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Annual Meeting Promises Fun for All

By Karen Clarke, Newsletter Volunteer

The Friends of the Georgia Archives Second Annual meeting, scheduled for June 29th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., promises to be an informative and fun evening. All members are encouraged to attend and to invite potential new members and guests.

“Early Bird” behind-the-scenes tours will be available for those new to the Archives. If you would like to take a tour, please plan to arrive at 4 p.m. and meet in the lobby.

The evening officially starts with a reception in the lobby of the Archives building from 5:00 – 6:00 pm -- time for socializing and greeting visitors. Following the reception, the FOGA business meeting will cover this year’s growth and progress toward the organization’s goals. Archives Director David Carmicheal will provide an informative report on activities at the Archives.

A special award, “Friend of the Friends,” will be presented during the meeting, honoring one member who has gone above and beyond as a supporter of the organization.

But the Annual Meeting is not *all* business. After the business portion of the meeting, the Friends will hold its first “Film Festival” (complete with popcorn and soft drinks), to view a series of short films from the early 1900’s. These fascinating short films include *The Teddy Bears*, *Negro League Baseball*, and *The Confederate Ironclad*.

Throughout the evening, there will be drawings for excellent door prizes donated by local businesses. Members will have the opportunity to earn extra door prize tickets by donating history or genealogy books for the annual book fair in November.

Please come out and support FOGA by attending the Annual Meeting on June 29th! And don’t forget to bring along some new “Friends” of the Friends. Memberships will be available at the door. Current members will receive an invitation by mail.

Volunteers are still needed to help with this event. Contact Birgit at GeorgiaArchivesFriends@hotmail.com or 678-374-3732.



What's New for the 2006 FOGA Book Sale

More time to shop

This year's book sale will be held the first weekend of November. The format remains more or less the same — a members only preview evening on Thursday, followed by two days open to the general public on Friday and Saturday. This year the book sale will be open an extra 3 hours on Friday, starting at 9 a.m. instead of at noon.

You will need that extra time...

... because this year the book sale committee aims for a wider selection of books: a total of at least 25,000 volumes. Also, the number of history and genealogical books will be more than double. However, if you want to get your hands on the best books, we strongly advise you to attend our members-only preview evening. If you are not yet a member, you can join for as little as \$20.00 as an individual or \$35.00 as a family or organization. This not only gives you a ticket to our members-only preview evening but also invitations to other events throughout the year. Your membership dues and contributions will support the various FOGA programs.

Come prepared to bid

This year there will also be a silent auction. Some unique and autographed books will be put up for auction at the opening event. This will give all members a chance to bid on the copy they really want. In our next newsletter we will introduce some of the books reserved for the auction.

The real key to success

This event would not be possible without the generous donations from our members. If you have any books you no longer need, especially history and genealogical books, please donate them to FOGA. The sales profit from the book sale will go towards programs such as Down Home Days, Lunch & Learn Series, and Saturday Afternoon at the Archives. In addition, the book sale committee still needs volunteers to help sorting books, starting in late June.

If you would like to volunteer, please call 678-364-3732 or write to georgiaarchivesfriends@hotmail.com



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Second Annual
FOGA Book Sale
November 2-4, 2006

News from the Archives

Georgia Archives Hosts Hurricane Conference

The Georgia Archives was the site of the Council of State Archivist's Hurricane Conference held April 18 – 22, 2006. With support from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, and the National Archives, CoSA brought together state archives staff from the nine states most often affected by hurricanes -- Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia -- to share recent experiences and prepare for the coming hurricane season.



Representatives from key federal and state agencies, professional associations, and preservation consortia also attended the conference, including the National Archives, Federal Emergency Management Association, Heritage Preservation, National Historical Publications and Records Commission; Institute of Museum and Library Services, Society of American Archivists, American Association for State and Local History, National Association of Government Archives Records Administrators, Association of Records Managers & Administrators, Northeast Document Conservation Center, Southeastern Library Network, and Amigos Library Services.

