

GEORGIA ROOM REVIEW

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Georgia Room Genealogy Newsletter

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*Why waste your money
looking up your family
tree? Just go into politics
and your opponents will
do it for you.*

– Mark Twain

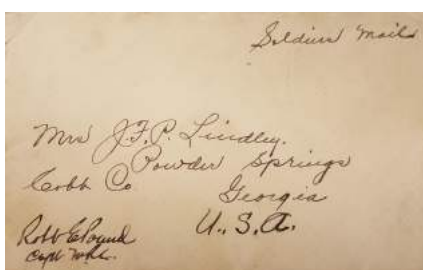
In This Issue

- Staff spotlight
- 1st Wednesday programs
- New books
- CCGS and GGS meeting info
- ...and more!

In June of this year, the Georgia Room was the recipient of a grant, “Spotlight on Archives,” from the 2017 Georgia Archives Month Committee at the Society of Georgia Archives!

Our chosen program for archives month is “Letters from the Past.” We will be digitizing and transcribing handwritten letters from the Civil War era to the present. The grant will help us with any and all publicity for the event. Contact us with any questions!

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MEET THE STAFF:



Spotlight on Jess Edwards

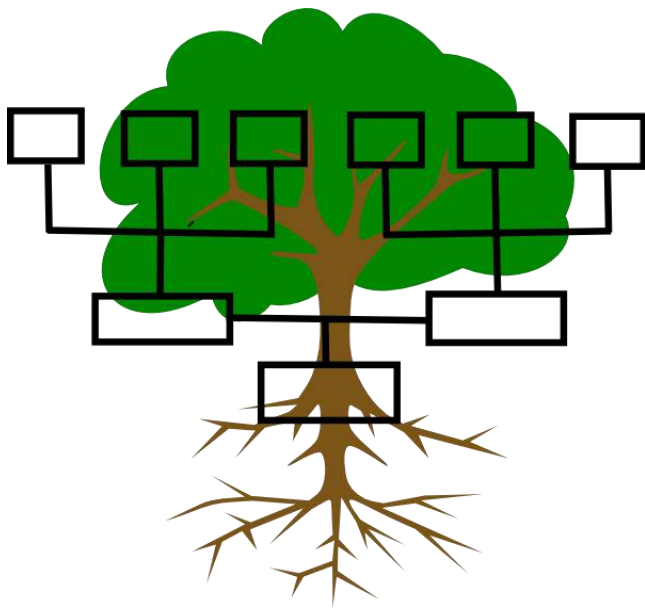


Originally from the Marietta area, Jess graduated from the University of Georgia in 2016 with double majors in History and German.

While in school, Jess worked for the Digital Library of Georgia specializing in historical transcriptions.

Jess interned for a year in the Clarke County Heritage Room. While there, she worked on an oral history project, converting interviews from Clarke County World War II veterans from DVD to online.

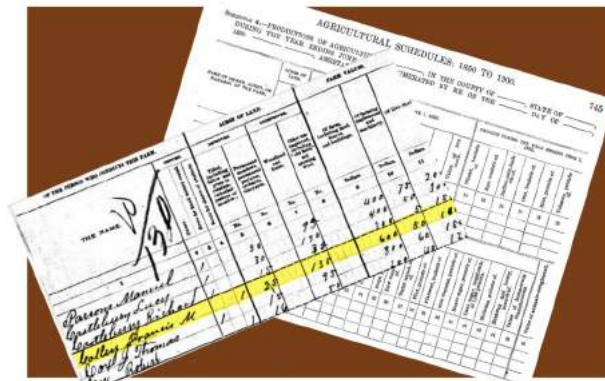
Jess' favorite book genre is Historical Fiction. She just finished "Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett and is looking forward to the next in the series. Jess is also an avid watcher of Game of Thrones and Mad Men.



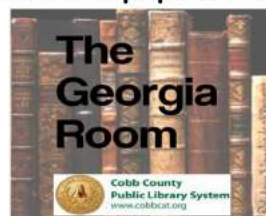
Join us Wednesday, August 2nd for our First Wednesday workshop, "Research and Refreshments!" This month's presentation is about non-population schedules and special/alternate census records.

Program begins at **seven o'clock**. Please feel free to come early and stay late to see some of the new (and old) resources in the Georgia Room.

Special/Alternate Census Records Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2017



Come to our Research and Refreshments program in the Georgia Room on August 2nd at 7pm to learn all about non-population schedules!



