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Digital Library of Georgia: Recent Additions

<http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu>

The Digital Library of Georgia partners with libraries, archives, museums, and other institutions of education and culture to digitize and provide online access to key resources on Georgia history and life. The DLG is a GALILEO initiative based at the University of Georgia Libraries. **P. Toby Graham**, Director, Digital Library of Georgia and Acting Director, Hargrett Rare Book & Manuscript Library, University of Georgia, reports that recent additions include:

Georgia Historic Newspapers: Macon Telegraph, 1826-1908 is provided as part of the Georgia HomePLACE initiative. <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/telegraph>

Georgia Official and Statistical Register, 1922-1990. Originally published by the Georgia Archives and digitized as part of the Georgia Government Publications initiative. <http://www.gastatregister.org>

Columbus Public Library Association Minutes, 1881-1883, a Georgia HomePLACE project in partnership with the Columbus Public Library. <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/cla>

The 1936 Gainesville Tornado: Disaster and Recovery, a Georgia HomePLACE project with the Georgia Public Library Service, Hall County Library System and the Walter J. Brown Media Archives and Peabody Awards Collection <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/tornado>

"Integrated in All Respects": Ed Friend's Highlander Folk School Films and the Politics of Segregation from the Richard B. Russell Library for Political Research and Studies. <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/highlander>

Also, the Digital Library of Georgia is a leading partner in the award-winning *Civil Rights Digital Library* initiative, launched in April. See: <http://www.civilrightslibrary.org>

Presentations & Awards

Abdelnur Presents in Portugal

Heather J. **Abdelnur** of Augusta State University's Department of History, Anthropology & Philosophy, recently presented a paper titled "To Sit or Kneel: Creating Race, Gender, and Nation in Central America" for the 50th Anniversary Meeting of the Society for the History of Technology in Lisbon, Portugal in November. The meeting was interesting, she said and "it was nice to connect with the special interest group Women in Technological History."

Archival Heritage Panel at Clayton State

Randall S. Gooden, assistant professor of history at Clayton State University, organized and participated in a panel discussion, entitled "Archival Heritage, Community Identity, and Political Process: Local Access in an Age of Centralization," at the 2008 meeting of the National Council on Public History in Louisville, Kentucky, in April.

Kennesaw State Foundation Awards

Tom Scott won the 2008 Kennesaw State University Foundation Distinguished Professor Award. **Catherine Lewis** won the 2008 Kennesaw State University Foundation Prize for the best publication in the last two years by a member of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. She won the prize for her book, *Don't Ask What I Shot: How Eisenhower's Love of Golf Helped Shape 1950s America* (McGraw-Hill, 2007)

Advancing the Teaching of History

Kim Morgan and **Greg Van Ewyk** of Oak Grove Elementary in Peachtree City presented "A Journey Through Time: Creating and Using Traveling Trunks in the Classroom" at the annual Georgia Council for the Social Studies conference in Athens.



Joseph Robert White speaking at last year's meeting in Ft. Valley

A Very Active GAH Member

One of our busiest members is **Joseph Robert White**. Although he lives and works in Washington DC where he is a Research Assistant for the Camps and Ghettos Encyclopedia Project at the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum he frequently returns to his native Georgia to participate in GAH activities.

In May 2008, White was appointed editor of Volume 4 of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Encyclopedia of Camps and Ghettos, titled *The Camps and Ghettos of Germany's Allies, Satellites, and Collaborationist States*.

In June, he served as a facilitator at the first research workshop convened at the International Tracing Service (ITS) in Bad Arolsen, Germany. In July, he presented a paper, "The Problem of the Prominente in the Early Nazi Camps" at the conference, "Before the Holocaust: The Nazi Concentration Camps 1933-1939" at Birkbeck College, London.

