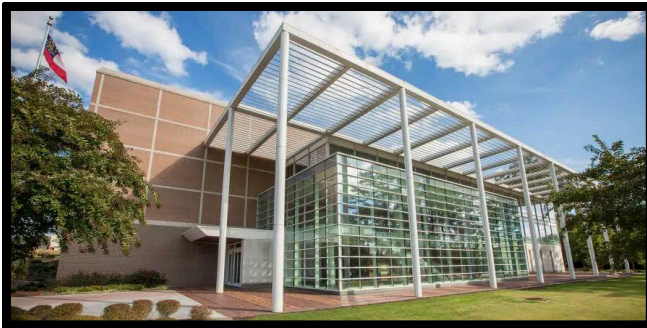


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October is Archives Month

Every October, archives across the country observe Archives Month to raise public awareness about the importance of preserving historical records and the work of archivists. The month-long celebration began in 2006 as a way for archival institutions

and practitioners to emphasize that materials important to individuals, communities, and organizations are being documented, cataloged, and made available.

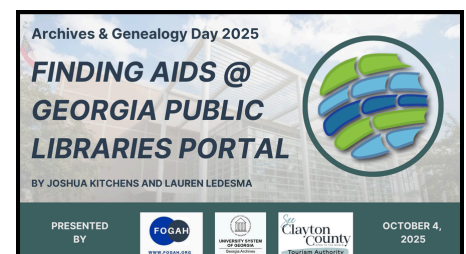
This year, the Georgia Archives is marking Archives Month with a series of programs that bring together genealogy, preservation, preparedness, and community engagement.

Archives & Genealogy Day: A Launch into Archives Month

On October 4, we kicked off Archives Month with Archives & Genealogy Day. The event drew a strong turnout of family historians and researchers. Track One, *From Plan to Practice: Hands-On Genealogy Workshop*, paired pre-event resources with in-person guidance from retired genealogy librarian Laura W. Carter and Archives staff. Track Two, *Expanding Your Search with Georgia's Local Resources*, featured presentations on collaborative institutional work in Thomasville, a case study from Columbus State University's David Ownings demonstrating genealogy research, and an introduction to the new Georgia Public Library Service Statewide Finding Aids portal for Georgia's public libraries. Recordings from track two can be viewed on the Georgia Archives' [YouTube channel](#) or by clicking on the images below.



Laura Carter assists track one attendee in Reference Room, October 4, 2025, Georgia Archives.



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October Lunch & Learn: Exploring Atlanta's Counterculture Movement

During Archives Month, we also hosted our October Lunch & Learn, where Cole Hale presented *Peace and Peachtree: Atlanta's Hippie Movement*, exploring the city's counterculture in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Watch the full presentation on our [YouTube channel](#).

Looking Ahead: Preservation and Preparedness

Archives Month continues here at the Georgia Archives with two programs focused on protecting and caring for records and collections. From October 27-29, the Archives will host the [Preventive Conservation Workshop](#), a three-day event offering practical instruction in the care of archives, art, and artifacts. Immediately following, on October 30 and 31, the [Disaster Preparedness and Response for Essential Records Seminar](#) will be offered online, giving participants strategies to safeguard vital records before and after disaster strikes. Additional in-person and hands-on options for this seminar are scheduled for November.

Both programs require advanced registration. For more information and to register, click on the links provided above or visit GeorgiaArchives.org.

Stay Connected Beyond Archives Month

These programs reflect the many ways we at the Georgia Archives work to preserve history and share it with the public, whether through genealogy support, preservation workshops, or training that prepares institutions to meet future challenges. As we mark Archives Month, we also encourage you to visit and engage with archives in your own community, discovering the stories and collections that connect us all. We invite you to stay engaged with us, explore new resources, and see how archives everywhere can support your work, research, and interests. Visit GeorgiaArchives.org or follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for more ways to connect.

Coming Up at the Georgia Archives:

October 27-28
[Preventive Conservation
Workshop: Care of
Archives, Art, and
Artifacts](#)

**October 30-31
(Online)**
**November 5-6
(In-person)**
**November 7
(Wet Salvage)**
[Disaster Preparedness
and Response for
Essential Records
Seminar](#)

November 14-15
American Indian
Heritage Symposium -
Visit
tinyurl.com/AIHSPR2025
for more details.

**Exhibit Closing
November 15**
*Georgia Stone: The
History of the Georgia
Marble and Granite
Industries*

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GENEALOGY TIDBITS
BY KENNETH H. THOMAS, JR.

Genealogy Events Calendar
Looking Ahead to 2026

March 5-7: Roots Tech

**May 27-30: The National
Genealogical Society's
2026 Conference in the States**

**July 26-31: Institute of Genealogy
and Historical Research (IGHR)**

Beginner's Focus:

You can find answers to many genealogy questions through a simple online search, which often leads to free lectures, websites, YouTube videos, or even blogs and podcasts created by experienced researchers. But be careful, as many replies are being created using Artificial Intelligence (AI), so be sure you get information from a real person.

Society Focus/Library Focus:

The Jackson County, Georgia, Historical Society recently celebrated its 50th anniversary. You can learn all about what they have, how to visit, and future meetings via their Facebook page. Click on the link here or visit Facebook and search for the name of their society.

DNA:

MyHeritage announced on August 4 that they no longer allow or supports the uploading of DNA results from other companies, such as FamilyTreeDNA. To get DNA matches and ethnicity reports on MyHeritage, you will need to

DNA (continued):

purchase and use a new MyHeritage DNA kit. The company now advises users to buy a MyHeritage DNA kit to access their features and DNA database. Note: It is always a good idea to put your DNA results on the site of more than one DNA testing company, depending on what you are trying to learn from doing DNA testing. You never know when the cousin you need to connect with might appear, and on what site.

**African American Genealogy
Focus:**

The Metro Atlanta Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society recently celebrated its 25th anniversary on September 27. Congrats to them. Check out their activities, lectures, how to join, etc. on their website: AAHGSATL.org.

Website News:

FOLD3 1812 pension records update - According to FOLD3, "We have exciting news on the War of 1812 pension files! We have finished digitizing all files for surnames beginning with "U" and "V" and have begun our work on the "W" files. Explore this amazing collection here: f3.social/6xyt."

Pensions can provide a wealth of information, so always consider pensions other than just those of your ancestors. Think about their

Website News (continued):

in-laws and neighbors. Also, remember the possibility that a widow's pension from a much younger second wife could be filed well into the 1870s.

**Georgia Archives Research
Tidbits:**

The Georgia Archives began in 1918 and moved into its first building in the 1930s at Rhodes Hall, where they were until about 1965. They have many books within their library from the earliest days, many of which were bound as books but never published. This means you may find the only copy or one of the only copies in the Archives' Library, of which there are many county-level publications. Examples include the six-volume series on Warren County, volumes listing early 1800s members of the Georgia Militia typed during the 1930s WPA project, and many volumes of the Colonial Records of Georgia, including the unpublished index volume. The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Collection contains over 500 volumes of Georgia records that have never been published, including Bible records. These are just some of the unpublished treasures that can only be found at the Georgia Archives.

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