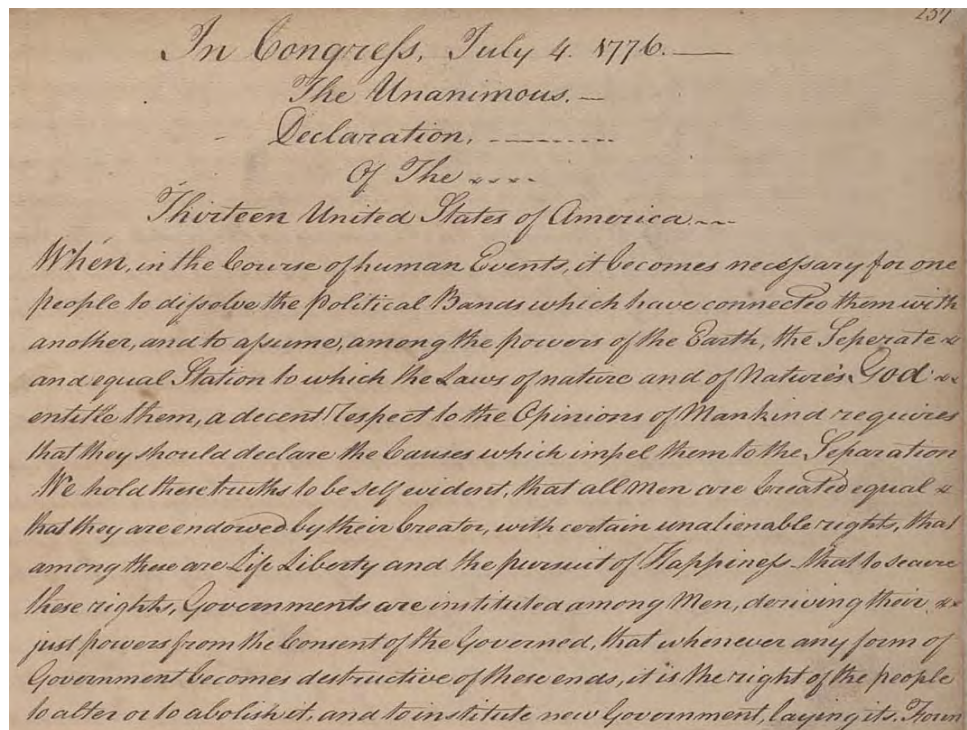
On Saturday, April 2, the Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau held its annual Family Reunion Showcase at the Georgia Archives. The reunion planning seminar, which included a vendor showcase, was a free workshop for those planning a family reunion in Clayton County. Participants were given a workbook to review, obtained answers to their questions, talked to potential vendors, and were given ideas to incorporate into their family reunions.

Each year, the Clayton County Convention & Visitors Bureau hosts the Family Reunion Showcase at different locations throughout the county in order to spotlight the facilities the county has to offer. This year, the Georgia Archives was chosen for the event so attendees could utilize our records to research their own family trees. "Family reunions are big business in Clayton County. There are great locations for families to stay overnight, enjoy picnicking, swimming, hiking, researching their family history, eating, and simply spending time together," said Tangie Carter, Director of Outreach Development at the CCCVB.

For information on future events, visit the CCCVB website, www.AtlantasTrueSouth.com, call 678-610-4242, or email tangie@atlantastruesouth.com.

On Display

Take advantage of the rare opportunity to see Georgia's recorded copy of the Declaration of Independence. We will have the document on display Saturday, **June 25**, 8:30am to 5:00pm.



Society of American Archivists/Council of State Archivists Annual Meeting Coming to Atlanta This Summer

This year, the joint annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists (SAA) and the Council of State Archivists (CoSA) will be held in Atlanta, July 31 to August 6. Georgia Archives employees will represent both the records management and preservation sections through poster and session presentations including:

- *“But We’ve Always Done It This Way”: Managing in a Time of Transition*
- *Preservation in Process: Behind the Scenes at the Georgia Archives*
- *Intrinsic, Added, and Enduring Value: Records Emergency Planning As Advocacy at the Georgia Archives*

If you are attending the meeting, check out our presentations.



Archival Services Manager Kayla Barrett, left, and Deputy Archivist Steve Engerrand, right, accept Elijah Clarke Chapter of NSDAR’s donation from Mary Abbe, center.

