

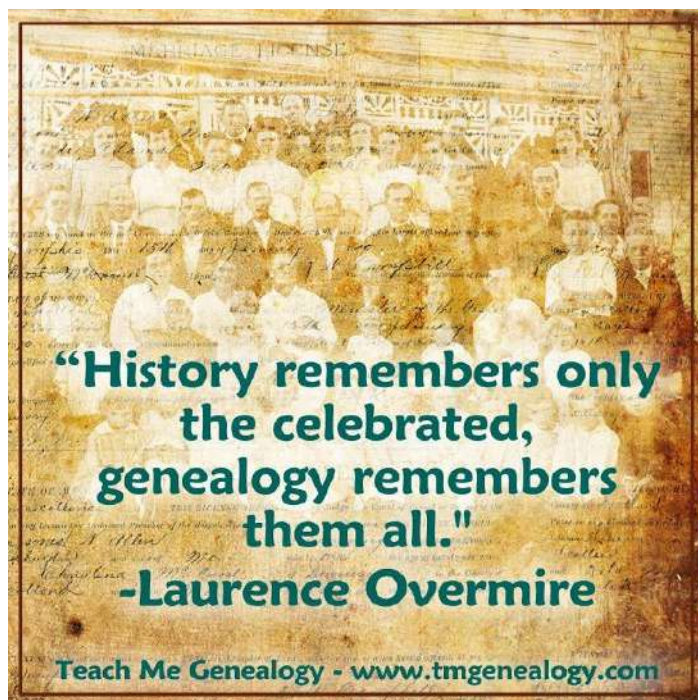
GEORGIA ROOM REVIEW



Oct/Nov 2017

Georgia Room Genealogy Newsletter

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This weekend marks the official start of autumn, my favorite season! The leaves have begun changing, all the Halloween decorations are out at the stores, pumpkin spice latte is back, and most of all, it's perfect weather for cuddling up with a soft blanket (and maybe a cat or two) and doing some genealogy! I, like just about everyone else, am so busy throughout the year that starting in October, I make sure to make time for MYSELF once the weather starts cooling down. I start thinking about all the neat family history projects I can put together for Christmas presents for my mom, dad, husband, and whoever else is interested (even though they may not realize it yet)!

Happy fall, y'all! -Maggie Thomas,
Ga. Room genealogy assistant



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MEET THE STAFF:



Spotlight on Carolyn Crawford



Originally from Texas, Carolyn graduated from Clarke Atlanta University with her Masters of Library and Information Science in 1988.

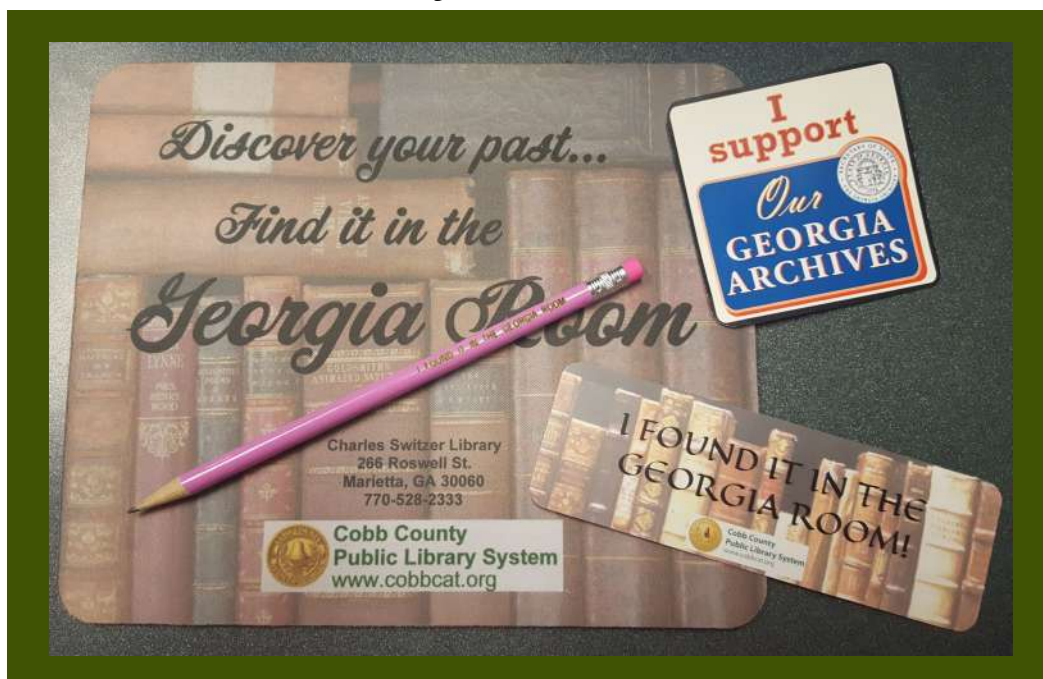
She became the Head Librarian of the Georgia Room in 1989, just in time to move the genealogical and historical collection from Atlanta St. to its current location at the Central Library on Roswell St. and says that highlight was topped when the Georgia Room was renovated, expanded, and rededicated in 2007.

