

GEORGIA'S *Treasures*

Exploring your genealogy, history and culture at public libraries





On our front cover

Vintage scrapbook with bird on cover, from the Charles D. Switzer Public Library collection

Accordion belonging to Graham Washington Jackson Sr., who played during Franklin D. Roosevelt's funeral procession, from the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History collection

Leather-bound and hand-lettered Catholic Liturgy choral book (Spain, 1580), courtesy of the Brunswick-Glynn County Library

World War II bomber jacket, from the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library collection

Original photos of the first Oglethorpe County bookmobile and of Athens resident Mrs. Julius Y. (May Erwin) Talmadge

with President Dwight D. Eisenhower, courtesy of the Athens-Clarke County Library Heritage Room

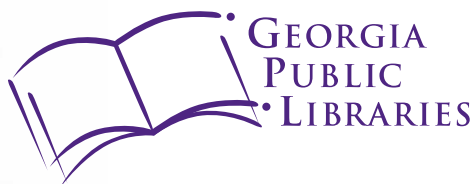
On our back cover

(all from the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library)

Hand-carved sign featuring shared motto of several Highland clans, including Clan Macpherson, Clan Mackintosh and others

Scrapbook with mother-of-pearl inlay cover

Vintage copy of Burke's Landed Gentry, opened to reveal crest of the Smith-Masters family of Camer (Kent), Great Britain



We invite you to explore *your* genealogy, history and culture at Georgia's public libraries!

As family heritage and genealogy tourism grows more popular throughout the United States, it is our pleasure to spotlight several vital destinations found among Georgia's public libraries. Researchers, students and teachers, as well as professional and amateur historians and genealogists, are certain to find unique and varied treasures in our distinctive and carefully curated collections.

As you visit the libraries and history rooms spotlighted in this brochure, you will find much more than books; many of our libraries collect museum-quality art and artifacts that highlight the cultural history of Georgia and its residents. Some have earned national acclaim; all have devoted local and regional followings. Each of them offers collections that are specialized, important and often captivating — whether you are tracing your family tree or delving deeply into one of the many rich periods of Georgia history.

And remember that through **GALILEO**, Georgia's Virtual Library, our library card holders have free access at every branch to **Ancestry® Library Edition**, the authoritative subscription-based genealogy research website powered by ancestry.com. The **Digital Library of Georgia**, with its history and culture collections that include thousands of photographs, maps and primary source documents, is also available anywhere you have an internet connection.

Another outstanding resource is our sister organization, the **Georgia Archives** in Morrow. Its Virtual Vault is your portal to many of the state's most important historical documents from 1733 to the present day.

I join my library colleagues around the state in inviting you to visit these impressive facilities and their collections. We will be pleased to welcome you and your family and assist you in your browsing, research and pursuit of history!

Julie Walker
State Librarian

ATLANTA, GA.

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On the date of the mailing of the notice of expiration of the appointment made in 1999 of which is hereto attached and hereby made part hereof, and in further consideration of the payment made before delivery of this policy, of the first year's annual premium of \$1,000.00 in 2000 Dollars comprising the legal receipt and premium for term insurance for the first policy year and in consideration of the future payment of a premium of a like amount up to be paid the 5th day of February 2001 and thereafter on the 5th day of February in each year, the said party of the first part hereby assigns in force to the said party of the second part all rights and interests in and to the said policy.



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Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History

Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System
101 Auburn Ave. NE, Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 613-4001

afpls.org/aarl

87,500 books

28,000 reels of microfilm

3,500 linear feet of archival collections

Anchoring the west end of Atlanta's Sweet Auburn historic district, the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History was originally established in 1921 as the Auburn Branch of the Carnegie Library. After multiple moves and transitions, it reopened its doors as a research library in May 1994, becoming an instant local landmark. It is the first public library in the Southeast to offer specialized reference and archival collections dedicated to the study and research of African American culture and history.

Following a \$20 million facelift in 2016, the library has been hailed as a peer of the New York Public Library's acclaimed Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Auburn Avenue's collection includes a wide variety of materials and formats, including archives and manuscripts; moving image and recorded sound collections; photographs and prints; and art and antiquities. The remarkable artifacts on view are a must-see for anyone with even a casual interest in Atlanta history, the civil rights movement or Southern literature.

For nonresearchers, the library's collection of public art is equally splendid, beginning at the building's entrance with a massive wall-mounted sculpture by Radcliffe Bailey titled "From the Cabinet," which reflects the movement and growth of Americans with African ancestry while hinting at the stories, documents, images and histories that are waiting to be discovered inside. Its Alice Cary-Annie McPheeters Gallery features acclaimed rotating art exhibitions, while its children's gallery delights young and old alike with illustrations from notable African American children's books.

Ancient Earldoms of Scotland.

Earldom of Fife.—Said to have been erected by Malcolm Canmore.

I. Line of Macduff.

1 Duncan Macduff, Maormor of Fife.	2 Dufagan, his son, styled 2d earl.	3 Constantine, styled 3d earl; but supposed first who bore this form of the dignity.	4 Gillimichel, Constantine's eldest son, died 1199.	5 Duncan I., son of Gillimichel, died 1174.	6 Duncan II., Justitarius Sco- tia, son of Duncan I., died 1209.
7 Malcolm, son of Duncan II., died, without issue, 1229.	8 Malcolm, nephew of Malcolm, died 1266.	9 Colbane, Malcolm's son, died 1270.	10 Duncan III., son of Colbane, Co-Regent of Scotland, slain 1288, aged 26.	11 Duncan IV., son of Duncan, born about 1285. Supposed slain at Halldonhill 1388.	12 Duncan V., his son, last earl in male line of Macduff, died between 1353 and 1356.

