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Georgia Archives, 100 Years: Where We Are Now: Early Georgia
SATURDAY, August 11, 10:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.
FREE!

On Saturday, August 11, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. is a new tour “Georgia Archives, 100 Years: Where We Are Now: Early Georgia.” The tour will begin with the unique stories behind the state seals. Examine Georgia’s facsimile seals on the wall. What do they represent? Which seals were hidden so they could not be used? What is the period of the false seal and why?

Next, walk over to our new exhibit: Georgia’s Early Land Records: An Exhibit Presented by the Georgia Archives.

See some of the Georgia Archives’ oldest and most treasured records, documenting land distribution in the colony and state.

Read notes from a meeting of Georgia’s Trustees in 1742, as they decided to approve or reject petitions for land in the new colony.

See one of the few treaties, the Treaty of Augusta, negotiated by the State of Georgia with the Cherokees in 1783.

Learn about the Yazoo Land Fraud and why Georgia ceded its western territory – modern-day Alabama and Mississippi.

Read the law that secured a land grant for Austin Dabney, the only African American to receive a land grant for Revolutionary War service in Georgia.

View records created by surveyors in north Georgia, showing the locations of Cherokee towns and residences.

End the tour in our Reference Room with a brief review of our tools and resources for starting your research, including some of the published documents governing distribution of land in Georgia, and hear how different departments in at the Georgia Archives support our public reference efforts.

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

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