A major focus of the conference was the development of a toolkit for statewide emergency planning and response. With funding from the National Archives through a cooperative agreement with CoSA, Maria Holden and Christine Wiseman, preservation officers at the New York State Archives and Georgia Archives respectively, developed a draft of the toolkit. Participants at the conference helped refine the toolkit, which will be tested in the Gulf states and then disseminated to all state archives in the country.

Southeast Archives & Records Conference

Directors and staff members from southeastern archives meet annually to discuss issues of common concern and share developments and activities from their states. These annual meetings are known as the Southeast Archives and Records Conference or SARC. This year the conference was held at the Georgia Archives and our guests included archivists from Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Virginia. The conference began on Monday, May 21, with a wonderful reception and dinner courtesy of the Alfred Holt Colquitt Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Over the next two days, the 60 participants discussed Electronic Records, Emergency Management, Privacy and Security issues related to records, Digital Access, Training, Changing Audiences, Staffing for the 21st Century, and Records Center Management. Our guests received tours of the Georgia Archives and the National Archives. FOGA also provided support for this conference and helped us make it a very productive meeting.

2006 Georgia Archives Institute

The 39th Annual Georgia Archives Institute will be held at the Georgia Archives June 12—23. The two week course, designed for beginning archivists, manuscript curators, and librarians, offers general instruction in basic concepts and practices of archival administration and management of traditional and modern documentary materials.

Timothy L. Ericson, former Director of Archival Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Information Studies, will be the instructor for the first week. Topics will include acquisition, appraisal, arrangement, description, and reference as well as legal and administrative issues. The second week will begin with training on preservation by Christine Wiseman, Preservation Manager at the Georgia Archives. To link archival theory with real world application, students will also participate in individualized, three-day internships at metro archival institutions. The class of 2006 will have 25 students.

Down Home Days

Down Home Days at the Georgia Archives will be held on three Saturdays this summer at the Georgia Archives, located at 5800 Jonesboro Road in Morrow. These family-oriented educational events will let children try their hand at chores, games, and pastimes familiar to their grandparents and great-grandparents.

On June 10th, July 15th and August 12th, children ages 6 to 14 can visit the Georgia Archives to play historic games, listen to folk music, and hear storytelling. At “Artifact Stations” the children will examine antique relics, see historic photographs, and talk to craftspeople at work. Each participant will receive take-home sheets with historical information, game rules, and suggestions for further reading.

According to Georgia Archives Education Coordinator Valerie Frey, “kids today enjoy seeing how children of the past lived, worked, and played. When they play horseshoes or washers, or when they try their hand at churning ice cream, they experience the past in a way that is real to them. At the same time, we can help them investigate the cultural, social, and political

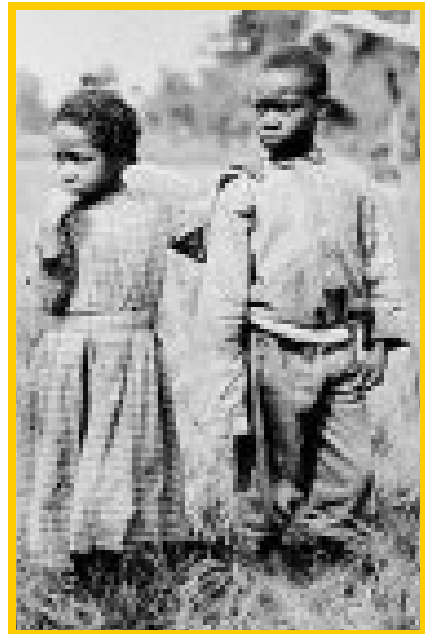
conditions that gave rise to these activities so they’re learning by having fun.”

Down Home Days at the Georgia Archives will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on each of the three Saturdays: June 10 (program topic: Play Time), July 15 (program topic: Community Time), and August 12 (program topic: Back-to-School Time.) Pre-registration is required and attendance is limited to 40 children per event. The cost is \$5 per child. Each registered child must be accompanied by a parent, grandparent, or other adult.

This project is supported by the Georgia Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities and through appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly with additional support from the Friends of the Georgia Archives, the Georgia Historical Records

Advisory Board, and the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation.

For more information about *Down Home Days at the Georgia Archives*, contact Valerie Frey at 678-364-3782 or vfrey@sos.state.ga.us.