II. Earls in right of Marriage with last Heiress of Macduff.


13 Sir William Ramsay, first husband of Countess Isabella, daughter and sole heiress of last earl.	14 Walter Stewart, 2d son of Robert II., by Elizabeth More, second husband, died 1360.	15 Sir Thomas Byset of Upsettlington, 1362, 3d husband.	16 John Dunbar, 4th husband of Countess Isabella. All four without issue.
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III. Line of Stewart, Dukes of Albany.

17 Robert, earl of Menteth, afterwards Regent duke of Albany, brother of her	second husband; by resignation Isabella in his favour, 31st March 1371.	18 Murdoch, his son, second duke of Albany. Succeeded 1420.	Behanged 1428. On forfeiture earldom annexed to Crown.
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IV. Earldom of Fife in Peerage of Ireland.

LINE OF DUFF OF BRACO.

1 William Duff, Lord Braco, of Kilbride, son of William Duff of Dippie, co. Elgin. Created, as representative	of ancient earls, earl of Fife, and Viscount Macduff, in Irish Peerage, 26th April 1759.	2 James, son of first earl, succeeded 1769. Died, without issue, 1809.	3 Alexander, second earl's brother, born 1751, died 1811.
4 James, third earl's son, born 1778. A general in Spanish army, K.T., G.C.H. Died, without issue, 1837.	5 James, his nephew, son of Gen. Hon. Sir Alex. Duff. Born 1814. Created Baron Skene (United Kingdom) 1867.	 <p>The ancestor of family of Braco, David Duff, received from Robert III., in 1401, a grant of barony of Muldavit, Banffshire. In what line descended from Macduff genealogists cannot ascertain.</p>	

Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library

Moultrie-Colquitt County Library System
204 5th St. SE, Moultrie, GA 31768
(229) 985-6540

mccls.org/about-library-2/branches/genealogy

25,200 books

1,500 reels of microfilm



An American Automobile Association-approved attraction that draws thousands of visitors to Moultrie each year, the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library was established in 1989, thanks to a bequest from its namesake, a local author, library trustee and avid genealogist. With tartan banners and numerous artifacts of Scotland's heraldry on display, along with rare books including Gaelic Bibles, *Highland Papers* and an original edition of *Scots Peerage*, the Odom Library might easily be mistaken for an American outpost of the National Museums of Scotland. It boasts an impressive print collection, with particular research strengths in Scottish Highlanders, Lowlanders and Scots-Irish genealogical resources. Numerous Scottish clans have, in fact, designated the Odom Library as the official depository of their genealogical archives, with information on more than 130 Scottish clans and related groups available.

The Emmett Lucas Collection at the Odom Library provides essential information covering migration trails into the Eastern Seaboard of the United States as well as migration routes west. The library is one of Georgia's primary participants in the Veterans History Project — an initiative of the Library of Congress that collects, preserves and makes accessible the personal accounts of America's wartime soldiers so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war. In addition to a piece of shrapnel that came from the beach at Normandy, the Odom Library's World War II displays include uniforms, helmets and an original 3-by-4-foot charcoal drawing by Howard Chandler Christie, designer of the famous "Uncle Sam Wants You" posters of that era.



Genealogical & Historical Room and Middle Georgia Archives

Middle Georgia Regional Library
1180 Washington Ave., Macon, GA 31201
(478) 744-0821

bibblib.org/genealogy-archives

37,000 books

15,500 reels of microfilm

1,650 linear feet of archival collections

More than two dozen authors who used the Genealogical & Historical Room and the Middle Georgia Archives for research have had their books published in recent years! Residing in the stately Washington Memorial Library, the separate but complementary holdings contain some of the largest and most comprehensive collections of their type in the South. Together, they showcase a broad array of research material, including extensive records on the 13 colonies, precolonial and colonial history and the Revolutionary War, as well as records of area civic organizations, churches, businesses and families.

A number of small exhibit spaces feature rotating displays of photographs and memorabilia about people and events in middle Georgia history. Numerous portraits are on permanent display, as is an original 1851 oil painting by M.A. Andrieu that features the oldest known depiction of Macon. Although an original 1747 copy of William Stith's *History of the First Discovery and Settlement of Virginia* and a two-volume set of hand-colored botanical prints from London from the 1760s are among the facility's oldest and most valuable items, many visitors come to see the records and advertising ephemera related to the historic and recently renovated Douglass Theatre, where legendary blues singers Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith and Ida Cox performed.

Students of architecture also find plenty to appreciate, because the Middle Georgia Archives serves as a depository for 9,200 drawings covering more than 700 projects designed by Ellamae Ellis League, a pioneering architect who began her career in 1924, when fewer than 2 percent of American architects were women.

MARGARET MITCHELL

Atlanta, Georgia

January 21, 1937

Dear Mrs. Heule:

Thank you for your letter. I was happy to know that the members of the sixth grade history classes were going to include me in their "Noted Georgians" section. I wish you would please thank them for me for this honor.

In accordance with your request for information about me, I am enclosing a pamphlet published by The Macmillan Company. It contains pictures and biographical matter which I hope will be of assistance to you and your classes in your work.

