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## Third Annual Meeting: The Journey of Our Nation's Birth Certificate

By Bonnie Dubberly, Events Committee Chair

The Friends of the Georgia Archives held its third Annual Meeting on June 2, 2007 at the Georgia Archives. Thirty-seven members and several guests gathered for a business meeting and program.

Following the excitement earlier this year generated by the rediscovery of Georgia's official copy of the Declaration of Independence, the program by Archives Director David Carmicheal focused on "The Journey of Georgia's Copy of The Declaration of Independence, 1777-2007."

David's spell-binding narrative led us through the adventures of The Declaration as a document and its official state copies. His presentation, packed with informative facts and details, was interspersed with witty and humorous anecdotes. We discovered how amazing it is that both the original document and Georgia's official copy survived numerous wars and the often careless manner in which they were displayed, handled, stored, and "preserved." His presentation is worth hearing again.

Vice Chair Virginia Shadron kept us all in suspense and laughter as she drew names for a wide array of valuable and desirable door prizes. Seven lucky winners were recipients of out of print, autographed, or unique books. Tickets to a concert at Spivey Hall, a CD of Georgia maps 1747-1850, and a vintage Coke tray were also among the prizes. Two items—facsimiles of a pre-Revolutionary War Georgia map and of Georgia's official copy of the Declaration of Independence, were particularly relevant to the theme of the day. An opportunity to obtain framed copies of this map and the Declaration will be coming soon as these two items will be raffled at the members' preview night at our book sale this fall. All attendees whose names were not drawn received a vintage Coke advertising stand-up. Everyone walked away a winner!

Our sincere appreciation to the following who generously donated door prizes: The Coca-Cola Company, The Georgia Archives, The Georgia Humanities Council, Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., and Spivey Hall/Clayton State University.

As Chair of the Events Committee I would like to thank committee members, Linda Matthews, Sarah Rondeau, Virginia Shadron, and Anne Smith, for helping to make this event a success. Appreciation also goes to Dianne Cannestra and Margaret Ehrlich for staffing the registration table.



Mr. Higginbottam won the door prize "Oglethorpe's Dream: A Picture of Georgia"

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During the business meeting, Chair Gene Hatfield gave special recognition to several individuals who have taken extra steps in helping FOGA accomplish its many goals.

Sarah Rondeau was presented with a trophy as an outstanding board member for her leadership, initiative, and service in support of the Georgia Archives. A charter board member, Sarah has also volunteered for the Georgia Archives since 2004. She served as Events Chair for the first two Annual Meetings and has also been instrumental in our book sale, particularly in coordinating our relationship with the AAUW book sales.

Gene Jones received a framed certificate of appreciation along with a gas gift card. He joined the Friends at our last Annual Meeting and since then he has spent countless hours sorting books and providing other assistance for our book sales. In that spirit, he recently moved our books from the Archives and the present storage facility to our new Shippers Warehouse storage to await our fall book sale.

Jean Smith, a charter member, also received a framed certificate and gas gift card. From FOGA's founding, Jean has helped out with the membership drive, mailings, and other administrative matters. She continues to volunteer her time and expertise wherever and whenever needed.



Sarah Rondeau and Chair Gene Hatfield

Birgit Debeerst was recognized for her outstanding performance as our administrative coordinator. Birgit is a huge asset to our organization. Not only does she keep us organized and informed, but her diligence enables us to carry out our mission.

In addition, the Board thanks the following members for volunteering their time and energy toward FOGA's projects: Trina Ainsworth, Yvonne Carmicheal, Mary Coleen Crawford, Carol Hatfield, Edward Hatfield, Rosemary Hynes, Gene Jones, Judith Lambert, Nancy Morris, Nel Rocklein, Jean Smith, and George Wainscott, II.



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## Mystery Manuscripts and Disappearing Ink

By Sue Verhoef

The simple act of putting pen to paper will never be the same for fifteen lucky children who participated in the *Mystery Manuscripts and Disappearing Ink* workshop held at the Georgia Archives on June 9. Accompanied by curious parents and guardians, the children were treated to an icebreaker activity and an opportunity to identify the signatures of a number of famous people including Button Gwinnett and Jimmy Carter. A brief tour of the archives was followed by a close encounter with a number of unique documents carefully chosen from the Archives holdings for their “wow” factor. Workshop participants marveled at such treasures as a district map of Wayne County dating from 1805, complete with a lifelike portrait of an alligator, and teacher Thomas Perry’s handwritten copybook from 1793!

