

# GHRAB Award Winners - 2005

GEORGIA HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD

2005 Outstanding Archives Award Winners

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## Award for Legislative Advocacy



**Honorable Ben L. Harbin**

The Honorable Ben L. Harbin of Evans, State Representative since 1994, has worked tirelessly throughout his legislative career in a bipartisan manner on numerous legislative issues. He was appointed by Speaker Glenn Richardson prior to the 2005 General Assembly session as Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. In that capacity, Representative Harbin has championed funding of vitally necessary state facilities, including funding for the operation of the new State Archives Building. He has been active in preserving historic courthouse facilities--which house some of Georgia's most historic records--through legislation and appropriations. His ability to effectively communicate and listen to the needs of Georgians has made him an outstanding "Legislative Advocate."

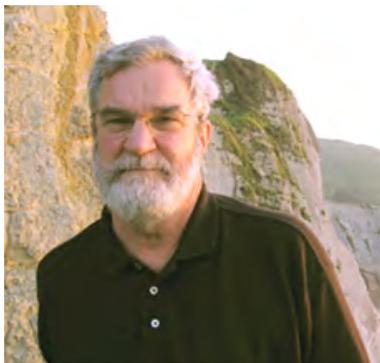
## Honorable Mac Collins

Congressman Mac Collins of Jackson represented the 3rd District of Georgia from 1993 until 2004. In 1994, when the Director of the National Archives Southeast Region and the President of Clayton State University conceived the idea and developed a partnership for constructing a new National Archives facility and co-locating in Morrow, they approached Congressman Collins for help. Congressman Collins took on the project and never gave up. His contacts with the State Legislature assisted in the negotiations between the National Archives, the State of Georgia, and Clayton State University to make this unusual partnership a reality. Whether they needed an advocate with the Office of the Governor, the Legislature, the Congress, or even Georgia Power, Mac Collins was always there.



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## Award for Advocacy



**Wilbur W. Caldwell**

Wilbur W. Caldwell of Gilmer County wrote *The Courthouse and the Depot*, a narrative catalogue of Georgia's 19th century public architecture and a complete history of the hundreds of tiny railroad lines that covered the state in this period. In telling the story of small towns before 1910, Mr. Caldwell tells the story of Georgia, whose life was centered in its small towns. Mr. Caldwell's work has encouraged the use of historical records and raised the appreciation for the richness of Georgia's history to a new level. It has encouraged many local governments and historical societies to implement local history projects and encouraged many citizens to travel around the state and discover the majestic beauty of Georgia's courthouses and depots.

## Alice Taylor-Colbert

Alice Taylor-Colbert of Rome has been a strong advocate for preserving Georgia's historical records and has worked tirelessly to further history education for more than twenty years as a history professor, archivist, museum consultant, and humanities scholar. Dr. Taylor-Colbert served as Dean of the School of Education and Social Sciences at Shorter College and Director of the College Museum and Archives. Dr. Taylor-Colbert has been an active member in a variety of historical organizations and has played a leadership role in the Georgia Association of Historians, the Georgia Association of Museums & Galleries, and the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board. As she begins a new academic career in another state, her great passion, commitment, and presence will be missed by many Georgians.



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## Award of Excellence in Archival Program Development

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### City of Alpharetta, Engineering/Public Works Department

The City of Alpharetta, Engineering/Public Works Department, in Fulton County protected existing engineering drawings from loss through a project organized in four phases: electronic conversion of drawings, production of microfilm as a backup to electronic images, web access to the drawings, and expansion of the project into other city departments. The project serves as a model for other local governments by demonstrating how to plan and implement a large scale document management project that succeeds in using technology to promote both greater accessibility by the public and productivity by staff, as well as preserve the historical record.

## W. H. Shaw High School

W. H. Shaw High School in Columbus conducted an oral history project entitled, "Saluting Our Heroes, Part II: The Korean War" and donated the collection to the National Infantry Museum in Ft. Benning. Over 250 students from grades 9-12 conducted interviews with veterans and citizens, wrote biographical essays, presented speeches, and published the completed project. Students in the Fine Arts Department presented a production, "Letters from Home," that was written by students in Shaw's creative writing classes based on information from the interviews and research. The production included a 15-minute videotaped vignette of interviews of the veterans who related their most memorable experiences of Korea.



## Clayton State University Library Archives

### Clayton State University

Clayton State University Library in Morrow hired its first archivist in December 2004, created an archival space, and established an archives in only six months. Documentation programs for faculty, alumni, student organizations, and staff have been put in place. The Archives also developed an internship to support the history department program. In addition, several collections, including the student and faculty/staff newsletters, have been processed and are available for research. It is significant that such a young institution, only 36 years old, has established an archives to preserve its history.

