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ANNUAL ARCHIVES AND GENEALOGY DAY 2023

Archives and Genealogy Day will be held at the Georgia Archives on Saturday, October 7th, 2023. This event offers two tracks and is sponsored by the Georgia Archives and Friends of Georgia Archives and History (FOGAH).

Track 1 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

“Beginning Basics of Genealogy” by Laura Carter. This day-long session is designed to introduce participants to the basic principles and methodology of genealogy and family history research. Time will be spent on understanding the basics of genealogy principles and methodologies and the importance of source citations and document analysis. Participants will gain hands-on experience, enhancing their genealogy skills in the process. Note: All participants are required to have a FamilySearch.org account prior to attending.

Prior registration is required for Track 1. Deadline for registration is October 4th, 2023. There is a \$30 registration fee for this track. To register, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/jhuy3zr2> and complete the form. Space is limited. Please notify us of cancellations so that we may give your space to another. To cancel, please call 678-364-3710. Deadline to cancel is October 5th, 2023.

Refund Policy: Full refunds will be processed for any attendee who cancels their registration by the Cancellation Deadline of October 5th, 2023. To be eligible for a full refund, cancellation must be made before the specified deadline. Refunds will not be issued for any attendee who does not attend the workshop and fails to cancel their registration by the Cancellation Deadline of October 5th, 2023. In the event of a no-show or failure to cancel before the deadline, the registration fee will not be refunded.

Track 2 – 9:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This track is free and does not require registration. The following sessions are offered after the welcome and introduction at 9:15 a.m.

Session 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. is “Archives, Ancestry, and Agriculture: A Brief Overview through the Records” by Dr. John Whitehurst, MA, MLIS. This presentation will look at the ways that agriculture impacted the movement of people into and out of Georgia from the state’s founding to the Great Migration. A variety of federal, state, and local records will be used to demonstrate what we can learn about our ancestors’ lives, the types of work they did, and why many of them chose to move in, around, and out of the state. By looking at a combination of historical, agricultural, and genealogical records we can better understand both the experiences and decisions that our ancestors made.

Session 2 from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. is “DNA Case Studies: Exploring DNA Testing and the Latest from Top Testing Companies” by Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr. Mr. Thomas will explain how he used DNA to verify paper-trail research, family surnames, and to solve family mysteries. During this session, he will also address some of the latest advances from top DNA companies. Attendees can submit a question in advance by visiting: <https://forms.office.com/r/KtMz5zAY7C>.

Session 3 from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. is “Washington Memorial Library: 100 Years Old and Still Going Strong” by Muriel Jackson. Since November 1923, the Washington Memorial Library has served the citizens of Macon and Middle Georgia. One of the hidden gems is the Genealogical and Historical Room along with the Middle Georgia Archives. Have you ever wondered how it got started? This presentation will address this and answer other questions about what we have to offer our patrons.

Session 4 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. is “Planning and Goals in Genealogical Oral History Programs” by Dr. Mark Janzen and Keri Adams from the University of West Georgia. Two of the keys to a strong oral history program are preliminary planning and setting goals. This presentation will discuss some of the ins and outs of planning for an effective experience for both the interviewers and the interviewees, as well as how to organize and set both long and short-term goals for your program.

Presentations from Track 2 will be recorded and made available on the Georgia Archives’ YouTube Channel the following week. Subscription to the Georgia Archives’ YouTube channel is free and will allow you to receive notifications once videos are uploaded.

Lunch will be provided for a donation, you can bring your own, or dine out. Lunch is sponsored by the Friends of Georgia Archives and History. Donations to FOGAH are encouraged.

The Georgia Archives is a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and 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. This work is done within the framework of the USG’s mission to create a more highly educated Georgia.