Cordially,

Margaret Mitchell

Margaret Mitchell
(Mrs. John R. Marsh)





Ladson Genealogical Library

Ochopee Regional Library System
125 Church St., Vidalia, GA 30474
(912) 537-8186

ohoopeelibrary.org/locations/ladson-genealogical-library

35,000 books

5,000 reels of microfilm

Tucked away in the back of a glass-fronted mixed-use building in Vidalia's historic district, the Ladson Genealogical Library is the only public library in Georgia exclusively dedicated to history and genealogy. With more than 35,000 books — some more than 400 years old — it is one of the largest such facilities in the United States. Although it specializes in historical papers and genealogy materials from Georgia, Kentucky, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Virginia and other mid-Atlantic and New England states, its collection includes at least one book with significant genealogical information from every state.

The collection originated in the 1940s, when tobacco warehouseman John E. "Jack" Ladson began building a personal genealogical library. After retiring to Vidalia in the 1960s, he continued to build resources until they outgrew his home. In 1980, he made the materials available to the public through the establishment of The John E. Ladson, Jr. Historical and Genealogical Foundation. Staff of the Vidalia-Toombs County Library cataloged the collection and operated the facility. When Ladson passed away in 1999, his collection was transferred to the Ochopee Regional Library System. Its current holdings include significant family manuscript collections, the Kitty Ware Wade Collection of historic photographs, primary school records of local counties and other resources including family scrapbooks and realia such as tools and ticket stubs.

The Ladson draws more than 6,000 annual visitors, about half of them from outside Georgia — coming from as far away as Europe, the United Kingdom and numerous Latin American countries. Its popularity among residents resulted in its own episode of the popular Georgia Public Broadcasting television show "Georgia Traveler."

Athens-Clarke County Library

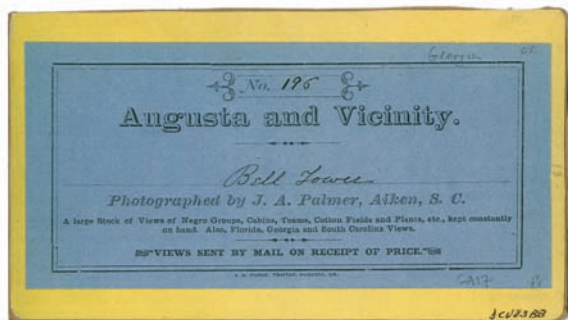
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athenslibrary.org/athens/departments/heritage

Among the most proactive collectors of Georgia community archives, the Heritage Room houses 1,500 linear feet of archival collections (searchable online at archives.athenslibrary.org) within two climate-controlled vaults. In addition to 10,000 reference books and 4,000 reels of microfilm, it also offers a variety of local militia and military records, including 36 original Civil War *cartes de visite*, small photographic prints on 2-1/2-by-4-inch calling cards that were popular in the mid-19th century, from the 4th Georgia Volunteer Infantry and a collection of 84 oral history interviews with local World War II veterans. Sixteen glass plate negatives of a local African American family wearing their Sunday best give visitors a glimpse into life in the early 20th century, while a collection of vintage children's clothes — made in a local textile mill — reflects residents' later sartorial preferences. For the researcher and genealogist, the Heritage Room boasts more than 1,000 historical and

modern Georgia maps, as well as access to local, regional, national and international print and online genealogy records, all with the guidance of a staff of experienced genealogy librarians. A strong schedule of exhibits and a robust calendar of programming helped earn the Heritage Room a recommendation in *Creating a Local History Archive at Your Public Library* by American Library Association author Faye Phillips.





Augusta-Richmond County Library

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(706) 821-2600

arcpls.org

Although the Augusta Public Library was established in 1848 by the Young Men's Library Association, noted Georgia writer Berry Fleming believes its history dates back to March 1750, when 166 volumes were shipped here across the Atlantic aboard the English ship *The Charming Nancy*. Its Georgia Heritage Room welcomes patrons to the library's fascinating and deeply multicultural collection, which includes the award-winning Augusta Chinese-American Oral History collection. With help from the Georgia Humanities Council, members of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association collected 26 oral histories and photographs focusing on senior members of Augusta's Chinese-American community. Interviewees recounted their experiences in Augusta during the 1950s, including school, civic and business life, and their reflections on the 1970 Augusta riot, which damaged many Chinese-owned establishments. In addition to being a resource for Chinese-American life in Augusta, the library has a tremendous collection of African American genealogical records, including the only index to records of the historic Elliott Sons Funeral Home, a personal name index to the *Augusta Chronicle* compiled by author Alice Walker, and the Eula M. Ramsey Johnson Memorial Funeral Program Collection, which contains more than 3,000 physical and digitized programs, including those of many individuals involved in the civil rights struggle.



