

Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board

2006 Award for Legislative Advocacy



Honorable Bill Cummings

Representative Bill Cummings, a member of the Georgia General Assembly since 1981, has been a strong supporter of Georgia history. He served on numerous commissions, including the Commission on the 250th Anniversary of Representative Assembly in Georgia, and was appointed by Governor Roy Barnes to serve on the Governor's Commission on Georgia History and Historical Tourism. He is a retired educator having served as a history teacher and counselor in Polk County. He is an exemplary public servant and, as one of the longest-serving members in either the House or Senate, it is fitting that GHRAB recognize his long-standing support of Georgia's history.

2006 Award for Excellence in Documenting Georgia's History

Foxfire Fund, Inc.

For 40 years, students in Rabun County have been conducting an oral history project entitled, *The Foxfire Magazine*. Over the years, hundreds of students have interviewed residents in the Appalachian area of Georgia and surrounding states; written personality portraits of these residents; documented the customs, history, and culture of the Appalachian community; and published their work, not only in the magazine, but also in The Foxfire Book series selling over 8 million copies worldwide. Out of this student interaction with their community has grown a body of knowledge that comprises one of the largest primary source documentations of Appalachian culture in the world.



Gilmer County Genealogical Society, Inc.

The Gilmer County Genealogical Society published *Reflections on Mountain Heritage* to relate times past and the methods practiced on the North Georgia mountain homestead where everything had a purpose and nothing was wasted. Included are recipes, family care, livelihoods, mountain dialect, old sayings and traditions. The idea for the book took form when a call went out to the community seeking input from families, friends, and others wanting to make a contribution. The response was phenomenal and the authors spent countless hours compiling *Reflections on Mountain Heritage*.



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2006 Award for Excellence in the Educational Use of Historical Records

Georgia Historical Society

The Georgia Historical Society produced *Three Centuries of Georgia History*, an on-line educational exhibit containing more than 100 historic documents and artifacts from its collections. These images are set within historical commentaries and are accompanied by classroom applications and type-written transcriptions where applicable. The exhibit provides thorough coverage of historical moments and eras in Georgia history from the eighteenth-century founding of the Georgia colony to the twentieth century.



Linking American History: Past to Present Henry, Fayette, and Cobb Counties



"Linking American History: Past to Present" was a program of the Henry, Fayette, and Cobb county school districts, funded by an approximately \$1,000,000 grant from the United States Department of Education under their Teaching American History Grant Program. From fall 2003 until summer 2006, the grant served 65 teachers, with the 2006 cadre including 17 elementary, 17 middle, and 23 high school teachers. Project partners included Clayton State University, the Georgia Archives, the Georgia Humanities Council, the National Archives-SE Region, and the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library. Focusing on the historical period of 1945 to the present, the project has been a model program for encouraging the use of original records in the classrooms.

Cathy E. Loving

Cathy E. Loving, archivist at Atlanta Public Schools Archives and Museum, has made valuable contributions by helping students use primary sources in their classes. The Archives houses historical memorabilia and data from 1866 to the present. A new reform model of small learning communities was implemented at The New Schools at Carver, formerly known as George Washington Carver High School, in an effort to reduce the dropout rate. A component of this program is to use the history of Carver's school site and notable Atlanta Public School graduates such as Vernon Jordan and Margaret Mitchell with students who lack the museum experience. The use of primary resources not only served to inform but to empower and encourage.



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Brenda S. Banks

Brenda S. Banks has been a tireless advocate for archives on the local, national, and international level. She recently retired as Deputy Director of the Georgia Archives after serving as project manager for the construction of a new 172,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art archives facility. Ms. Banks is a highly regarded leader in the field, having served as president of both the Society of American Archivists and the Society of Georgia Archivists. She is a Fellow of the Society of American Archivists, the highest honor bestowed by the Society, and awarded to a limited number of individuals for outstanding contributions to the archival profession.

Georgia Archives Week Planning Committee

The Georgia Archives Week Planning Committee is a group of a dozen volunteers who coordinate Georgia Archives Week. This annual event celebrates the value of Georgia's historical records, publicizes the many ways they enrich our lives, and recognizes those who maintain our communities' historical records. Archives Week sponsors include Coca-Cola Company, Digital Library of Georgia, Georgia Archives, Georgia Library Association, Georgia Records Association, Metal Edge, Society of Georgia Archivists, and Spacesaver/Walter Hopkins Company. Committee members donate over 500 hours each year to make Georgia Archives Week a success.



Walter H. Hopkins

Walter Hopkins has been a tireless friend to archives, archivists, and historical organizations throughout Georgia. By sponsoring Georgia Archives Week since 2001, he has helped to promote the value of Georgia's historical records and to publicize the many ways historical records enrich our communities. For many years, Mr. Hopkins has also sponsored the Society of Georgia Archivists' annual conference, the primary professional contact point for the state's archivists. Through his advocacy activities, Mr. Hopkins has supported those who work to maintain Georgia's cultural heritage.

Marshall W. Williams

Marshall W. Williams, volunteer archivist at the Morgan County Archives, has donated 20 years of service to the county and the state as the steward of Morgan County's historical records. Mr. Williams spent his career in education as a local principal and as an electronics engineer before retiring and starting as a volunteer archivist. His avocation derived out of a love of Morgan County history, and his service began at a critical moment when historical records were placed at risk during a courthouse renovation. For two decades, he has protected and organized many of the county's more important written documents as well as helped the general public with genealogical research.