Her first full-time employee in almost 30 years was hired last year (Maggie Thomas) and she lovingly refers to the two of them as the “Dynamic Duo!”

Carolyn lives in Marietta with her husband Dan. She has 2 grown children and three grandchildren.

She says the best part of her job is doing historical and genealogical research and learning something new everyday.

October is Georgia Archives Month!



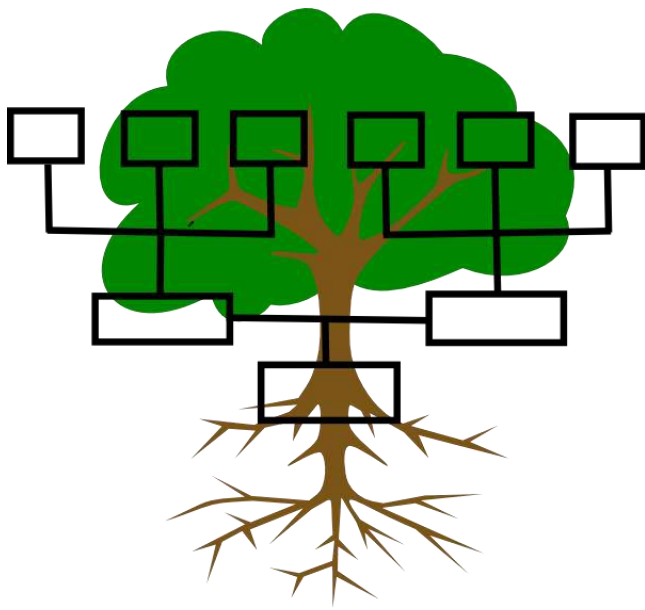
On October 6th, the Georgia Room will hold a very special **OPEN HOUSE** in honor of

Georgia Archives Month!

We will be celebrating our award of the “Spotlight on Archives Grant” given to us by the Society of Georgia Archivists.

Come browse our beautiful Civil War and World War I handwritten letters that have been digitized and transcribed for our patrons’ (your) access!

Drop-in Open House: 1-5pm



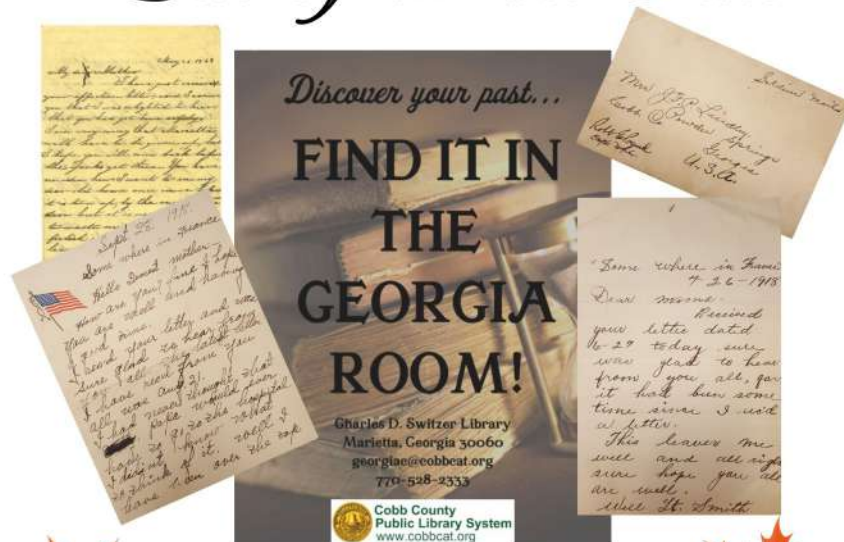
Join us Wednesday, October 6th for
our First Wednesday workshop,
“Research and Refreshments!”

