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MARCH TOUR AT THE GEORGIA ARCHIVES

Stories of Southern Textile Mills and Mill Villages

Please join us at the Georgia Archives for our free tour "Stories of Southern Mills and Mill Villages" on Saturday, March 14, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

This tour will begin with a short presentation on the evolution of textile mills beginning with water-powered mills in Rhode Island whose success was due to utilizing secret designs of textile factory machinery which were memorized and brought to Rhode Island from England by the "Father of the American Factory System" Samuel Slater.

Cotton mills functioned in Georgia early on and increased in number and size after the Civil War. After 1880, as many Georgia mills became profitable, northern business interests began investing in Georgia mills. By 1900, textile manufacturing was a major industry in Georgia.

The tour will visit the Original Documents Reading Area (ODRA) where mill and mill village documents from our vaults will be on display.

Finally, the tour will end at the new exhibit *Mill Towns: Living and Working at Georgia's Textile Mills*.

The Georgia Archives is located at 5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow. No registration is required.

The Georgia Archives is a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. The Georgia Archives 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.

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