Brunswick-Glynn County Library

208 Gloucester St.

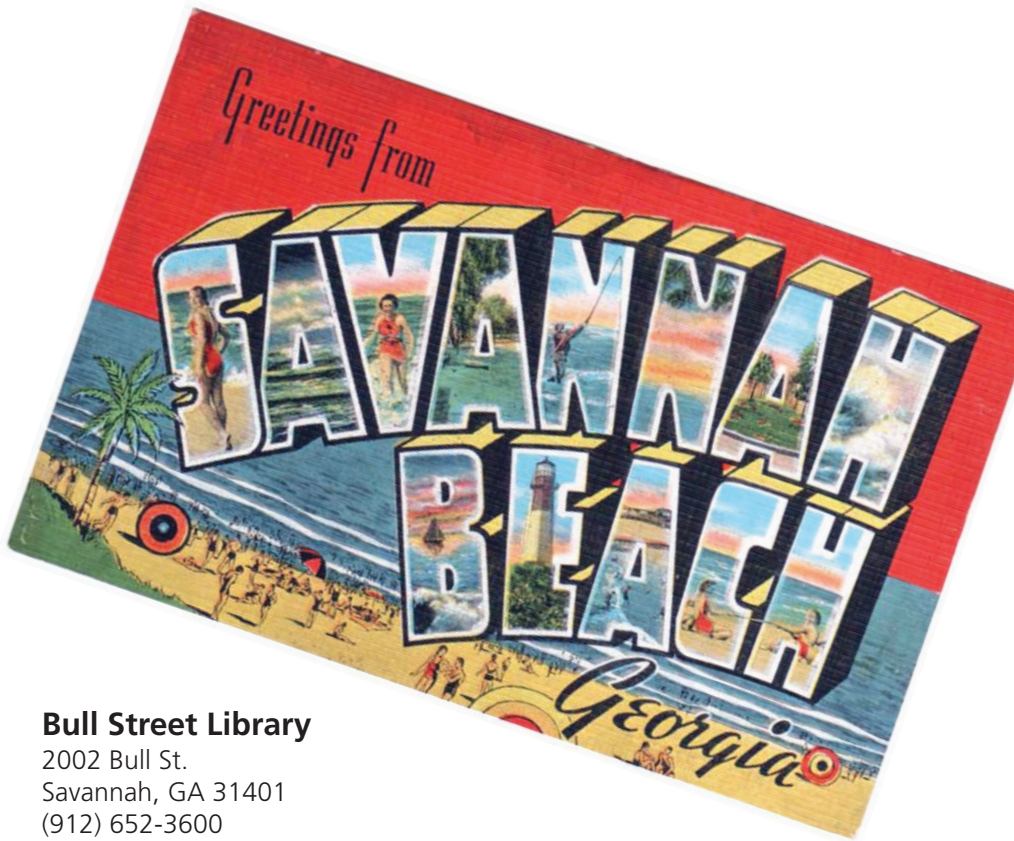
Brunswick, GA 31520

(912) 279-3740

moglibraries.org/heritage-room

Located near the mainland gateway to Georgia's Golden Isles, the Heritage Room Genealogy Collection at the Brunswick-Glynn County Library is home to a fascinating collection of primary source material on the local shipbuilding industry during World War II. Original photographs and records from the J.A. Jones Construction Company document the life cycles of the Liberty and Knot ships, small cargo vessels built for the U.S. Maritime Commission. Among the most popular of these are pictures depicting Christmas Day 1944, when the shipyard workers volunteered to work through the holiday and donate their time-and-a-half pay as a gift to the nation. Most remarkable of all items in the library's collection is a massive leather-bound Catholic Liturgy choral book from 1580. The "book," roughly 2 feet wide by 4 feet high, is actually one of the earliest examples of hand-lettered manuscripts bound together to form a "codex." Spanish in origin and likely lettered by a monk, it was later moved to an English monastery, where it remained until the reign of King Henry VIII. When he dissolved the Catholic Church there, the codex fell into a private collection, changing hands several times until 1975, when it was donated to the library by James L. Robeson of the architectural firm Abreu & Robeson.





Bull Street Library

2002 Bull St.
Savannah, GA 31401
(912) 652-3600

liveoakpl.org/branch/bull-street

Located in the neoclassical Bull Street Library, one of the most striking features of the Kaye Kole Genealogy and Local History Room is its original two-story, gloss-black wrought iron stacks. Impressive in detail and scale, these shelves hold the library's rare books, archival collections and original newspapers behind a wall of glass that provides them with both security and environmental control. Among the books and vertical files in the History Room are numerous unique treasures, including the personal scrapbooks of former Mayor Thomas Gamble, who served multiple terms in office throughout the 1930s and 1940s. The library also houses an extensive collection of *Sou'easter* magazines, published for employees of the Southeastern Shipbuilding Corporation during World War II, and *The Right Way*, published by the Central of Georgia Railway from 1913 through 1963. These employers were central to the industrialization and expansion of Savannah. The library also features the Gamble Collection of maps, manuscripts and pictures pertaining to the history of Georgia's oldest city. Together with the nearby Georgia Historical Society and City of Savannah Library and Municipal Archives, the Bull Street Library forms a triumvirate of research facilities that are certain to satisfy even the most curious of visitors.

Charles D. Switzer Public Library

266 Roswell St.

Marietta, GA 30060

(770) 528-2320

cobbcat.org/research/local-history

Housing one of the largest genealogical collections in north Georgia, Cobb County Public Library System's Georgia Room, located in the Switzer Library, features more than 15,000 genealogical and historical reference resources. Most of the materials in the collection are in book form, although other formats, such as photographs, atlases and maps, bound periodicals, newspapers and microform, are included. Among the highlights of the collection are the original aperture cards and descriptions of the Cobb County photos that were digitized and included in the Georgia Department of Archives and History's Vanishing Georgia Collection. Located within walking distance of several other historical attractions, including the Gone with the Wind Museum, the Marietta Museum of History and the Marietta National Cemetery, the Georgia Room's collection was founded in 1970 through the bequest of Virginia Vanstone Crosby, the first woman to run for mayor of Marietta. In 2007, the room was greatly expanded. Knowledgeable staff members offer every-first-Wednesday programs on genealogy and history-related resources and topics. Their efforts helped earn the library a 2016 Outstanding Contribution to the Field of Genealogy Award from the Georgia Genealogical Society.





