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GEORGIA ARCHIVES, 100 YEARS: WHERE WE ARE NOW

FLATTENING THE COUNTIES OF GEORGIA: CREATING ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS

FREE BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR AT THE GEORGIA ARCHIVES

Morrow, GA, August 23, 2018 – On Saturday, September 8, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the Georgia Archives will be presenting a new tour “Georgia Archives, 100 Years: Where We Are Now”: Flattening the Counties of Georgia: Creating Access to Court Records.

This will be a behind-the-scenes tour of the process of protecting and preserving court records in our Conservation Lab. There will be step-by-step examples of the process. Currently, reference staff and preservation staff have been working on facilitating access to 18th and 19th-century court records from Hancock County. This process includes humidifying and flattening the tri-folded documents, removing dirt and mold residue as necessary, labeling folders with case names, and putting them in chronological order. Each unfinished box becomes two or three finished boxes ready for access by archives patrons.

Next, the tour group will go to the first floor to our Original Documents Reading Area (ODRA) in our Reference Room to see the processed court records and hear the unique stories and information of what court records can contain.

The tour is free. No registration is required. Please wear comfortable shoes.

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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