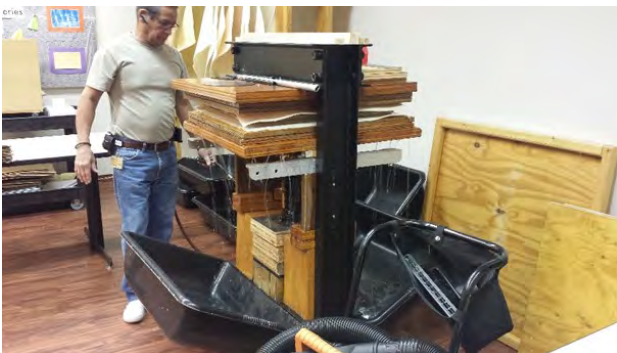
Archives Staff Attend Paper Making Workshop

Staff of the Georgia Archives work with paper every day, and some are tasked with ensuring the conservation and preservation of millions of paper documents. On Monday, March 7, several Archives employees attended a papermaking workshop hosted by the Robert C. Williams American Museum of Papermaking at Georgia Tech. During the workshop, they learned about the history of paper and also made some of their own sheets.

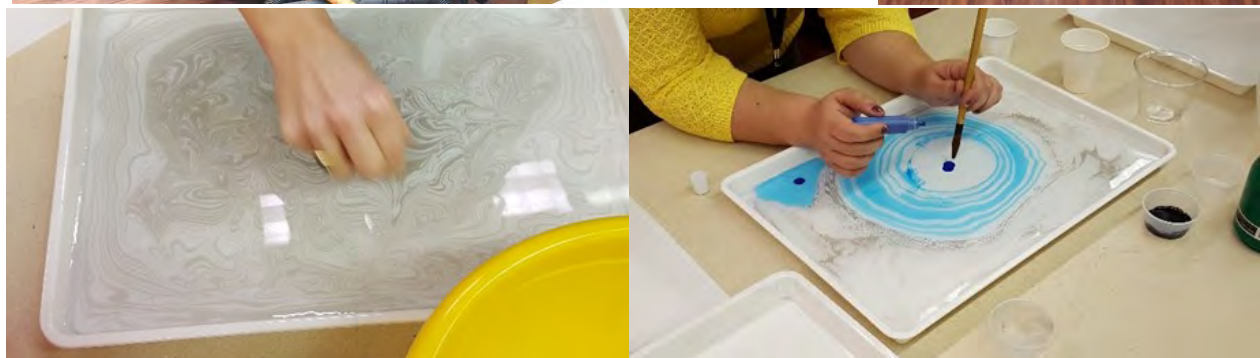
Thanks to Virginia Howell and Juan Chevere, staff members learned to make paper from cotton fibers and then also tried Japanese paper marbling. The group received a tour of the rare book collection at the museum and the exhibit spaces. The workshop was attended by Ephranette Brown, Caroline Crowell, Emily Farek, Christine Garrett, James Irby, Tracey Johnson, and Jill Sweetapple.



The mold and deckle are held together and slipped into a vat with water and cotton fibers. Then, it is flipped over and onto sheets of felt to absorb the excess water.



Stacks of paper and felts are placed into a pneumatic press where heavy pressure pushes water out of the new sheets of paper.



The second activity was Japanese paper marbling, or suminagashi, which means ink floating on water. Making concentric rings of color, inks are alternated with a surfactant—something like soap—that allows circles to form.

Partner Profile

Georgia Genealogical Society (GGS) Hosts Summer Genealogy Picnic

The Georgia Genealogical Society and the Georgia Archives presented a Summer Genealogy Picnic at the Archives on Saturday, June 4. The all-day event was free and open to the public. Speakers focused on genealogical activities that often take place in the summer with an emphasis on ways to encourage young family historians.

- Kenneth H. Thomas discussed researching descendants or heirs of persons buried in cemeteries.
- Judy Russell told attendees about the Ask Granny program.
- Valerie Frey, author of the book *Preserving Family Recipes: How to Save and Celebrate Your Food Traditions*, spoke about heirloom recipes for the genealogist.
- College student Hunter Gentry described what inspired him to begin researching his family history and how to encourage genealogy in young people.

In addition to exhibits by historical and genealogical societies, attendees were able to browse the genealogy book sale for bargains to help with research.

Watch the Georgia Genealogical Society website – gagensociety.org – for up-to-date information on future events.



Education Program

Archives Uses WebEx Technology to Bring Documents into Classrooms

As part of the Georgia Archives education program, we are using technology to make our records more accessible to students across the state. On February 12, in honor of Georgia Day, the Archives exhibited the Royal Charter and Georgia's official copy of the Declaration of Independence. We were contacted by teachers who wished to bring their students to see these important documents but were unable to make the trip for various reasons.

On March 17, staff arranged for a class of middle school students to view these documents via live video conference. The Royal Charter and the Declaration of Independence were on display in one of the classrooms in the Archives. Archives staff used WebEx software for a live video presentation to seventh grade students at Dean Rusk Middle School in Canton, Georgia. The students were able to view these items while learning about the history, care, and handling of the documents. The live interaction also gave students an opportunity to ask questions while examining the digitized volumes in the Virtual Vault.