Welcome Friends

The Friends of the Georgia Archives welcomes the following members who joined or renewed their membership between January 1 and May 31, 2006.

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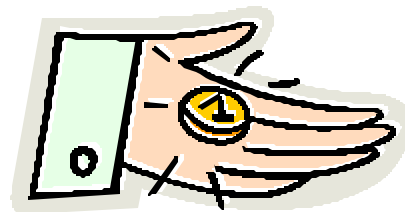
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The FOGA membership renewal form offers an opportunity for members to make an additional contributions to support specific programs or general support.

FOGA thanks the following for their generosity.

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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. For more information, please contact Georgia Archives Public Services at 678-364-3730. Upcoming programs include:

JUNE 13 - It Could Happen To You! How to Avoid Losing Your Family Records in a Disaster

Christine Wiseman of the Georgia Archives will discuss the range of potential damage by major disasters such as Hurricane Katrina or small problems like a leak. She will provide tips for preventing damage to family heirlooms and documents as well as provide instruction on salvaging documents and photographs damaged by mold, fire, or water



JULY 11 - Georgia Stories: History Online from Georgia Public Broad- casting

Patrice Weaver, of Georgia Public Broadcasting, will show educators and other interested individuals how to use the extensive online resources available from Georgia Public Broadcasting. The GPB Georgia Stories collection is a rich source of information about Georgia history.

AUG 8 - Talking Stones: What Can Cemeteries Teach Us?

Kevin Kuharic of the Historic Oakland Foundation will speak about Atlanta's historic Oakland Cemetery and the types of information that can be gleaned from funerary monuments. This is an excellent topic for genealogists and local history enthusiasts.

SEPTEMBER 12 - Using Georgia Archives Finding Aids

The Georgia Archives is a treasure trove of historical documents and information. Georgia Archives Reference Archivists will share search tips for using the online finding aids available through our web site as well as the print finding aids available in our Reference Room.

OCTOBER 10 - How to Preserve Your Digital Pictures and Documents

Christine Wiseman, Georgia Archives Preservation Manager will discuss the care of images. Increasingly, family photographs are being captured in digital form alone. Unfortunately, digital images are susceptible to loss due to changing technology and format obsolescence.

NOVEMBER 14 - A Mystery Solved: PBS Comes to the Archives

Kenneth Thomas of the Historic Preservation Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, will discuss his experiences working with researchers from the Public Broadcasting System's popular *History Detectives* television show when they visited Georgia to use local history resources.

DECEMBER 12 - A Piece of Georgia's Flight History: Souther Field

Jamil Zainaldin of the Georgia Humanities Council will present information about Souther Field, a flight-training facility created near Americus in 1918 in response to World War I. The airfield was reactivated during World War II and today serves as a public airport. Come learn more about Georgia's aviation history.



The Archives Store is located in the Visitor Learning Center between the Georgia Archives and the National Archives. Operated by Clayton State University, it has items related to both the Georgia Archives and the National Archives.

Stop by and see what's new!

Archives Store Hours

Tuesday—Saturday

8:30 a.m.—5 p.m.