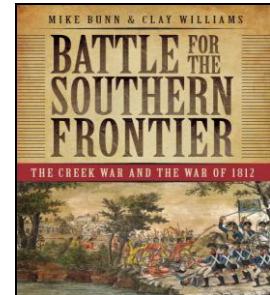
White's article, "Round Up the Editors! The Persecution of Three Munich Journalists at the Early Camps of Ettstrasse and Stadelheim," appeared in the *Journal of Jewish Identities* (I: 2). On November 1, I presented a paper on the ITS at a workshop at the Lessons and Legacies Holocaust conference at Evanston, IL.

In mid-December, he will travel to Vienna as a member of the US delegation for the Task Force on International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance, and Research, presenting a paper on the camps and ghettos volume that I edit. He will return to London in January and present another paper on the ITS at the plenary session of the "Beyond Camps and Forced Labour" conference at the Imperial War Museum.

Publications

Johanna Rickman's book *Love, Lust, and License in Early Modern England: Illicit Sex and the Nobility* is released in November 2008. It is in Ashgate's "Women and Gender in the Early Modern World" series. The book looks at the consequences of, and attitudes towards, illicit sex among the nobility at the courts of Queen Elizabeth I and James I. Johanna is Assistant Professor of History, Division of Social Sciences, Gainesville State College, Oconee Campus.

Mike Bunn and **Clay Williams**' book *Battle for the Southern Frontier: The Creek War and the War of 1812* was recently released by The History Press, Inc. Mike is Associate Curator of History at the Columbus Museum in Columbus, Georgia; Clay Williams, a graduate of Mississippi State University, is employed in the Museum Division of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History in Jackson, Mississippi. Their book sheds light on how the War of 1812 and the Creek War led to the forced removal of Native Americans from the region, secured the Gulf South against European powers, facilitated increased migration into the area, furthered the development of slave-based agriculture, and launched the career of Andrew Jackson.



Eric Reisenauer, of USC Sumter, has written two journal articles and a book chapter this year: "Anti-Jewish Philosemitism: British and Hebrew Affinity and Nineteenth-Century British Antisemitism," appeared in **British Scholar** 1 (1: September 2008): 79-104; "'Tidings Out of the East': British Millennialism and the Eastern Question in the First World War," is a chapter in *End of Days: Understanding the Apocalypse from Antiquity to Modernity*, edited by Karolyn Kinane and Michael A. Ryan and will be available from McFarland in the Spring, 2009; "Between the Eternal City and the Holy City: Rome, Jerusalem, and the Imperial Ideal in Britain," has been accepted by the *Canadian Journal of History / Annales canadiennes d'histoire*, to appear in 2009.

Kathryn W. Kemp, Clayton State University researched and wrote an illustrated history of Clayton County, Georgia that will be available in January. This was a project on behalf of Historical Jonesboro/Clayton County, Inc., which operates Stately Oaks historic house and several other historic sites located in Jonesboro.

The University Press of Florida has accepted for publication a collection of essays entitled *Hardly Anyway Paid Attention: Portraits of Southern Women in the Post-Civil War Century*. The book is edited by Fort Valley State University President **Larry E. Rivers** and **Canter Brown Jr.** Contributing scholars include: from FVSU, **Larry E. Rivers**, **Canter Brown Jr.**, **Fred R. van Hartesveldt**, **Dawn J. Herd-Clark**, and **Terrance D. Smith**; from the University of Georgia, **Sally J. Zepeda**; from Florida A&M University, **David H. Jackson Jr. and Esther Spencer**; from Wofford College, **Tracy J. Revels**; from the University of North Florida, **Carolyn Williams**; from the University of Central Florida, **Consuelo E. Stebbins**; from Florida Southern College, **James M. Denham**; from the Historical Association of Southern Florida, **Arva Moore Parks**; and from Florida State University, **Daria Willis**. Publication is scheduled for fall 2009.