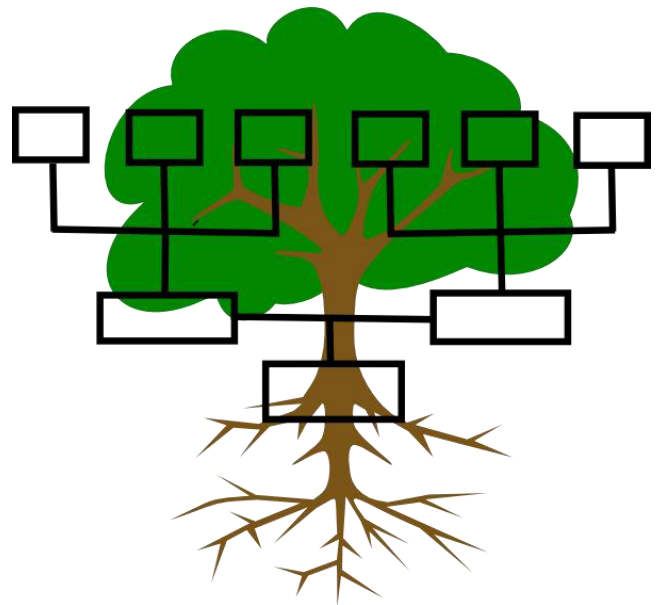
Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at
7pm in the Georgia Room:

Tips and Tricks to Putting a Date to Old Photos



Join us Wednesday, September 6th for our First Wednesday workshop, “Research and Refreshments!”

September’s presentation is about dating old photos– tips and tricks to try to put a date to old family pictures!



Thank you to everyone who helped make our Independence Day Open House a great success! We had a wonderful day and lots of fun!

Special thanks to our guest speaker, Linda Harvey, of the Cobb County Genealogical Society and Marietta's Fielding Lewis Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She gave an outstanding presentation on Virginia Ancestors!



We would also like to thank Jane Campbell and Sally Moreland of the Cobb County Genealogical Society as well as DAR members Judith Young, Patricia Hein, and Meribeth Brannen!



New Titles of Interest

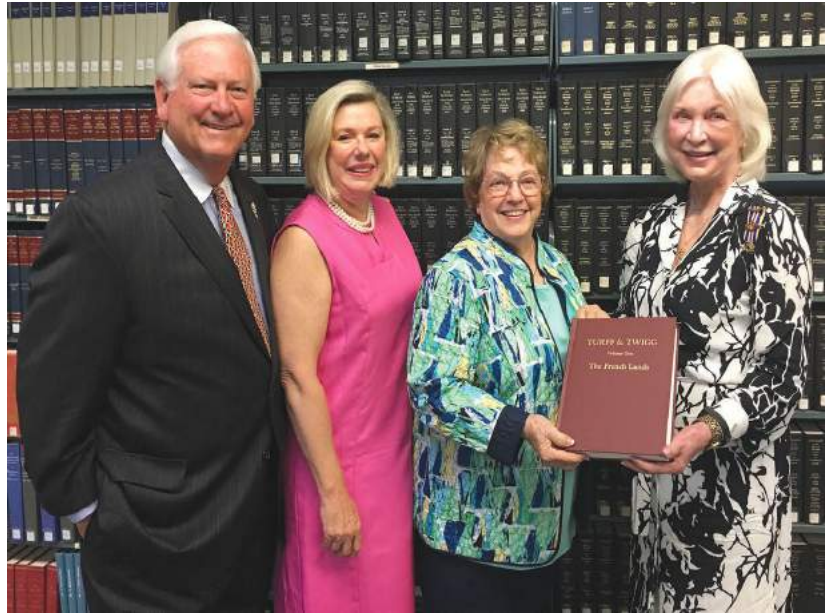
- **Ossabaw Island: A Sense of Place**, by Evan Kutzler
- **Tybee Days: 100 Years on Georgia's Playground Island**, by Ellen Taber
- **Historic Rural Churches of Georgia**, by Sonny Seals
- **Margaret Mitchell & John Marsh: The Love Story behind Gone with the Wind**, by Marianne Walker
- **1840 Emanuel County Georgia Census Index**, by Frances T. Ingmire
- **The Civil War and Reconstruction: A Student Companion**, by William L. Barney