Reference Room Roundup

New Books

We are always adding new books to our collection. Please stop by the reference room to peruse our new additions!



Early African American Deaths in the Pittsburgh Courier

The Georgia Archives recently added the series *Early African American Deaths in the Pittsburgh Courier* by Marlene Garrett Bransom. to its collection. The series consists of fifteen volumes of transcriptions of early death notices and obituaries in the *Pittsburgh Courier*, one of the most widely circulated African American newspapers in the first half of the twentieth century. Although the newspaper was published in Pittsburgh, the *Courier* ran death notices from across the nation. These death notices and obituaries are an important resource for genealogists and researchers of African American history. The series covers 1911-1938, and was a gift from the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Atlanta Chapter.

Georgia Archives Conservation Internship

We are pleased to announce that our current conservation intern, Emily Farek, has been accepted by the University of Delaware-Winterthur graduate program. Emily has worked part-time at the Georgia Archives during the 2015-2016 academic year. She balanced her internship with additional schedules at the Michael C. Carlos Museum at Emory, class at Georgia State University-Perimeter Campus, and an additional part-time job. We certainly wish Emily well as she begins graduate school soon and becomes a member of the conservation profession.



The Georgia Archives Conservation Internship is made possible by generous donations from Friends of the Georgia Archives and History (FOGAH). The Archives is currently accepting applications from pre-program conservation students interested in a one-year, part-time conservation internship opportunity. The intern will work with the Georgia Archives preservation staff to treat collection items, assist with preparation of items for protection, reformat records, and possibly create exhibits. As a part-time internship, this position may be planned with flexibility to accommodate additional student obligations. An hourly pay rate will be determined commensurate with previous experience.

Please send statements of intent and resumes via email to Kim Norman, Preservation Manager/Conservator at kim.norman@usg.edu.

Bookbinding Workshop to Be Hosted at Georgia Archives

During October 24-28, independent book conservator and toolmaker Jeff Peachey will teach *Cloth Case Bindings: Their History and Repair*, a bookbinding workshop that is open to all experience levels. This course will cover the history of cloth case binding and relevant machinery. It will include making a structural model and learning essential bookbinding techniques.

Applicants must submit a resume plus a brief one-paragraph statement reviewing their background in bookbinding, book conservation, or other crafts, and stating what they hope to learn. The workshop is \$650 including materials, and the application deadline is July 15. To submit an application or for questions about the facilities/housing/transportation, contact Kim Norman at kim.norman@usg.edu. For other questions about the class, contact Jeff Peachey at Jeffrey.Peachey@gmail.com.

Records Management

Essential Records IPER Course

On April 26, the Georgia Archives presented *Essential Records IPER Course Overview*. The seminar was attended by 26 individuals representing state agencies, local governments, and University System of Georgia institutions. Topics included identifying essential records, risks and hazards that threaten the records, mitigation strategies, and Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP).

This fall, the Archives will offer a follow-up seminar, *Records Emergency Planning and Response IPER Course Overview*, which will instruct attendees on assessing damage to records plus developing and implementing a response. The material for both courses comes from the Intergovernmental Preparedness for Essential Records (IPER) program developed by the Council of State Archivists along with the National Archives and FEMA.

IPER was created as a response to the widespread destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina. At the time, disaster plans of many government agencies did not include records. In the aftermath of the storm, agencies discovered that the loss of records, particularly those essential to their operations, hampered recovery efforts. Although the IPER project is no longer active on a national level, the Georgia Archives plans to continue educating and preparing agencies for records emergencies.

Beginning in 2017, the Archives will offer both the *Essential Records* and the *Records Emergency Planning and Response* courses in their entirety. Both courses are designed to last approximately eight hours and can be presented as either webinars, presented in two hour segments over the course of four days, or as day-long, face-to-face trainings. If agencies have questions regarding disaster planning, records management, or the upcoming training, please contact us. We will be happy to assist you.

New Records Management Staff Member

The Georgia Archives welcomed a new employee in May. Karl Simpson joined the staff as a Records Manager. Karl has an information management background with a Bachelor of Arts in Library and Information Studies and a Master of Arts in Heritage Studies and previous positions at the University of the West Indies at Mona and the Norman Manley Law School. Most recently, Karl was Senior Records Management Analyst at the Jamaica Archives and Records Department where he assisted government ministries in records management. At the Georgia Archives, Karl will assist state government agencies with their records management programs, including revising and creating records retention schedules. Karl can be reached at karl.simpson@usg.edu.