Mary Willis Library

204 E. Liberty St.
Washington, GA 30673
(706) 678-7736

btrl.net

To step inside the Mary Willis Library is to step back in time. Voted one of Georgia's 10 Most Beautiful Libraries in 2017, it was founded in 1888 by Dr. Francis T. Willis in memory of his daughter and as a gift to the people of his hometown. Architect Edmund Lind of Atlanta designed the Queen Anne-style building, which features decorative brickwork, a steeply gabled roof and a dome-capped tower. Its interior features numerous stained glass windows, including one memorializing the library's namesake that was crafted by Tiffany Studios. Many original furnishings are still in use at the library, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition to a solid collection of current genealogical research materials and nearly 150 individual and family histories, the library contains valuable collections of rare books on state and Wilkes County history. Its signature item, however, is a venerable iron trunk with a curious false lock and hidden keyhole designed to accept only a single custom key nearly a foot in length. Historians believe the chest may have once contained part of the infamous missing gold of the Confederate Treasury. Although the location of its former contents remains a hotly debated subject, the trunk — rated among the country's top "offbeat tourist attractions" by the popular *Roadside America* travel guides — can still be scrutinized by the library's original entrance.



Additional resources

Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System Central Library

One Margaret Mitchell Square
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 730-1700
afpls.org/central-library

Among its extensive family history collections, the Central Library holds the most complete collection anywhere of Atlanta City Directories. Because these massive tomes frequently contain unexpected details, such as marital status and occupational information, this collection makes an excellent stop for both budding and seasoned genealogists.

Catoosa County Library

108 Catoosa Circle
Ringgold, GA 30736
(706) 965-3600

catoosacountylibrary.org

If your family trails lead to the Georgia-Tennessee border, you won't want to miss the charming Mildred E. Ward Special Collections Room at the Catoosa County Library. Researchers will find works by local authors, maps, obituary cards and a strong collection of genealogical resources on the Cherokee Nation.

Chattooga County Library

360 Farrar Dr.
Summerville, GA 30747
(706) 857-2553

chattoogacountylibrary.org

The Chattooga County Library maintains microfilm records of local newspapers and many historical records of the nearby Mount Vernon Mill, the largest denim manufacturer in America. It also partners with the local historical society to collect and house historical photographs, documents and memorabilia from area residents.

Chickamauga Public Library

306 Cove Rd.
Chickamauga, GA 30707
(706) 375-3004

chrl.org/chickamauga-public-library/heritage-room

The Chickamauga Public Library is located in an area rich in local, state and American history. Not only can researchers visit the Heritage Room for ancestral research, they can visit a number of nearby historic sites, including the district courthouse of the Cherokee General Council (1820-21), the African American District Hill Cemetery and Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park, site of both the famous Civil War battlefield and the U.S. Army training facility, Camp George H. Thomas (1898).

Clarkesville-Habersham County Library

178 E. Green St.
Clarkesville, GA 30523
(706) 754-4413

clarkesvillelibrary.org

The Clarkesville-Habersham County Library has three separate rooms for history buffs to enjoy: the Genealogy Heritage Room for federal, state, county and family records; the Habersham Room, dedicated to Habersham County history; and a computing and microfilm room for research. The collections include vital and census records, funeral and military service records, and scrapbooks from Clarkesville's popular Mountain Laurel Festival and the Old Clarkesville Mill, the former textile facility that once employed many residents.

Columbus Public Library

3000 Macon Rd.
Columbus, GA 31906
(706) 243-2681

cvlga.org/columbus-public-library

The Columbus Public Library's Genealogy Room houses an extensive collection of family history research materials. Among

the reels of microfilm and modern computing equipment, visitors can find works of art by local artists, photographs of early Columbus from the 19th and 20th centuries, and early

maps of Muscogee County. Curious minds might be especially drawn to the 1957 letter to a local patron signed by Winston Churchill and a copy of the final revision of Thomas C. Ryan's 1967 screenplay of Columbus native Carson McCuller's novel *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*.

Commerce Public Library

1344 S. Broad St.
Commerce, GA 30529
(706) 335-5946

commerce.prlib.org

Boxes of local photographs and volumes of family histories are among the genealogical research sources available at the Commerce Public Library. Researchers will find works by local authors, a microfilm machine and reels of microfilm, as well as cemetery records. Visitors can also find information on the Commerce Harmony Grove Mill and former Georgia Gov. Lamartine Griffin Hardman and his family.



Dade County Public Library

102 Court St.
Trenton, GA 30752
(706) 657-7857

chrl.org/dade-county-public-library

Visitors to the Dade County Public Library will find genealogy collections covering northwest Georgia and nearby Alabama counties, as well as significant holdings pertaining to the local coal and railroad industries. Also available are an every-name guide and map with details about individuals buried in each of the local cemeteries.

Dalton-Whitfield County Library

310 Capps St.
Dalton, GA 30720
(706) 876-1360

ngri.org/dalton/genealogy-and-reference

With more than 80 percent of the tufted carpet in America produced within a 100-mile radius, Dalton is known as the "Carpet Capital of the World," and the Dalton-Whitfield County Library's genealogy collections provide the evidence. Along with the history of Dalton's cottage textile and chenille industries, the library is home to many illuminating scrapbooks and photo albums, as well as information about the Cherokee Nation and the Trail of Tears.