This month’s presentation is
celebrating Georgia Archives Month
with “Letters from the Past!”

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.

Celebrate Georgia Archives Month with us!

Letters from the Past



Open House

Wednesday October 4, 2017 Drop in 1-5pm

Program at 7pm:

digitization, preservation, handwriting,
and handling of old letters



Tracing your Native American Genealogy: How to get Started

When: 7pm, November 1, 2017

Where: Switzer Library's Georgia Room



Save the Date! **Wednesday, November 1st** is our First Wednesday workshop, “Research and Refreshments!” November’s presentation is honoring Native American Heritage Month with “How to get Started with Native American Genealogy!”

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.

Society of Georgia Archivists “Archives 101” workshop

August 5, 2017



Over the summer, Maggie Thomas, Georgia Room genealogy assistant, applied for and was awarded the Brenda S. Banks scholarship to attend the Society of Georgia Archivists' first annual “Archives 101” workshop!



Russell Library

It was a one day event held at the beautiful Russell Library on the campus of Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, Ga.

The workshop included TONS of hands-on learning about preservation of physical and digital items. If you get the chance to attend this workshop next summer, Maggie highly recommends it!





• “And Were the Glory of their Times: Cavalry– Men who Died for SC in the War for Southern Independence” by Herbert O. Chambers, III

• And Were the Glory of their Times: Artillery– Men who Died for SC in the War for Southern Independence”, by Herbert O. Chambers, III

• “Images of America: Sandy

Springs,” by Kimberly M. Brigrance and Morris V. Moore

- “Images of America: Treutlen County,” by Larry Ronald Braddy and Olivia Williamson Braddy
- “Images of America: Evans County,” by the Evans County Centennial Committee



**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

Special Guests visit the Georgia Room!

July 29, 2017

David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch at the Family History Department of the LDS Church.



“The Georgia Room at the Switzer Library was an unexpected treasure for my 2017 trip to Georgia. I was in Georgia attending the ... Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) ... on the University of Georgia campus. After the week-long institute, I stayed on to research my Georgia families and was pointed to the fabulous collection at the Georgia Room. My work at FamilySearch has taken me to hundreds of record facilities and libraries around the world. I have to say that this treasured library in Marietta ranks it in the top tier of research facilities with its fabulous reference staff and the extensive collection. Truly, it reflects a commitment to Georgia and U.S. history that is a reflection on those who had the vision to create this wonderful resource. With IGHR now in Athens every year, I’m sure I’ll have the opportunity to visit many more times.”



Pictured left to right are **Dean Hunter** of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City; **Maggie Thomas**: Georgia Room genealogy assistant; **Carolyn Crawford**: Head of the Georgia Room; **David Brandenburg**: Georgia Genealogical Society Director of Publicity; **Karen Molohon**: Georgia Genealogical Society President; and genealogist, **David Rencher**.

In 2018, First Wednesday programs will become...

First Mondays!

Same time: 7pm-8pm

Different Day: Monday night



Do you have an idea for a genealogical topic that we haven't covered yet? Or maybe you would like to revisit one? Contact us! We're looking for ideas!

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770-528-2333

Did You Know You Could Now...

Book-A-Genealogist!

Thursdays 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Do you need help with a question that requires time beyond general assistance? You can reserve a one-on-one session with a genealogy librarian for up to one hour of in-depth, uninterrupted help.

