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August 2024 Lunch & Learn
***The Enslaved People Project: Preservation, Digitization, and
Revelation of our Shared Rich History***
by Erica L. Woodford

The Georgia Archives Lunch & Learn presentation, *The Enslaved People Project: Preservation, Digitization, and Revelation of our Shared Rich History* by Erica L. Woodford, will be held onsite. The presentation is on Friday, August 9th, 2024, from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Georgia Archives, 5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA.

The Lunch and Learn presentation is free, and no registration is required.

Join Erica L. Woodford as she discusses efforts to preserve and digitize primary source records of slavery found in property deeds located in Bibb County, Georgia, aspects of urban slavery that are often overlooked, and how to research these records in an effort to learn more about our shared history and/or for genealogy.

Honorable Erica L. Woodford was elected Bibb County Superior Court Clerk in 2012 and is currently serving her third term. Prior to being elected as Clerk, Ms. Woodford served the Middle Georgia community for almost two decades; serving in the judiciary as a Civil Court Judge and Magistrate, operating a private law practice, and teaching at the university level.

Ms. Woodford has worked diligently to improve access to the courts by hiring multilingual staff, modernizing court technology, and training the office staff on effective customer service skills. She initiated The Enslaved People Project, in which records of the selling and purchasing of Africans as slaves from 1823 through the 1860s were digitized for public access.

Ms. Woodford serves on the State Bar of Georgia's Committee on Professionalism and is the Vice President of the Council of Georgia Superior Court Clerks. She earned her BA from Mercer University in 1997 and her JD from Cumberland School of Law of Samford University in 2000.

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