Fresh from their visit with “the real thing,” the children proceeded to the Conservation Lab in groups of five where each group rotated through three different activity stations designed to provide hands-on experiences with document creation. Valerie Frey, Education Coordinator for the Georgia Archives, introduced the children to early American writing instruments such as quill pens, inkwells, and slates. Of special interest to the children was the “recipe” for their own hand-made ink—tea and iron tablets! At this activity center the children learned how easily inks can fade from exposure to light or moisture.

After the first activity station of the morning, all participants returned to Room 114 for snacks and drinks—always a welcome sight!

At the conclusion of the morning break, Christine Wiseman, the Preservation Services Manager at the Archives, demonstrated the art of papermaking to the children. Using pulp, water, and screens (with a little glitter thrown in for good measure!), the children each made two sheets of paper “from scratch.” It was hard to decide which part of the process fascinated them most—seeing the scattered bits of pulp coalesce into a real sheet of paper, or watching the old fashioned book press they used to squeeze out that last bit of water!



Experimenting with bookmaking techniques



Demonstrating the art of papermaking

Kara McClurken of SOLINET facilitated the final activity station of the day. The children watched as she demonstrated several bookmaking techniques—a non-adhesive pamphlet book, an accordion book, and a simple hand-bound book. With her encouragement, the children created their own books to take home. Seeing first hand the steps required in making the simplest of books, the children left this station with a greater appreciation for the value of books in early American life.

Tired, but happy, each child left the Archives with a better understanding of the processes that created historic documents, as well as their very own hand-made samples. It’s a safe bet that these children (and their parents and guardians) will look at papers, pens, and ink through new eyes!

## Welcome Friends

The Friends of the Georgia Archives welcomes the following members who joined or renewed their membership between February 1, 2007 and June 30, 2007.

### LEGACY

The University Financing  
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Margaret Ehrlich

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**INDIVIDUAL** (cont. from pg. 5)

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## Donations

The FOGA membership renewal form offers an opportunity for members to make an additional contributions to support specific programs or general support.

**FOGA thanks the following for their generosity:**

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Joann Warmack

**In Memory of Sarah O. Dunaway:**

Tommie P. LaCavera  
Jerry L. Hughes  
Richard Lux  
Barbara F. McPherson  
Louette Vaughn

## The 2007 Lunch & Learn Programs

The Friends of the Georgia Archives sponsors this free monthly series as a way to help the public learn more about Georgia's rich history. Guest speakers cover a variety of topics on the second Tuesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. Visitors are welcome to bring a lunch to eat during the program. Reservations are not necessary unless your group is over ten people. For more information, please contact Georgia Archives Public Services at 678-364-3730. Upcoming programs include:

### August 14

#### **Grave Intentions: Preserving Historic Cemeteries in Georgia**

*Christine Neal, Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources*

Learn how cemeteries in Georgia were saved from neglect and urban growth.

### September 11

#### **Protecting Memories: Caring for Family Scrapbooks and Photo Albums**

*Tina Mason Seetoo, The Georgia Archives*

Ms. Seetoo, Conservator at the Georgia Archives, will give practical guidance for those preserving family

### October 9

#### **Writing Our Lives: Diaries, Letters, and Memoirs**

*Valerie Frey, The Georgia Archives*

Ms. Frey will discuss historic personal narratives in terms of their informational and educational value. She will give tips those wishing to write for future generations.

### November 13

#### **The Great Locomotive Chase**

*Harper Harris, Southern Museum of Civil War and Locomotive History*

In 1862, Northern spies stole the locomotive known as "the General." Mr. Harris will share the riveting story of espionage, high speed chases, and even an execution or two.

### December 11

#### **Teacakes and Grits: Historic Georgia Foodways**

*Valerie Frey and Greg Jarrell, The Georgia Archives*

Changes in technology and transportation over time have vastly changed the way Georgians live. Come learn about Georgia's kitchens in days gone by.