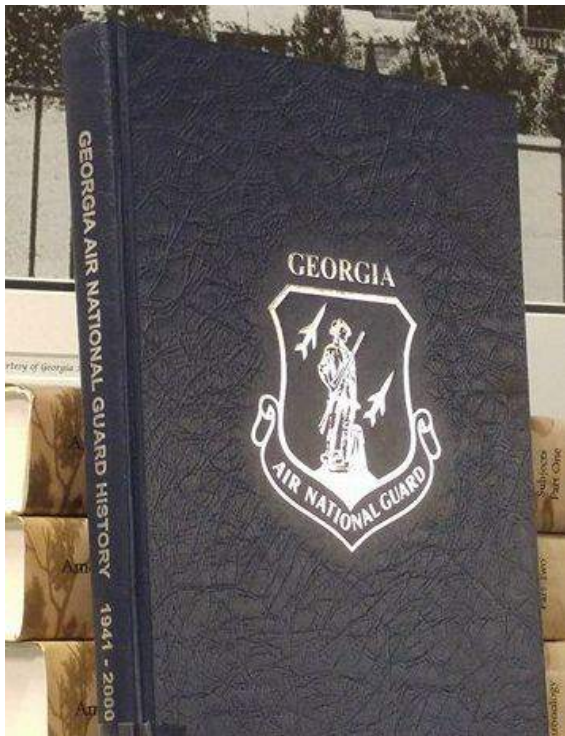
- **South Carolina's State Grants: Books 1-6, 1784-1790**, by Brent Holcomb
- **South Carolina's State Grants: Books 7-11, 1785-1786**, by Brent Holcomb
- **South Carolina's State Grants: Books 12-15, 1786-1787**, by Brent Holcomb
- **South Carolina's State Grants: Books 16-20, 1786-1787**, by Brent Holcomb
- **South Carolina's State Grants: Books 21-24, 1786-1789**, by Brent Holcomb
- **South Carolina's State Grants: Books 25-28, 1788-1791**, by Brent Holcomb

Special Donations to the Georgia Room

Pictured left to right are David Wiley– incoming president of the Huguenot Society of the Founders of Manakin in the Colony of Virginia, Lena Wiley- third vice president, Carolyn Crawford– head of the Georgia Room, and Lynn Brackey– the society’s librarian. This July they presented to the Georgia Room a copy of “Turff & Twigg Volume I: The French Lands,” by Priscilla Harriss Cabell.



We are excited to add to our Huguenot collection here in the Georgia Room!



Another nice donation we received this month was “Georgia Air National Guard History: 1941-2000,” given to us by Command Chief Master Pete Bagley.

Come by and take a look! We are proud to have these two new books in our collection.

Don't forget about our on-going Georgia Room book sale! New titles are added almost daily!

GEORGIA ROOM BOOK SALE!

\$5– all hardback books

\$3– paperbacks over 100 pages

\$2– paperbacks under 100 pages

\$1– complete periodical set

\$.25– loose periodicals





Genealogy Humor!

Eventually, all genealogists come to their census.

**Genealogists: The only people who are excited to
read obituaries.**

Genealogist: Disturbs the dead and irritates the living.

Genealogy is like playing hide and seek: They hide... we seek!

“I’m not stuck, I’m ancestrally challenged.”

Gene-Allergy: It’s a contagious disease, but we love it.

**Genealogy: Where the answer to one problem
leads to two more!**

“My husband calls cemeteries ancestor farms.”

**Wife to husband: “Never mind the children, do you know
where your second great-grandparents are tonight?”**

Only a genealogist views a step backwards as progress.

**“I used to have a lot of free time...
then I discovered genealogy.”**

“I think my ancestors had several “bad heir” days.”

Join us!
Cobb County Genealogical Society
General Meetings:

When: Tuesday, August 22, 7pm – 8pm

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church St, Marietta, GA
30060

“DNA - Finding Cousins Thru Chromosomes”

Speaker: Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr.

When: Tuesday, September 26, 7pm – 8pm

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church St, Marietta, GA
30060

“Consider the Source”

Speaker: Kristin Harms

*Genealogy Society of
Cobb County Georgia*

SAVE THE DATE!

GEORGIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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September 2017 Educational Series:

Lisa Louise Cooke

Date: Saturday, September 16, 2017

Time: 9:45am to 4:15pm

Location: First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church St. Marietta GA 30060

Lisa Louise Cooke is the owner of *Genealogy Gems*, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. She is Producer and Host of the *Genealogy Gems Podcast*, the popular online genealogy audio show available at www.GenealogyGems.com, in iTunes, and through the Genealogy Gems app. Her podcast brings genealogy news, research strategies, expert interviews and inspiration to genealogists in 75 countries around the world! Find out more about Lisa at <https://lisalouisecooke.com>.