Get help with issues such as:

- An overview of the Georgia Room collection and services
- Introduction to the library catalog and how to find a book in the Georgia Room
- Learn about the Georgia Room's online databases and resources
- Learn how to use the microfilm/fiche readers; tips and tricks
- How to utilize InterLibrary Loan
- Advice on using genealogical resources in the Georgia Room
- Do you have a brick wall or other genealogy question? If we can't help, we'll find who can!

This service is free. Reservations are required and made at the Georgia Room front desk or by calling 770-528-2333.

Genealogy Humor!



Top 10 Indicators that you've become a gene-aholic:

10. You introduce your daughter as your descendent.
9. You've never met any of the people you send e-mail to, even though you're related.
8. You can recite your lineage back eight generations, but can't remember your nephew's name.
7. You have more photographs of dead people than living ones.
6. You've taken a tape recorder and/or notebook to a family reunion.
5. You've not only read the latest GEDCOM standard, but you also understand it.
4. The local genealogy society borrows books from you.
3. The only film you've seen in the last year was the 1880 census index.
2. More than 1/2 of your book collection is made up of marriage records or pedigrees.
1. Your elusive ancestor has been spotted in more different places than Elvis!



Join us!

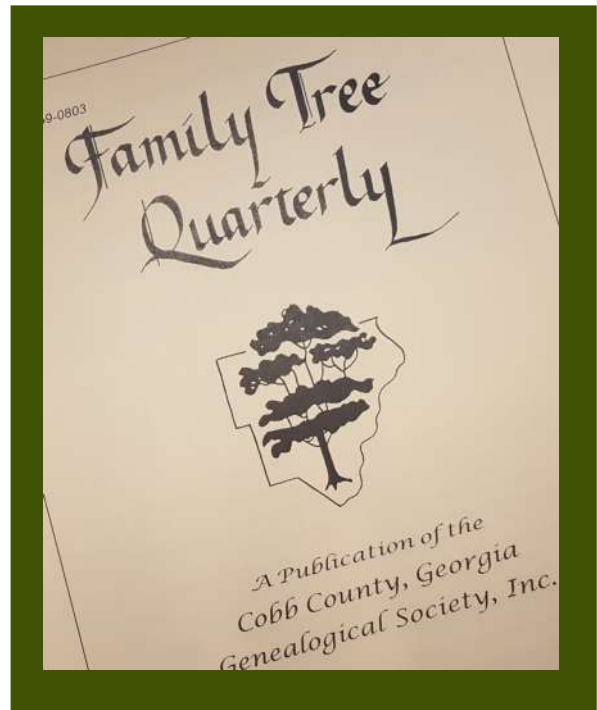
Cobb County Genealogical Society General Meeting:

When: Tuesday, October 24th, 7pm – 8pm

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

**“Ancestors Accused of
Witchcraft”**

Speaker: Candy Parrow



Genealogy Society of Cobb County Georgia

October is Georgia Archives Month!



October 7, 2017
at the Georgia Archives
9:00am - 4:00pm
Free and open to the public
Track 1 - Registration required
Track 2 - No registration required
Lunch available for a donation
Breaks sponsored by FOGAH (Friends of the Georgia Archives)

TRACK 1 Room 114

Beginning Basics of Genealogy

Laura W. Carter, MEd, MLIS, SLIS

9:00am – 4:00pm

Beginning Basics of Genealogy is designed to introduce participants to the basic principles and methodology of genealogy and family history research and a few of the first sources that will be used. Time will be spent on the importance of source citation and the evaluation of informational sources. The last session will be learning how to fill out ancestral charts and family group sheets.

Space Limited, Registration Required.

Deadline: October 1 or when class is full

To register go to, www.goo.gl/jbkUxW and complete the form.