## Save The Date

### October 25-27, 2007

The date for the Third Annual Book Sale has been changed from September 13-15, 2007 to October 25-27, 2007. We will have a members only sale on Thursday, October 25 and then the sale to the public on Friday and Saturday, October 26-27. We hope to see you there! For more information on the book sale and upcoming FOGA events, go to [www.fotga.org](http://www.fotga.org)

## Archives News

### **Ancestry.com**

FOGA generously provides Ancestry.com to the Archives for use in the Reference Room. This outstanding service is heavily used by our researchers. Recent additions to Ancestry.com have included U.S. Indian Census Schedules, 1885-1940, Library of Congress Photo Collection, 1840-2000, and military records. Special thanks to FOGA for this support of our work.

### **Touring Georgia**

In May 2007 the Georgia Archives launched "Touring Georgia" a new addition to its online Virtual Vault. As part of its mission to "create jobs, and therefore economic well-being through the promotion of Georgia as a business location or a tourist destination," the Georgia Department of Economic Development (formerly the Department of Industry, Trade, and Tourism) produced many high quality photographs and slides for use in publications, brochures, and multi-media presentations. Approximately 50,000 of these slides were transferred to the Georgia Archives for permanent preservation in 2005. Touring Georgia contains a representative sample of the slides now in the archives.

### **Teaching American History Grants**

The Archives continues to work with elementary and secondary school teachers in various grant projects. As part of our partnership, on June 20 we hosted 48 teachers for the Seeds of Democracy Grant and on July 10 and 12 we will host 30 more. We are excited about this unique opportunity to introduce educators to our resources.

### **Friends of Georgia Archives Expands Support**

Last fall, FOGA established a scholarship to the Georgia Archives Institute in memory of Sarah O. Dunaway, a founding member of the Friends and a nationally recognized leader in patriotic organizations. The scholarship will provide the tuition for one student to attend the annual Institute beginning in 2008.

The Friends also established a small stipend of \$100 for the student winners in each of the three GHRAB Awards for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records. GHRAB holds its annual awards ceremony in October.

### **Georgia Archives Institute**

The Georgia Archives Institute celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary during this year's Institute, June 11 – 22, 2007. Tim Ericson (former Director of Archival Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Information Studies) provided a comprehensive introduction to the concepts and practices of managing all formats of documentary materials in archival repositories during the first week. In the second week, Christine Wiseman, Georgia Archives Preservation Services Manager, provided basic training in preservation theory and techniques. The twenty students also participate in three day internships in area institutions.

### **Staff News**

**Valerie Frey**, Education Coordinator, signed on with the University of Georgia Press to write a nonfiction book entitled "Teacakes and Squirrel Mulligan: Preserving Family Recipes." The book will have a Southern focus and will give background information on home foodways/recipes, serve as a "how-to" guide for families wishing to preserve food traditions, and give recipe examples. Valerie will turn in the manuscript in the fall of 2008 and the finished book will come out around eighteen months later. The Georgia Humanities Council has agreed to help support and publicize the book when it is finished.

*Submit some of your family's food treasures for possible use in the book!* "Teacakes and Squirrel Mulligan" won't be a cookbook, but it will contain samples of Southern recipes with family stories and lore attached to them. Valerie is looking for recipes with a Southern connection. If you are interested in this project, and you wish to share your family recipes, please contact Valerie for more information at ValerieJFrey@aol.com.

**Laura Capell**, Descriptive Services Archivist, will be leaving the Georgia Archives July 20th. She has accepted the position of Digitization Librarian with the University of Southern Mississippi. We wish Laura the best of luck in her new endeavors.

## Archives News

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**Sandy Boling**, Senior Reference Archivist, retired effective May 31, 2007 after 34 years of outstanding service to the Archives and the research community. Sandy worked in a number of archival positions throughout her career and was particularly skillful with handwriting. We frequently called on her for handwriting workshops and including a July 10 Lunch and Learn program. We are excited for Sandy as she begins a new phase of her life but we will miss her at the Archives. Fortunately, she will work with us temporarily a few days each week while we search for new staff.