Presentations:

1. **Google Books: The tool you should use everyday**
2. **Get the Scoop on your Ancestors with Newspapers**
3. **How to Reopen and Work a Genealogy Cold Case**
4. **Inspiring Ways to Capture the Interest of Non-Genealogists**

Cost: \$35 GGS members \$45 Non-members \$5.00 late registration fee

Lunch is on your own. Postal mail registrations postmarked no later than Wednesday, September 6, 2017
PayPal registrations due by midnight on Tuesday, September 12, 2017

Name _____
Name _____
Street _____
City/State/Zip _____
Email address _____
Number Members _____ Number Non-members _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please provide names of all registrants so name tags can be made.

Make checks payable to Georgia Genealogical Society and mail with completed form to:

P.O. Box 550247 Atlanta, GA 30355-2747

Please tell us how you learned about this meeting (check one):

GGG Brochure? ☐ Ken Thomas's column? ☐ Newspaper article? ☐ Web site? ☐

Other? (Please explain) _____

JOIN NOW AND SAVE! INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$35 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$40 YOU CAN SEND ONE
CHECK FOR MEMBERSHIP AND SEMINAR REGISTRATION WILL BE AT MEMBER RATE

For more information contact GGS Education Director gagensocprograms@gmail.com

Please visit gagensociety.org
for more information!

SAVE THE DATE!



The Augusta Genealogical Society will present professional genealogist J. Mark Lowe on Saturday, September 9, as AGS celebrates the 38th anniversary of the founding of the Society. The seminar will include four lectures by Lowe, who describes himself as a full-time professional author and lecturer specializing in original records and manuscripts.

“Research: The Tie That Binds Genealogists”

Speaker J. Mark Lowe, CG, FUGA will present lectures on these topics:

The Migration Triangle: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee

Discover what prompted our ancestors to follow the Migration Triangle and continue westward. Learn the paths they followed and the process for finding these elusive travelers.

Out on a Limb, Trapped by Bad Research

Feeling trapped with nowhere to go? Bad, weak, or missing evidence all contribute to misleading research. Review your research findings, sharpen your techniques, evaluate your sources, and map a new course.

Land Barons or Dirt Farmers: Finding Land Transactions

Following the land will often identify the ancestor and family. Learn how to trace an individual through property records and how to trace a specific property.

Dower, Dowry, and Definue: Women and Their Men's Property

Understanding how the legal system looked at our female ancestors is essential to following their records. Learn the terminology, the record types, and strategies for finding the answers.

Why the AGS Seminar is called “Homecoming”

Registration for Homecoming is open to both AGS members and non-members. The event celebrates the founding of the Augusta Genealogical Society in 1979 in an area of Georgia with a large military base, a huge medical complex, and universities and industries with national ties. Homecoming may mean coming to search for your family roots in a region with history to colonial settlement. It may also mean returning to your AGS family of members and friends for an annual visit. Bring your genealogical enthusiasm to our 38th anniversary, an opportunity for all family researchers. The AGS Adamson Library, 1109 Broad St., Augusta, is open on Friday from 10 AM-4 PM and on Sunday 2-5 PM for attendees to do local research.

Register by deadline to reserve a syllabus with lecture outlines and bibliographies.

NEXT PAGE IS REGISTRATION FORM

Check the AGS website www.augustagensociety.org, AGS Facebook page, phone 706-722-4072 or email augustagensociety@comcast.net and the June and September issues of *Southern Echoes* for more information about the Society and events.



Augusta Genealogical Society, Inc.

presents the

2017 Homecoming Seminar

"Research: The Tie That Binds Genealogists"

Speaker: J. Mark Lowe

Lowe is a full-time professional genealogist, author, and lecturer specializing in original records and manuscripts. Presentations will center on migrations

Date: Saturday, September 9, 2017

Registration: 8:00 – 8:45 AM Seminar: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Location: Wesley United Methodist Church, 825 N. Belair Rd., Evans, GA 30809

2017 Homecoming Seminar Registration Form

Please use one form per person, and make copies as needed. Mail completed forms and fees to:

AGS Homecoming, P.O. Box 3743, Augusta, GA 30914-3743

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

Registration fee: Make check payable to **Augusta Genealogical Society**.