Decatur County- Gilbert H. Gragg Library

301 S. Monroe St.
Bainbridge, GA 39819
(229) 248-2665

swgrl.org

The Genealogy Room of the Decatur County-Gilbert H. Gragg Library houses a collection of genealogy and local history resources including family histories, newspaper microfilm and numerous local cemetery surveys. The collection focuses on southwest Georgia but has information from across the state, as well as from Alabama and Florida.

Dougherty County Public Library

300 Pine Ave.
Albany, GA 31701
(229) 420-3200

docolib.org

The collection at the central library's genealogy department focuses on Dougherty and other counties in the surrounding area. States such as Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina are also strongly represented. In addition to censuses, it contains city directories, county histories, family histories, obituaries, cemetery records, Daughters of the American Revolution records, military records, death registers and local newspapers on microfilm (1845 to the present). A digitized collection of aerial photographs of Albany, mostly taken in 1959, provides a fascinating glimpse back in time, documenting the area's growth as well as the effects of a major flood that threatened homes and farmland that year.

Douglas-Coffee County Public Library

200 S. Madison Ave., Suite D
Douglas, GA 31533
(912) 384-4667

srlsys.org/Genealogy.html

The Genealogy Department of the Douglas-Coffee County Library has a large collection of local history and genealogy materials relating to early Coffee County. Area newspapers are available on microfilm, and the library keeps an obituary clippings file with death and funeral notices.

Elbert County Public Library

345 Heard St.
Elberton, GA 30635
(706) 283-5375

elbertlibrary.org

An extensive collection of family history materials, plus reference books on local history, is available for those seeking information about ancestors and the history of northeast Georgia. Copies of local newspapers, including *The Elberton Star* dating back to the late 19th century, are available on microfilm as well as in bound editions. The library also offers occasional genealogy classes.

Forsyth County Public Library

585 Dahlonega St.
Cumming, GA 30040
(770) 781-9840

forsythpl.org

The Forsyth County Local History Collection contains materials on the history, description and development of Forsyth County. Some background histories of surrounding counties (Cherokee, Dawson, Hall, Fulton, Lumpkin, Gwinnett and the former county of Milton) are included, particularly those covering the localities, events and lives of early settlers related to the region's initial development. Archives of the local newspaper *The Forsyth County News* from 1917 forward are available on microfilm. Physical copies are available for the current calendar year. The library also offers occasional genealogy classes.

Gainesville Library

127 Main St. NW
Gainesville, GA 30501
(770) 532-3311

hallcountylibrary.org

The Hall County Library takes prides in its genealogy and local history collection. While the focus is on Georgia genealogy records, it has grown in recent years to include records of eastern migration paths. Unique holdings include the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Gainesville that are not included in the Digital Library of Georgia; North Georgia United States Geological Survey Quadrant Maps; Creek and Cherokee Nation research materials; and two historical photograph collections: the Hall County Historical Photograph Collection and the Hall County Black History Society Photograph Collection.

Gilmer County Library

268 Calvin Jackson Dr.
Ellijay, GA 30540
(706) 635-3528

sequoyahregionallibrary.org/gilmer

The Gilmer County Library's Research Center holds more than 2,400 items, ranging from local yearbooks to books on Georgia history and research materials from states across the Southeast. A substantial collection of Cherokee history and genealogy books is also available.

LaFayette-Walker County Public Library

305 S. Duke St.
LaFayette, GA 30728
(706) 638-2992

chrl.org/lafayette-walker-county-public-library

The Shaw History Room at the LaFayette-Walker County Public Library offers patrons many tools to aid in their genealogy research. Of particular note is the Doris Hetzler History Collection, which provides detailed information on local historical events. Dedicated volunteers offer their time and knowledge to help those in need of genealogical assistance find the information they need in a comfortable, friendly environment.

GEORGIA
AND
ALABAMA
H.S. TANNER.

1836.

American Miles.

Geographical Miles.

Laurens County Library

801 Bellevue Ave.
Dublin, GA 31040
(478) 272-5710
ocrl.org

The soaring arched windows and stately mahogany shelves of the Dublin-Laurens Heritage Center provide an ideal location for studious research. Gilt surnames of local Heritage Center supporters line the crown molding, a further reminder of those who came before. In addition to its impressive print collection, the Heritage Center also holds hard-to-find resources on former area schools and teachers, helping make this collection as interesting as it is beautiful.

Lincoln County Library

181 N. Peachtree St.
Lincolnton, GA 30817
(706) 359-4014
gchrl.org/branches/lincoln-county-library

Though modestly sized, the John Cullars Genealogy Room at the Lincoln County Library is packed with local history. Among the many binders and scrapbooks from area families and civic organizations are original photo albums containing meticulously labeled and identified *cartes de visite*, tintypes and cabinet cards. The collection here is as eclectic as it is evocative of its small-town roots.

Long County Public Library

270 S. Main St.
Ludowici, GA 31316
(912) 545-2521
threeiverslibraries.org

Located in the tiny town of Ludowici (pronounced "LOO duh WEE see"), the public library is full of unexpected surprises. Large, glass-front display cases run the length of one wall, displaying artifacts and relics from the Ludowici-Celadon Roofing Tile Company, which operated its "Dixie" ceramic tile plant along the bank of Jones Creek during the early 20th century. Company advertisements, as well as bits of tile and brick, are on display as testaments to the community's roots in Georgia clay.