**Brian Wilson** rejoined the Reference Staff as Archivist II. Brian previously worked with us from September of 2005 to February of 2006 and we are delighted to have him back on staff. He holds a BS in History from Western Carolina University and an MA in Historic Administration/Public History from Florida State University. Brian's previous work experience includes the Florida State Archives and the Kingsport (Tennessee) Public Library and Archives

## FOGA Welcomes New Trustees

**Barbara Dayhuff** and **Chris Lancette** recently moved to another area, and both members can no longer actively participate as Trustees. The Board wishes to thank both Trustees for their valuable contribution to FOGA.

On June 2, 2007 FOGA welcomed two new Trustees:

**Dr. Timothy J. Crimmins** serves as Professor of History at Georgia State University and Director of the Center for Neighborhood and Metropolitan Studies. He has taught at Georgia State University since 1972 and served as Chair of the Department of History from 1990 until 1998, Director of the Master of Heritage Preservation Program from 1983 to 1998, and Associate Provost for Academic Programs from 1998 to 2001.

His research on Atlanta history has appeared in exhibits at the Atlanta History Center, in an eight-part series called "The Making of Modern Atlanta" on Atlanta Public Television (1991-3), in *The New Georgia Guide and Stadt Bauwelt* (1996) and *Urban Wildlife* (1998). He is Chair of the Commission on the Preservation of the Georgia Capitol and his recently published *Democracy Restored: A History of the Georgia State Capitol* (University of Georgia Press) made extensive use of the Georgia Archives, both real and digital.

He is directing an institute for teachers this summer, "The Problem of the Color Line: Atlanta Landmarks and Civil Rights History," funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. He is also directing the Atlanta Metropolitan Growth Project, which is funded by the Atlanta Regional Commission and is producing digital recordings of interviews with civic and political leaders who in the past half century have shaped the growth in the counties that constitute the Atlanta metropolitan region.

### **Dr. Margaret Ehrlich**

Dr. Margaret Ehrlich was recently appointed the Interim Dean of Mathematics Computer Science and Engineering at the Dunwoody Campus of Georgia Perimeter College. Since 2003 she served as the Department Chair for Math/CS/Eng at the Clarkston campus, where in 2005 her Department received the prestigious Teaching Excellence Award from the University System Board of Regents. As a firm non believer in the concept that "those who can't teach", Dr. Ehrlich had spent several years in industry first as a Systems Engineer for Lotus Development Corporation and then as a Consultant for AT&T before returning to academics in 2001.

Dr. Ehrlich, a native Georgian, has always been interested in Georgia History and particularly in combining her love of Education and History. She has served as a volunteer in the Archives at the Atlanta History Center and participated in previous Georgia Archive Appreciation Week activities. She is a member of the Georgia Perimeter College Speaker's Bureau and in this role she has presented talks to several Historical Organizations on various topics of interest from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century periodical "Godey's Ladies Book."

In 1999 she was able to secure a Historical Marker from the Georgia Historical Society for "Mrs. Beall's Mill" in Eatonton, Georgia. This was the first marker commemorating the achievements of a woman that had been awarded from the Georgia Historical Society Historical Marker Program. A booklet on the History of the Mill and Mrs. Beall's family was written by Dr. Ehrlich and is a part of the Archives collection. Much of the research that supported that application was obtained with the assistance of the Georgia Archives staff.

## *Volunteer with the Friends of the Georgia Archives*

**We need your help! We need volunteers to help sort books for the FOGA book sale. The books are in a clean, safe, warehouse in Jonesboro, and all the sorting will be done by groups of people working together. Help is needed on:**

***July:***

*Thursday 19 July*

*Tuesday 24 July*

*Tuesday 31 July*

***August:***

*Every Tuesday: 7, 14, 21 & 28 August*

*Every Thursday: 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 August*

**Work is from 9:15 to 3:00. Work as little or as much as you can. Carpooling from the Georgia Archives is available.**

**If you can volunteer, please call 678-364-3732 or email [georgiaarchivesfriends@hotmail.com](mailto:georgiaarchivesfriends@hotmail.com).**



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