REGISTRATION (includes boxed lunch, syllabus, lectures)

Registrations should be postmarked by September 2, 2017. **

**** Registrations postmarked after this date are not guaranteed seating, lunch and syllabus.**

AGS Member, \$40 _____ Received **after** September 2, 2017, \$45 _____

Non-member, \$45 _____ Received **after** September 2, 2017, \$50 _____

MEMBERSHIP (optional) Check your preferred category to join AGS & register as member.

____ Individual (\$35/yr.)

____ Family - 2 in household (\$40/ yr.)

____ Sustaining Member (\$50/yr.)

____ Patron (\$100/yr.)

(Include this amount with the appropriate AGS Member Registration Fee amount.)

\$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed

**Please visit augustagensociety.org
for more information!**

1. You have the names of three siblings born between 1884 and 1887 and need to know the names of their parents. Which census would be the best one to start with?

- 1880
- 1890
- 1900
- 1910

2. The best place to start your genealogical research is...

- Internet
- Grandma
- National Archives
- Mormon Library

3. An ancestor died intestate. This means...

- he left no will
- he was traveling out of state when he died
- he died in a state prison
- his body was never found

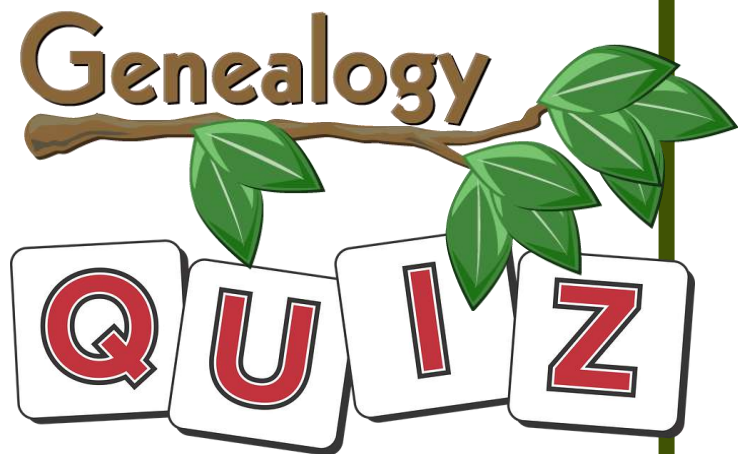
4. Your grandfather's sister's daughter is your...

- great aunt
- half-sister
- second cousin
- first cousin once removed

5. The standard way to write May 8th, 1904 is...

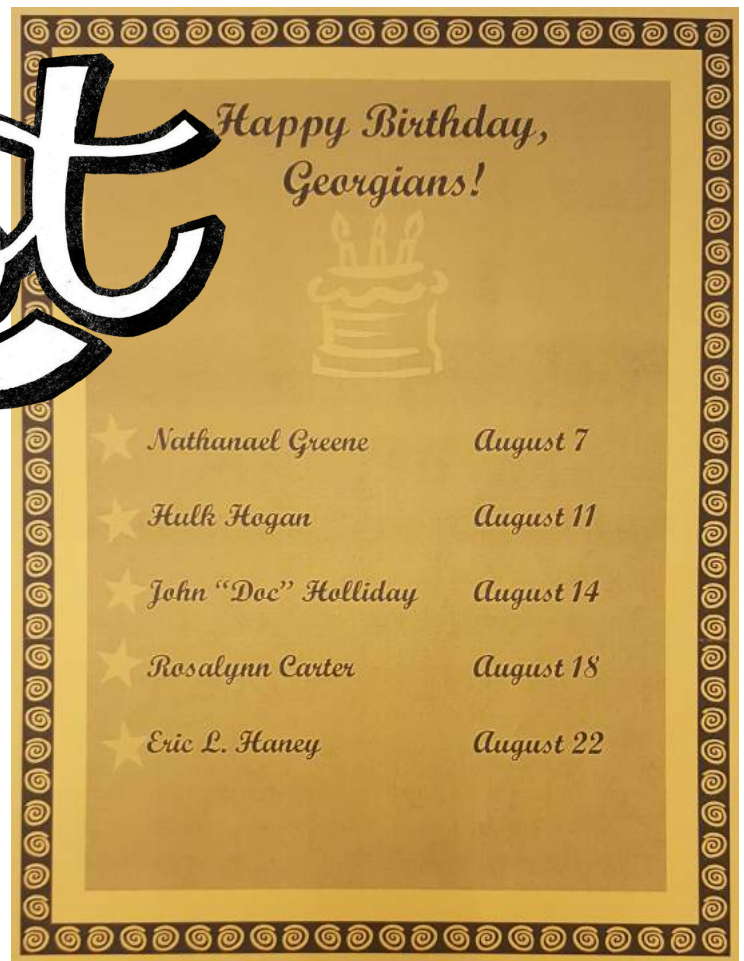
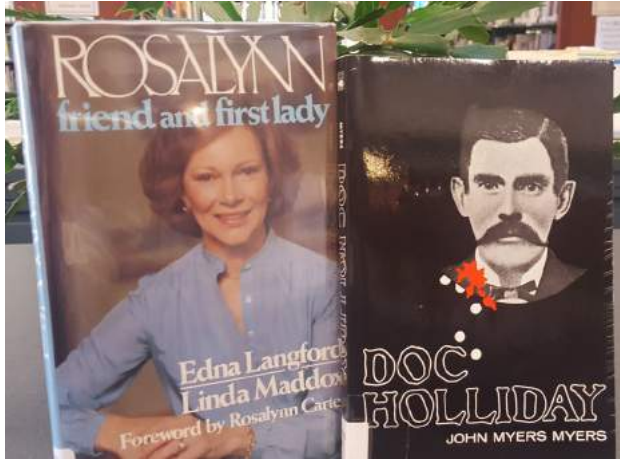
- 5/8/04
- 5/8/1904
- 8 May 1904
- May VIII 1904