PLEASE NOTIFY US OF CANCELLATIONS

so that we may give your space to another. To cancel, please call 678-364-3710 or email archives-describe@usg.edu

TRACK 2 Room 210/212

Faith of Our Fathers: Using Baptist Church Records for Family History Research

Kathryn Wright, Mercer University
Special Collections

9:30am – 10:30am

Participants will learn how to navigate Mercer University's church collection finding aids, which items are available via interlibrary loan, and exactly what pertinent information is usually found in Baptist church records as opposed to other groups. The Christian Index, the state Baptist newspaper, and its genealogical research value (and indexes) will also be discussed.

TRACK 2 Room 210/212

Newspapers: A Treasure Trove of Information

Tamika Strong, Librarian and Genealogist,
Georgia Public Library Service

10:45am – 11:45am

Newspapers were one of the primary means through which information was captured and shared with the masses. Today, a review of historic newspapers provides readers a glimpse into the world in which our ancestors lived. Within it pages are the tales of the good, the bad, and the infamous. These tales are the pieces of the puzzle that could break down a brick wall. This session will explore how to locate newspapers and how they can be used to supplement a researcher's genealogy research.

TRACK 2 Room 210/212

Fleshing Out Your Family Tree: Manuscript Collections at the Georgia Archives

Caroline Crowell, Georgia Archives

12:45pm – 1:45pm

Reference Archivist Caroline Crowell will talk about manuscript collections at the Georgia Archives, and how these can be used to add more details to a family tree. Information will be given on the multiple ways to search these records, and how they might help even if collections don't touch on a specific family. Crowell will also discuss other types of records which might help fill in the details on a family tree.

TRACK 2 Room 210/212

Resources for Genealogists in the UGA Map and Government Information Library

Hallie Pritchett, Head of the Map and Government Information Library at the University of Georgia

2:00pm – 3:00pm

The University of Georgia's Map and Government Information Library is home to some of the largest map and government documents collections in the country. Many of its resources are of particular interest to genealogists. This session will provide an overview of the rich and extensive collections held by this library, including air photos, city directories, fire insurance maps, and state and federal government information, and discuss how they might be used for genealogical research.



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ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

WHEN: Saturday, December 9th

WHO: Kenneth H Thomas Jr.

WHAT: Researching WWI Ancestors and
celebrating the 40th anniversary of Ken's Atlanta Journal-
Constitution genealogy article!

WHERE: Georgia Archives

5800 Jonesboro Rd.

Morrow GA 30260

**Please visit gagensociety.org
for more information to be added
soon!**



National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century



On Monday, September 17th, the Georgia Room was pleased to host Eleanor Satterfield, National Chairman of Heraldry and Coats of Arms of the National Society Colonial Dames of the 17th Century. She was the honored guest speaker at a Heraldry and Coats of Arms workshop presented by the Nicholas Wallingford Chapter CDXVII C.

Pictured above: (standing) Judith Young, Beverly Baker, National Chairman Eleanor Satterfield, Judy Miehl, Linda Harvey; (seated) Julia Saint and Bonnie Baker

Come meet *New York Times* Bestselling Author,

Sharyn McCrumb!

And learn the true story of the Greenbriar Ghost in
her new novel “**The Unquiet Grave**”