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2006 Award for Excellence in Archival Program Development



Atlanta Regional Commission

The Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) is the official regional planning agency for the 10-county Atlanta region, home to nearly four million people. For nearly 60 years, ARC and its predecessor agencies have developed plans and programs in the areas of transportation, water supply and quality, land use and human services to positively guide metro Atlanta's growth. ARC's archives include more than 2,000 items detailing major agency initiatives and provide a vital historical perspective on the Atlanta region. In 2005, ARC transferred these records to the Atlanta History Center who will serve as a partner to preserve and make

Columbus State University Archives

The Columbus State University Archives was established in 1975 to serve as a repository for records documenting the history of the University and the greater Columbus region. Today it contains over 2,000 linear feet of manuscripts and houses approximately 200 individual local history collections. The facility is heavily used by Columbus-area residents who are researching local history topics and/or genealogy as well as researchers from out-of-town. In FY 2005, almost 800 visitors made use of the Archives' collections. One of the Archives major accomplishments is its web-page. In 2005, it had over 90,000 hits and hosted over 13,600 unique visitors.



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Forsyth County Board of Education

The Forsyth County Board of Education developed a new process for the retention of student records, business records, and the process of student registration. In October 2005, the Board approved the creation of a centralized Registration and Records Center at the Hill Education Center. The Center utilized an electronic records management application to archive and retrieve both digital and paper files. In January 2006, the paper files were scanned. This project has resulted in a state-of-the-art centralized registration and record-keeping system for the Forsyth County Schools. The Hill Education Center has been visited by numerous school systems in the state as a model for their operations.

Georgia Southwestern State University

In 2005, Georgia Southwestern State University created the Southwest Georgia Oral History Center. The Department of History Internship Program now includes the Center as a training option for students. Throughout the 2005-2006 academic year, more than thirty-five students devoted more than 250 hours to the Center in such areas as transcribing interviews, conducting interviews, and cataloging documents. The Center is already engaged in several projects. The Sumter County Oral History Project currently consists of 28 interviews comprising approximately 100 interview hours, with Southwest Georgia community leaders.



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2006 Award for Excellence in Research Using the Holdings of An Archives



Ouida Word Dickey

Ouida Word Dickey co-authored *Berry College A History*. Her contribution to the work was extensive research, serving as the editing liaison, and selecting the photographs for the book. Dr. Dickey used the materials in the Berry College Archives to document the story of Berry; checking and re-checking facts and sources. This was an especially problematic research project because several books have been written about Berry's history, most of which contain misstatements and embellishments. In this book, the authors dispel many of the Berry myths and “set the record straight.”

John J. Fox, III

John J. Fox, III, a native of Virginia, wrote *Red Clay to Richmond: Trail of the 35th Georgia Infantry Regiment, C.S.A.* This story, unlocked after some 140 years, reveals a veteran stalwart regiment struggling to survive amidst growing obstacles. The regiment consisted of soldiers from ten Georgia counties including Haralson, Campbell, Harris, Troup, Heard, Newton, Walton, Gwinnett, Hall and Chattooga. The book traces the path of the regiment from the red clay of Georgia through four years of war in Virginia to Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox. This book brings the men and boys of the 35th Georgia alive and shows average men doing above average things. In 2005, Fox was the recipient of the Fifth Annual James I. Robertson, Jr. Literary Prize for Confederate History.



Staci Catron-Sullivan & Susan Neill

Staci Catron-Sullivan and Susan Neill produced *Women in Atlanta* as a photographic record to show the true diversity, complexity, and richness of Southern women's lives. The photographs depict Atlanta women at work and at play from the mid-19th century to the 1970s. In addition to illustrating women's dramatically changing roles during this period, the book situates these women within both a regional and a national context. From society mavens to seamstresses, from nurses to activists, these photographs bring to light the challenges, successes, and joys of Atlanta's women.

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2006 Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records, Undergraduate Level



Russell Wall

Russell Wall wrote "Lucius Q.C. Lamar: Triumph, Tragedy, and the Truth" as his senior thesis at Georgia College and State University. The paper seeks to overthrow the prevailing interpretation of the death of prominent jurist Lucius Lamar as a suicide. Wall examines the murder case which became a sensation in Georgia and supposedly led to the despair that drove Lamar to suicide. He then carefully examined the evidence for the accepted interpretation and picked it apart, item by item. This paper shows skillful use of primary sources and adds new knowledge to the history of Milledgeville and the legal history of Georgia. Mr. Wall currently attends Law School at the University of Georgia.

2006 Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records, Grades 9-12

Abigail Derr

Abigail Derr is junior at Columbus High School. She has participated in National History Day in Georgia since she was in the 6th grade. Each year, she has placed first or second at the state contest and advanced to National History Day, and each year her exhibits have finished in the top 14 nationally. Her 2006 exhibit is titled "Highlander Folk School: Teaching Others to Take a Stand." Abigail always reads core secondary literature, working in the school library, the local public library, and Columbus State University, and then she seeks out repositories that hold applicable primary sources.



Susanna S. O'Kula

Susanna S. O'Kula wrote "Unraveling the Mysteries of the Irish Travelers" as her senior speech at the Augusta Preparatory Day School in the fall of 2005. A close-knit community of some 3,000 people known as the Irish Travelers is located in Edgefield County, South Carolina (near Augusta, Georgia). The Travelers keep to themselves and practice a lifestyle somewhat different from the surrounding communities. As a result, they are not well understood by the general public. Ms. O'Kula used photographs, newspaper articles, and personal letters in researching this topic. Her paper discusses the history, culture, family life, religion, and occupations of this unique community.