6. Finding the original meaning of your surname will help you in researching your ancestors. True False



- Answers:
- 1. 1900
 - 2. Grandma
 - 3. Died without a will
 - 4. 1st cousin once removed
 - 5. 8 May 1904
 - 6. false

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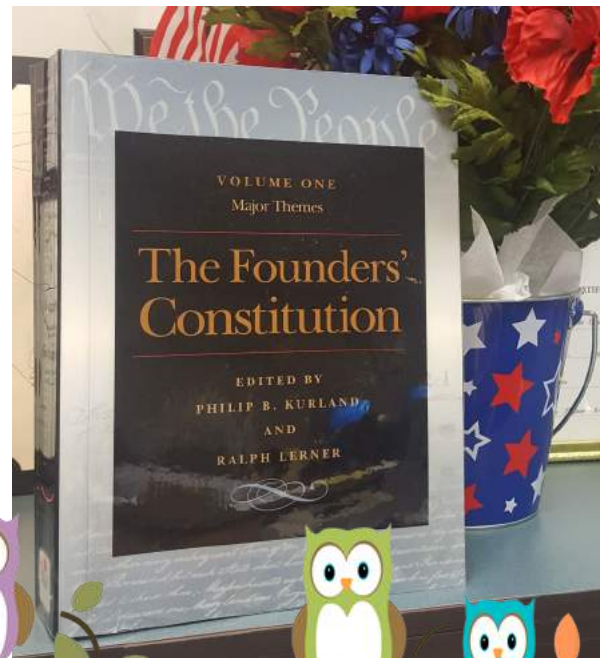


September 17th
Is...

Constitution Day!

Did you know...?

- The Constitution was adopted on September 17, 1787...
- But was not ratified until June 21, 1788.
- Only 9 of the original 13 colonies needed to ratify the document to make it official.
- All 13 original colonies (now states, under the new Constitution) had ratified the document by May of 1790.
- The Bill of Rights consists of the original 10 Amendments to the Constitution.
- There have been 17 Amendments added in the 223 years since the Constitution was written.
- The 27th Amendment, the most recent, was ratified in 1992.



Extra, Extra!!



In July, the Digital Library of Georgia announced a brand new website: Georgia Historic Newspapers (GHN), available at <http://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/>

The GHN includes some of the state's earliest newspapers; important African-American, Roman Catholic, and Cherokee newspapers; and issues from Augusta, Atlanta, Columbus, Fayetteville, Houston county, Louisville, Thomson, Sandersville, Waycross, and Waynesboro. The latest additions bring the total number of newspaper pages available free online through the DLG to 825,000 pages.

Like the older DLG newspaper sites, GHN provides newspaper issues that are full-text searchable and can be browsed by date and title.

Contact Us:

Give us a call or email for more information about how we can help you with your genealogy research!

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