History at the CDC

Michael J. Gagnon, of Georgia Gwinnett College recommends the History Exhibit at the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta: "Outbreak...Plagues that Changed History" at the Global Health Odyssey Museum at CDC. The museum announcement says:

Diseases don't affect just one person's life - sometimes they change the world. This exhibit features the illustrations and texts of Washington State-based artist and writer Bryn Barnard, drawn from his 2005 book for middle-school children, which vividly portrays the history of public health. From influenza to smallpox, from tuberculosis to yellow fever, the symptoms and paths of the world's deadliest diseases are examined, along with how the epidemics they spawned changed the course of human history in surprisingly powerful and unexpected ways. Barnard poses provocative questions such as "Did the Black Death create Europe's middle class?" and "Did cholera make modern cities?" to create a compelling narrative about infectious disease, public health, and medicine.

This exhibit ends on January 30, 2009, but "The Story of CDC" — about CDC and public health — is permanently on view.

Museum hours are Monday – Wednesday and Friday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Thursday: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Admission and parking is free. No reservations required. Driver's license or passport required for entry. Vehicle inspection required. For more information: Please contact Judy M. Gantt at jgantt@cdc.gov or (404) 639-0831 for more information.



Pictured, Edward and Analyne Shelor took in some of the famous historical sites in London including Buckingham Palace.

Shelor Attends Conference in London

In late June 2008, **Edward Shelor**, Georgia Military College Social and Behavioral Science Chair and Assistant Professor of History, joined other historians from North America, Asia, Europe, and other areas from around the world to participate in the 17th Annual World History Association (WHA) Conference held at the Queen Mary Campus of the University of London. The four-day conference hosted more than 300 scholars who came together to learn about such topics as the history of Muslim and Christian interactions, Phoenicians' impact on Mediterranean civilizations, and the role of sea travel in various civilizations, particularly the British Empire, Chinese and Dutch civilizations.

Shelor presented a paper on the History of Bosnia from the Roman Era to the Modern Day and the causes of the demise of the country of Yugoslavia in the 1900s. Shelor gained insight about this topic while serving as an intelligence officer with the NATO forces.

Svonavec is Middle Georgia QEP chair

Stephen Svonavec has been appointed Chair of the QEP Implementation Committee at Middle Georgia College. This 5 Year appointment, related to the college's recent SACS re-affirmation process, carries the responsibility of implementing a program to create an "environment of reading" at MGC and improve students' desire and ability to read effectively.

Augusta Historical Society Remembers Heroes

This year on Veterans Day, November 11, the Augusta Richmond County Historical Society (ARCHS) and the City of Augusta dedicated a new brick wall and three additional bronze plaques for local military personnel at Heroes' Overlook above the Savannah River. The approval for construction of the wall was reported in the GAH newsletter for Summer/Fall 2007 (Vol. 38). The older wall at the Overlook, with its 24 plaques (behind the new one), was dedicated in 1994. The addition of more plaques during the intervening years filled all the available wall space. The project for the new wall and plaques was four years in the making. ARCHS project manager for the new wall was GAH member Russell K. Brown, who was also the featured speaker at this year's dedication. The Fort Gordon army band provided musical accompaniment at the ceremony; Augusta Mayor Deke Copenhaver, GAH member Dr. Lee Ann Caldwell and descendants of two of the plaque honorees were among the almost 200 attendees.



Hudson Leaves GPC Chair

After six years as Department Chair in Social Sciences at Georgia Perimeter College, **Paul Hudson** has stepped down and is now a tenured Associate Professor of History.

Student Bloopers

By **Joe White**

I have amassed a collection of student bloopers in the course of grading freshman-level essays at Oglethorpe University, Georgia State University, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and University of Maryland University College. These bloopers and one witticism came from the students -- I did not alter the wording one iota.

On the Greco-Persian War (490-479 BCE):

“When Xerox of the Persian Empire invaded Greece....”

On the High Middle Ages (12th century CE):

The arches of Gothic cathedrals were supported by “flying butters.”

Medieval universities conferred the degree of “BM.”