## Historical Collections and Archives Robert B. Greenblatt, MD Library Medical College of Georgia

The Historical Collections and Archives at the Robert B. Greenblatt, MD Library of the Medical College of Georgia organized and made available the scientific materials of Dr. Robert B. Greenblatt. Dr. Greenblatt's research impacted the field of endocrinology, not only in Georgia, but across the nation and internationally as well. Prior to processing, these records were totally inaccessible and at risk of disintegration. The collection is significant because it contains Dr. Greenblatt's research notes on various treatments and records his research and medical career that spanned a period of 40 years



(1934-1974) at the Medical College of Georgia.



### **New Georgia Encyclopedia**

The Web-based New Georgia Encyclopedia provides information about the history, culture, people, events, and places of Georgia through articles, photographs, and multimedia. The encyclopedia encompasses several thousand documentary sources, each situated within an interpretive article. The articles on the site are the product of scholars and reference librarians working with Georgia's documentary heritage, and many of the articles are linked to repositories of original records. Library Journal identified the New Georgia Encyclopedia as a "best reference source on the Web" for 2004. The encyclopedia is a project of the Georgia Humanities Council, in partnership with the Office of the Governor, the University of Georgia Press, and the University System of Georgia.

### **Special Collections Department Georgia State University**

The Special Collections Department at the Georgia State University Library in Atlanta maintains the Women's Collection as an integral part of its broad range of rare and unique primary source materials. In 1995, Special Collections and the Women's Studies Institute at Georgia State University conceived the idea of a repository to collect materials examining women's political and feminist activities in Georgia from 1921 to the present. A part-time Women's Archivist position was created by the University Library in 1995 and made full-time in 2005. Today, the Women's Collection manages close to 420 cubic feet of records including over 500 photographs, over 500 artifacts, and an innovative oral history project that has captured the narratives of over 50 individuals.



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### **Award for Excellence in Research Using the Holdings of An Archives**

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**John S. Lupold**

John S. Lupold of Columbus and Thomas L. French Jr. of Columbus wrote bridging *Deep South Rivers: The Life and Legend of Horace King* which is the first major biography of the man who rose from slavery to become a master bridge builder. King, who began life as a slave in South Carolina and received no formal training, built covered bridges over every large river in Georgia, Alabama, and eastern Mississippi. The authors separate fact from legend as they carefully document King's life from 1807-1885 in the Chattahoochee Valley on the Georgia-Alabama border. The book contains an astonishing amount of previously unpublished information and makes a significant contribution to the history of the American South in general and to African-American history in particular.



**Thomas L. French, Jr**

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### **Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records, Undergraduate Level**

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**Grace A. Hardwick**

For her senior thesis at Clayton State University, Grace Hardwick of Jonesboro wrote a biographical sketch of Jefferson Franklin Long, Georgia's first African-American Congressman, who is largely unknown even within academic circles. The main focus of the paper is Long's political career, his election to and historic speech in Congress. The paper was written using primary sources almost exclusively and, where possible, any secondary sources were verified using the original documents from which they were derived. Copies of the paper have been requested by the Auburn Avenue Research Library, Crawford County Historical Society, and the National Archives Southeast Region.

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**Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records, Grades 9-12**

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**Ashley Alred, Page Dickson, Colleen Fries**

Three juniors at Rome High School, Ashley Alred of Rome, Page Dickson of Rome, and Colleen Fries of Silver Creek, completed a National History Day group exhibit titled, "The Talking Leaves: How the Syllabary Advanced the Cherokee." A syllabary is a set of written symbols that represent syllables, which make up words. Their project was based on Sequoyah, Cherokee Indian leader and scholar, who created a syllabary for the Cherokee language and how his invention led to the creation of the Cherokee newspaper, the Cherokee Phoenix, that advanced the Cherokees culturally. The exhibit placed second in the state competition and represented Georgia in the national competition at the University of Maryland.



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**Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records, Grades 6-8**

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**Dillon D. Carroll**

Dillon D. Carroll of Geneva, a ninth grader at Midland Middle School in Columbus, used an array of sources to write, "The Sextant in History: Expanding the Age of Discovery Through Communicating Location." These sources included interviews, autobiographies, records and logs kept by explorers, and other documents from the archives of the Port Columbus National Civil War Naval Museum, as well as Air Force records and correspondence. Drawing from a multitude of sources, Mr. Carroll described the historical significance of the sextant throughout history including its impact on travel, mapping, exploration and the age of discovery.

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