770-968-2561

Ancestry Library Edition Now Available at the Georgia Archives

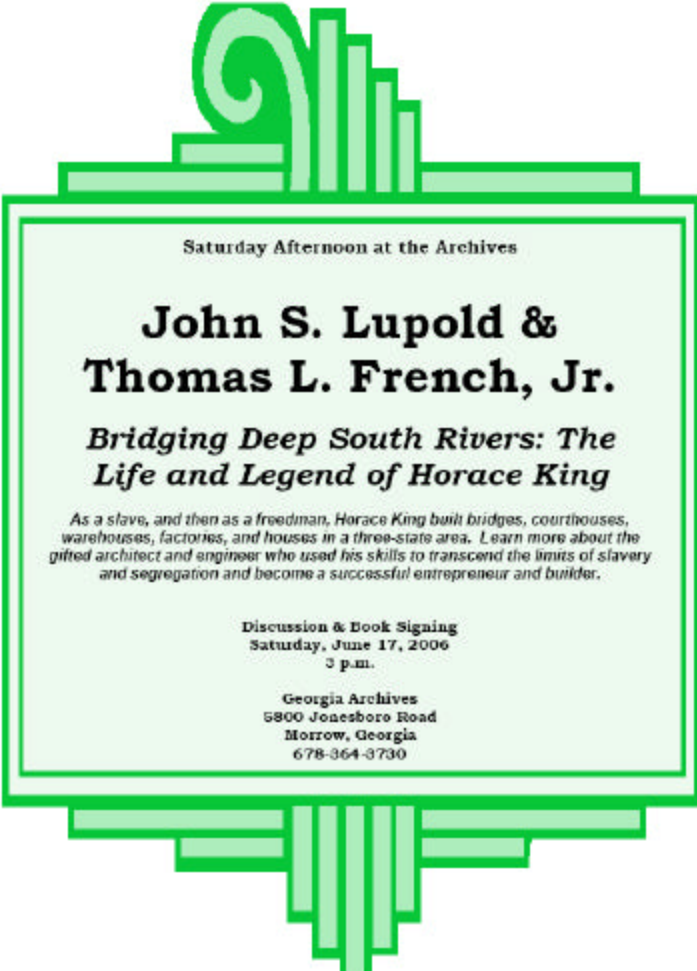
Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Georgia Archives, researchers now have access to Ancestry Library Edition on the patron computers in the Georgia Archives Reference Room. Access to the images and databases available through Ancestry will greatly enhance the research experience for our visitors.

Ancestry Library Edition contains 4,000 databases. One of the most significant collections available through Ancestry is the U. S. Census collection which includes census from 1790 to 1930. Instead of consulting an index, locating the appropriate microfilm reel, loading it on the reader and searching several pages to locate the information, researchers will now just go to the database, enter the name to search, and be taken to the appropriate pages. In many cases, the scanned image is of better quality than the microfilm image that was previously available.

Other key collections in Ancestry Library Edition include:

- Immigration Collection: New York Passenger Lists, San Francisco Passenger Lists, and New York Petitions for Naturalization
- U.S. Data Collection including U.S. Birth, Marriage and Death Collection, World War I Draft Registration Cards, and Social Security Death Index
- UK and Ireland Collection including England and Wales Census Images and Indexes, England and Wales Civil Registration Index 1837-present, and England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales Parish and probate records 1500s-1837
- Map center containing more than 1,000 historical maps.
- DAR Lineage Books
- Federal Slave Narratives

Staff and researchers alike appreciate the generosity of FOGA in making this research tool available.



Saturday Afternoon at the Archives

**John S. Lupold &
Thomas L. French, Jr.**

***Bridging Deep South Rivers: The
Life and Legend of Horace King***

As a slave, and then as a freedman, Horace King built bridges, courthouses, warehouses, factories, and houses in a three-state area. Learn more about the gifted architect and engineer who used his skills to transcend the limits of slavery and segregation and become a successful entrepreneur and builder.

Discussion & Book Signing
Saturday, June 17, 2006
3 p.m.

Georgia Archives
5800 Jonesboro Road
Morrow, Georgia
678-364-3730

Volunteer with the *Friends of the Georgia Archives*

To carry out its work, FOGA depends on its volunteers. There are volunteer opportunities on a regular monthly basis or just as needed. Please review the list below and the estimated time required and let us know if you would be interested in helping. We can match your schedule. For example, we will meet twice a month to clean and sort books. You may wish to work only once a month but there will be two times you could choose to help. different opportunities to work. Just check the items below that would be interest and mail this form or call/e-mail FOGA.

- _____ Assist with mailings of newsletters and other items (4 times a year)
- _____ Clean and sort books for book sale. (4 hours, two Mondays a month)
- _____ Price books for book sale (4 hours, two Mondays a month)
- _____ Help set up for book sale (3 hour shifts)
- _____ Serve as a sales associate on day of sale. (4 hour shifts)
- _____ Pick up books from collection points and deliver to Archives (as needed)
- _____ Serve on Hospitality Committee that assists with catering for events such as the Annual Meeting or FOGA sponsored programs and receptions, etc. (as needed).
- _____ Newsletter editor or assistant (2- 3 hours a month)

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