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LUNCH AND LEARN AND ARCHIVES TOUR

Morrow, GA, July 2, 2019- On Friday, July 12, noon-1:00 p.m., the Georgia Archives' Lunch and Learn program will be an interactive audience-participatory presentation at the Archives located at 5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow. The program centers on a new book by Dr. Julie Hedgepeth Williams which traces an extraordinary tale concerning the founding of Southern literature. Her book, *Three Not-So-Ordinary Joes: A Plantation Newspaperman, a Printer's Devil, an English Wit, and the Founding of Southern Literature* focuses on the curious intersection of the lives of Joseph Addison, Joseph Addison (J.A.) Turner, and Joel Chandler Harris, and the circumstances leading to the publication of Harris's Uncle Remus stories, which achieved for him and his work national literary status.

The program will be presented in a story-telling fashion by Williams who will be in costume. Williams is a journalism professor at Samford University with a specialty in media history. She is also the author of *A Rare Titanic Family*, winner of the 2014 Ella Dickey Literacy Award, and *Wings of Opportunity: The Wright Brothers in Montgomery, Alabama, 1910*.

Three Not-So-Ordinary Joes will be available from the author for purchase after the Lunch and Learn program.

Lunch and Learn Programs are free and open to the public and are sponsored by Friends of Georgia Archives and History (FOGAH). Door prizes are drawn at each Lunch and Learn program. No registration is required.

On Saturday, July 20, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the Georgia Archives will present its quarterly tour including the new exhibit "History of Tourism in Georgia." Quarterly tours are free and are held on the second Saturday of the tour month. This tour was originally scheduled for June and is offered once more due to inclement weather on the June tour date.

At the beginning of the tour, the group will learn a little of the history of tourism as we know it today in a brief PowerPoint by Education Specialist Penny Cliff. You will learn what a popular hobby, consumerism, and war have to do with today's tourism industry.

Next, the tour group will enjoy our new exhibit, "History of Tourism in Georgia." If you are unable to attend the tour, you can still view the exhibit through August 31, 2019. Some of the items featured in this exhibit include:

- An original letter was written by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on Warm Springs in Meriwether County.
- Images of the first Georgia Welcome Center in Sylvania Georgia, which opened in 1962.

- A copy of the 1937 directory and souvenir program of the National Negro Business League Convention, which recommended places for African American travelers to eat, sleep, shop, and get gas in Atlanta.
- Images of Tallulah Gorge from its heyday as a resort town before the river was dammed.
- A 1983 proposal for the development of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Historic Site and Preservation District in Atlanta.

The tour group will then visit our Original Documents Reading Area (ODRA) with Reference Archivist Caroline Crowell to view a variety of historic documents pertinent to Georgia tourism.

No registration is required. We hope that you can attend.

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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