On Hitler’s war aims:

He [Hitler] wanted to dictate who lived and died with complete inhalation of those he thought inferior or undesirable.

Hitler pushed across the borders attacking both Holland and Belgium at the same time.

On American history:

During the French & Indian War, Rogers’ Rangers practiced “gorilla warfare.”

The American Revolution began with “the first shot fired at Lexington and Kentucky.”

The faction of the Whig Party that joined the Republicans in 1854 was called the “Conscious Whigs” or the “Consciousness Whigs” -- sober or otherwise.

*A more serious article about Dr. Joseph Robert White is elsewhere in this edition of the **Newsletter**.*

Traveling the state

By Lou Brackett

Since we packed our youngest child off to college this past September, my husband and I have had time to pursue our passion of traveling the back roads of Georgia. No longer are we bound by the interstates to be near the fast food restaurants our kids love. Now we can follow the blacktops pulling our trusty camper behind us, stopping where and when we want to stop. The best trips are when we can combine my interest in Georgia history and my husband's interest in railroads.



Old building in Helena, GA

Our most recent trip was to Jekyll Island, a historical destination in itself. This time we followed Hwy. 23, also known as the Golden Isles Parkway. It cuts across the southeast corner of Georgia from Macon to Brunswick, passing through Cochran, Eastman, Hazelhurst, Jesup, and lots of other small towns. Some are so small that I missed them in the time it took me to look down at the map and then back to the road. One thing most of the towns have in common is that they are on or close to the railroad. In fact, proximity to the rails was what made or broke the towns. Although most rails are now either abandoned or part of CSX and Norfolk Southern, they were originally part of a rail network that sprang up after the Civil War to move passengers, cotton, and other goods from inner Georgia to the coastal ports and big cities.

Before the Civil War, most shipping in the area was sent downriver on the Ocmulgee, Oconee, or Altamaha. Rivers are prone to drought, so shrewd businessmen invested in rails. Many were short lines, serving a specific industry and running from just one or two towns, then joining with another railroad. Some towns, like Helena, owe their very existence to the rail. Helena is less than a mile from McRae, and the Macon & Brunswick rail was constructed through McRae in 1869-70. When a new rail was proposed southwest to Milan, Rhine, and Abbeville, the people of McRae opposed it, not wanting the “bother” of the noise and smoke of an additional railroad” in their town (The History of Telfair County, 10). The Savannah, Americus & Montgomery railroad was moved one mile away from McRae, and the town of Helena was born.

Some depots are in a state of disrepair; some have been restored and are used for community centers or historical societies. Some are still in their original location alongside the tracks at the center of town; others have been relocated to city parks. In some cases the depot is in its original location, but the center of town has shifted following the highway growth.

Hwy. 23 follows virtually the same path that the railroad does, but travel is much quicker, even if you stop several times. An 1882 schedule for the Macon & Brunswick rail shows departure from Macon at 7:50 in the evening with arrival at Brunswick the next morning at 5:35. Our entire trip from Atlanta to Brunswick took a leisurely eight hours, with several stops along the way for things you wouldn't find on the interstate. We passed timber enterprises, counted barbecue restaurants and antique shops by the score, and photographed stately courthouses and interesting buildings.

We returned to Atlanta via the Wiregrass Trail and got a lesson in cotton picking the conglomerate way. Cotton is now planted, fertilized, and picked by huge, computerized machines controlled by GPS navigation systems. We learned all this at a friendly gas station in the midst of cotton country. You won't get that on the interstate! By the way, we're not the only ones traveling Georgia. We ran into our own GAH president, Gene Hatfield, and his wife, Carol, in a parking lot on Jekyll Island.

If you go: Traditional road maps aren't detailed enough for this kind of trip. Purchase a good topographic map. DeLorme publishes a good, reasonably priced one for each state, and they can be found online at Amazon or Barnes & Noble. Research Georgia's rail history at <http://www.railga.com/>.

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