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MARCH TOUR AT THE GEORGIA ARCHIVES, “AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY: COLONIAL BEGINNINGS THROUGH THE 20TH CENTURY -- STORIES AND DOCUMENTS”

Morrow, GA, February 25, 2018 – On Saturday, March 9, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the Georgia Archives will offer the first quarterly tour of the year. Quarterly tours are free and will be held on the second Saturday of the tour month. The March tour will be “African American History: Colonial Beginnings Through the 20th Century -- Stories and Documents.”

At the beginning of the tour, the group will learn a little of the history of colonial Georgia, as it was unique among Britain’s American colonies, as the only colony to attempt to prohibit slavery as a matter of public policy. The tour group will then visit our Original Documents Reading Area (ODRA) to view a variety of historic documents pertinent to African American history.

After visiting ODRA, the tour group will view our new exhibit, “The African Case.” In October 1817, a ship traveling to Cuba carrying Africans to be sold as slaves was captured by privateers and brought to Amelia Island, off the coast of East Florida. They were sold to William Bowen, an agent for a Savannah merchant, and subsequently transported through Georgia. Bringing slaves into the United States was illegal. Legal proceedings ensued as the owners of the ship attempted to obtain compensation for their lost cargo. This case continued for a number of years and became known as “The African Case.” The Georgia Archives holds a substantial body of materials relating to the African Case.

No registration is required.

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