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UPCOMING EVENTS

Good Morning,

2018 is the centennial of the Georgia Archives. Beginning in February, we have many events planned throughout the year to celebrate our 100-year anniversary.

The Black History Month program, "The Enslaved and Free People of Color in Antebellum Georgia," was briefly mentioned in an earlier press release. This press release gives additional information on the presentations and speakers.

Black History Month at the Georgia Archives

The Metro Atlanta Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS), the Georgia Archives, and the Friends of Georgia Archives and History (FOGAH) will host a Black History Month program on Saturday, February 3, 2018, "The Enslaved and Free People of Color in Antebellum Georgia."

This program is supported by a grant from the Georgia Humanities, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Economic Development, through funding from the Georgia General Assembly.

This free program requires no registration and will be held at the Georgia Archives in Morrow. The day of events will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue throughout the day.

State Archivist/Assistant Vice-Chancellor Christopher Davidson will welcome the participants. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Samuel Livingston, Associate Professor and Director of the African American Studies Program, Morehouse College. Dr. Livingston graduated with a B.A. from the University of South Carolina; and an M.A and Ph.D. from Temple University. His scholarly research interests address the nexus between Africana political thought and the oral tradition.

Also speaking is Dr. D. L. Henderson whose program is *Finding Harriet: A Journey into the History and Legal Status of Persons of Color in the U.S.* Dr. Henderson is a past president of AAHGS, Metro Atlanta Chapter, is a cemetery historian, genealogist, and preservationist. She serves on the boards of the Historic Oakland

Foundation and the Historic South-View Preservation Foundation. She is the author of the forthcoming book, *South-View: An African American City of the Dead*.

Other speakers include researcher Joanne Smalley whose program is *Rachel Verdery, A Free Woman of Color*. Joanne worked as a reference archivist at the Georgia Archives for thirty two years. Since her retirement, she has been doing research professionally – mostly genealogical, but some historical and legal research. She lectures at local genealogical societies, and has had several articles published in the Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly. Joanne serves on the Georgia Genealogical Society Board of Directors and is their current archivist/historian. She also serves on the Advisory Committee for the R.J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation.

Speaker Terri Ward's program is *Under the Yoke of Slavery in Low Country Georgia*. Terry has direct kinship to several pioneering families of McIntosh County, Chatham County, and the Caribbean. She currently maintains a database consisting of approximately 30,000 McIntosh County descendants. She lectures and coaches others in researching family lines in Low Country Georgia history.

Georgia Archives' Assistant Director for Archival Services Kayla Barrett's program is *Laws of Slavery in Georgia*. Kayla graduated from Wichita State University with an M.A. in History and from the University of Oklahoma with a Masters in Library and Information Studies. Originally from Kansas, she moved to Alabama in 1991 and has worked at the Georgia Archives since 1996. She has made presentations to a number of Georgia Archives programs and local genealogical societies.

Concluding the program is Emma Davis Hamilton's presentation, *The American Colonization Society (ACS): Exodus to Liberia*, with Rhonda Barrow who will present a case study; *George Waters Last Will and Testament: "I Let My People Go."* Emma Davis Hamilton is past president of AAHGS, Metro Atlanta Chapter, Georgia Genealogical Society Board Member, and Friends of Georgia Archives and History board of trustees. She is an adjunct instructor of the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research at the University of Georgia. Emma has made genealogical presentations on the national level. She specializes in researching African Americans in the antebellum and reconstruction era. Emma is a retired Army Officer.

Rhonda Barrow is a member of Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS) Metro Atlanta Chapter. For information on AAHGS go to: <http://www.aahgsatl.org/>.

Lunch will be available for a donation, as well as snacks, sponsored by the Friends of Georgia Archives and History (FOGAH) during the two breaks. Tickets for door prizes will be drawn during the breaks.

The Georgia Archives is a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia and identifies, collects, manages, preserves, 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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