Louisville Public Library

306 E. Broad St.
Louisville, GA 30434
(478) 625-7079
jefferson.public.lib.ga.us

Located in Georgia's first state capital (1796-1806), the Louisville Public Library's Genealogy Room is home to a vast selection of family, state and local records. Especially impressive are the materials relating to places and events in Jefferson County. Subjects include the Yazoo land fraud, a massive real-estate scam perpetrated in the mid-1790s by then Gov. George Mathews and the Georgia General Assembly, and sites — many of which can still be visited — such as the Old Market House (1758), the town's oldest standing structure; Queensborough Township; Revolutionary War Cemetery; and Old Town Plantation. Local newspapers are also available on microfilm.

Nancy Guinn Memorial Library

864 Green St. SW
Conyers, GA 30012
(770) 388-5040
conyersrockdalelibrary.org

The Law Library and Genealogy Room at Nancy Guinn houses an extensive collection of materials related to family and local history, including family trees, Bible pages, surname lists and high school yearbooks. Among the library's microfilm holdings are Georgia County Population Schedules from 1820-1920, the Georgia 1880 Census Soundex, Colonial Records of Georgia (1732-1805) and local newspapers from 1878-2007. Patrons may also access an extensive, up-to-date collection of legal books, including the Annotated Official Code of Georgia (Vols. 1-41) and Georgia Court of Appeals records (1907-2014). Free access to the Westlaw Database connects visitors to numerous case law and legal forms, public records, law journals and reviews.

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Original on view at Auburn Avenue Research Library
on African American Culture and History

Neva Lomason Memorial Library

710 Rome St.

Carrollton, GA 30117

(770) 836-6711

wgri.net/locations/neva-lomason-memorial-library

In partnership with the Carroll County Genealogical Society, the Neva Lomason Memorial Library has expanded its print collection to include extensive family history files, along with genealogical and historical books related to eastern and southern migration trails.

Newton County Library

7116 Floyd St.

Covington, GA 30014

(770) 787-3231

newtonlibrary.org

The Newton County Library's Heritage Room houses various sources of Georgia historical and genealogical information concentrating on Newton County and the surrounding areas. These materials include census records; local newspapers; the Georgia Death Index; county histories, including cemetery records; and the multi-volume set *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies*.

Nola Brantley Memorial Library

721 Watson Blvd.

Warner Robins, GA 31093

(478) 923-0128

houpl.org

The History Room at the Nola Brantley Memorial Library is a repository for documents relating to the local impact of Robins Air Force Base, the single largest industrial complex in Georgia and home of the 43-acre Museum of Aviation. These documents include environmental assessments, joint land use studies and hazardous waste action plans for Houston and surrounding counties. Among its many other resources, the library houses the Warner Robins Oral History Project, a multi-year collection of recorded-and-archived oral history interviews with nearly 100 local residents documenting the city's heritage. This project earned the library a 2017 Award of Excellence from the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council.

Oconee County Library

1080 Experiment Station Rd.
Watkinsville, GA 30677
(706) 769-3950

athenslibrary.org/oconee/local-history/ivy-room

The Ivy Room of the Oconee County Library houses a small but impressive selection of genealogical resources, including records of the Georgia and South Carolina censuses, Civil War and Volunteer Union; Georgia Slave Schedules; and *The Oconee County Enterprise* (1887-1916 and 1925-2005). It also offers a modern and welcoming series of genealogy and local history programming throughout the year, highlighted by its annual "Searching After Sunset" event, an excellent primer for beginning genealogy researchers.

Perry Public Library

1201 Washington St.
Perry, GA 31069
(478) 987-3050

houpl.org

The Perry Public Library's Judith A. Golden Local History Room is conveniently located near the Perry Area Historical Society Museum, and the two facilities contain numerous family histories and photos. The library's unique research materials include resources on Perry native Gen. Courtney Hicks Hodges, who served in the Army during both world wars, most notably as commander for the U.S. First Army's Western Europe Campaign during World War II.

Pickens County Library

100 Library Lane
Jasper, GA 30143
(706) 692-5411

sequoyahregionallibrary.org/pickens

The genealogy collection of the Pickens County Library reflects both the history of the county and of local families. A variety of records can be found on microfilm, including census, court, marriage, deed, Homestead, military service records and newspapers.

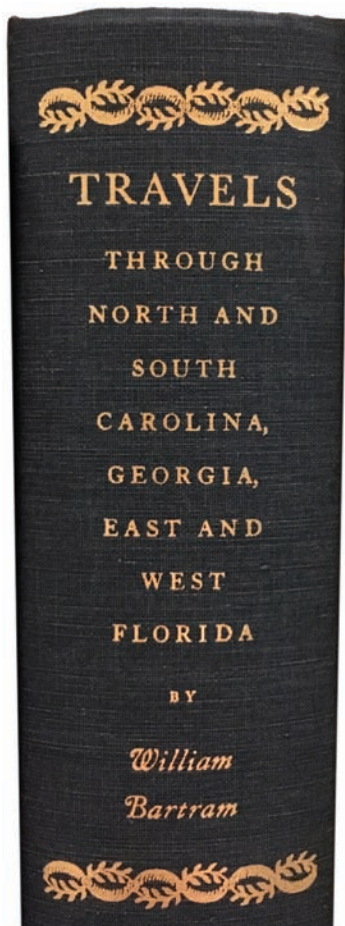
Rabun County Public Library

73 Jo Dotson Circle
Clayton, GA 30525
(706) 782-3731

rabuncountylibrary.org/genealogy

This library's holdings include exciting and unusual collections from the local Women's Club and the Rabun Literary Society, along with scrapbooks from the Rabun County

Maternity Hospital. Its assortment of early Georgia newspapers goes back to the 1800s and includes all surviving issues — from 1899 to the present — of *The Clayton Tribune*. The library also keeps archives of the respective publications of two Rabun County institutions: author, social critic and publisher Lillian Smith (*Strange Fruit*) and the famed *Foxfire Magazine*. Together with the Rabun County Historical Society's museum and research library and the Foxfire Museum & Heritage Center, the Rabun County Public Library is a must-see for those with an interest in Appalachian history and culture.