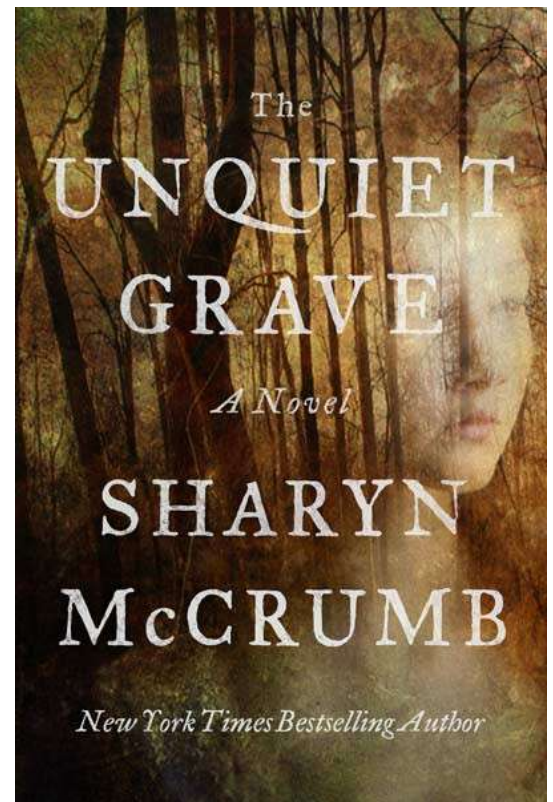


November 4th at 6pm



Charles Switzer Library, large multi-purpose room

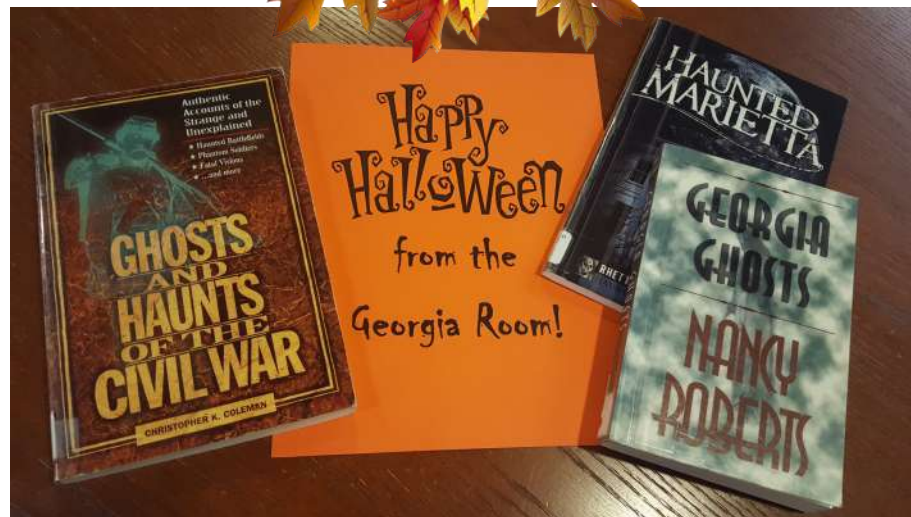
Program is FREE and open to the public. Books
will be available for purchase and signing.



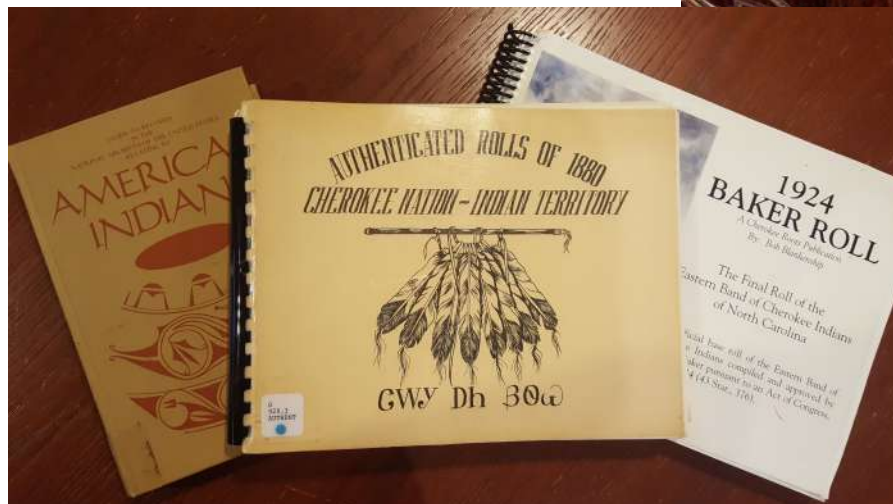


Genealogy Inspired Crafts





November



Sunday Hours at Switzer!



Make sure to mark your calendars! Sunday hours are **BACK** at the library!

Annually, Switzer Library– including the Georgia Room– has weekly Sunday hours beginning after Labor Day and running until the Sunday before Memorial Day!

Employees in the Georgia Room on Sundays are more often than not, **NOT** regular genealogy researchers. Remember, if you need more in-depth help, please come back to visit us Monday thru Saturday!

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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