Roddenberry Memorial Library

320 N. Broad St.
Cairo, GA 39828
(229) 377-3632
rmlibrary.org

The pecan-paneled Trustees Room houses the library's local history collection and genealogy services. Featured are reels of local newspaper and church records, photographic files of Cairo and Grady County, family and local history files and yearbooks. Among the most popular holdings are the library's extensive materials on the history of the W.B. Roddenberry family, whose patriarch founded the company that became regionally famous for its syrups, pickles and peanut butter and for whom the library itself is named. On Wednesday afternoons, local genealogists provide volunteer assistance to visitors.

Rome-Floyd County Public Library

205 Riverside Pkwy.
Rome, GA 30161
(706) 236-4600

rome.shrlns.org/genealogy-local-history

The Rome-Floyd County Library Heritage Room is an excellent source for local and Georgia history, as well as for genealogical research. The collection's strengths include information on the Civil War, Cherokee Nation and Southern history. Materials available to the public include books, original manuscripts, microfilm and other specialized files and items.

R.T. Jones Memorial Library

116 Brown Industrial Pkwy.
Canton, GA 30114
(770) 479-3090

sequoyahregionallibrary.org/r-t-jones

The Georgia Room at the R.T. Jones Memorial Library contains holdings of local Cherokee County newspapers on microfilm dating back to 1880. The library also has local high school yearbooks dating back to 1953.

Screven County Library

106 S. Community Dr.
Sylvania, GA 30467
(912) 564-7526
sjrlns.weebly.com

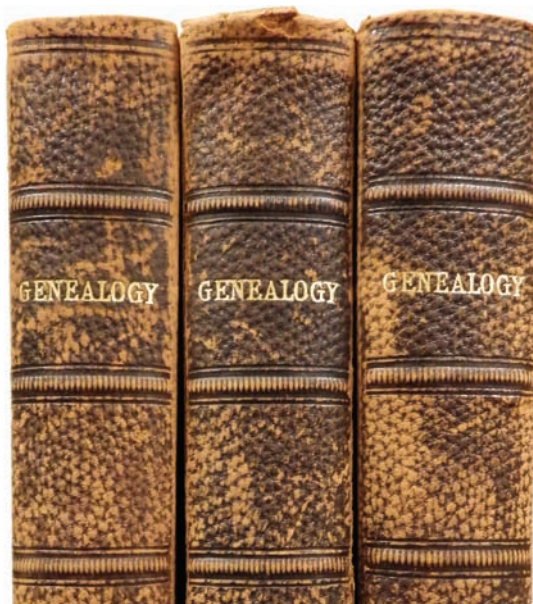
The C. Dixon Hollingsworth, Jr. Genealogy/Georgia Room at the Screven County Library is home to a variety of local history resources. Of particular note is the Hollingsworth Card Collection, composed of note cards used by local historian Dixon Hollingsworth in his research to write *The History of Screven County, Georgia*. Digitized and available in searchable form on CD at the library, the card collection is organized by family, making it an indispensable resource for local genealogists.

Statesboro-Bulloch County Public Library

124 S. Main St.
Statesboro, GA 30458
(912) 764-1340

strlns.info/genealogy

The Statesboro Regional Library has a large genealogy collection of approximately 8,000 books; magazines; bound periodicals; and family, county and church histories to search. Its microfilm collection contains local newspapers back to 1899, as well as military, census and court records. Additionally, family and local history files are available to the public.



Thomas County Public Library

201 N. Madison St.
Thomasville, GA 31792
(229) 225-5252

tcpls.org/reference/genealogy

The Thomas County Public Library, which hosts the monthly meetings of the South Georgia Genealogical Society, features a Heritage Room that houses a collection of genealogy and local history resources, including family histories, county histories with an emphasis on Thomas County, periodicals, high school yearbooks and city directories. The library's staff is especially proud of its initiative, in cooperation with the Jack Hadley Black History Museum and the Thomasville Genealogical History Library, to archive and index a collection of African American obituaries that provides individuals with thousands of vital connections in genealogical research.

Toccoa-Stephens County Library

53 W. Savannah St.
Toccoa, GA 30577
(706) 886-6082

toccoa-stephenslibrary.org

The Toccoa-Stephens County Library offers frequently hard-to-find local church and cemetery records, as well as the compiled histories of many local families.

Wayne County Library

759 Sunset Blvd.
Jesup, GA 31545
(912) 427-2500

threeiverslibraries.org

The diligent researcher will enjoy wading through the books, vertical files and newspapers held in the Wayne County Library's genealogy room. From surname books and cemetery records to locally produced textiles and periodicals, this small collection offers an abundance of regional resources.

White County Public Library

10 Colonial Dr.
Cleveland, GA 30528
(706) 865-5572

negeorgialibraries.org

The White County Public Library offers dozens of family history books and a large selection of local newspapers dating from the late 19th century to the present.

*For the most up-to-date listing
of online genealogy resources available
at Georgia's public libraries
and affiliated organizations, please visit*
georgialibraries.org/genealogy



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