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2006 Sale a Success...Much Help Needed

By Grant Wainscott, Book Sale Chair

If you were one of the rare people who missed it, the 2006 FOGA Used & Rare Book Sale was another great success. On the heels of our extremely successful inaugural sale in 2005, this past sale had a lot to live up to. Thanks to numerous volunteers and the ever faithful Archives staff, the sale went off without a hitch and we again raised thousands of dollars for the great work of FOGA.

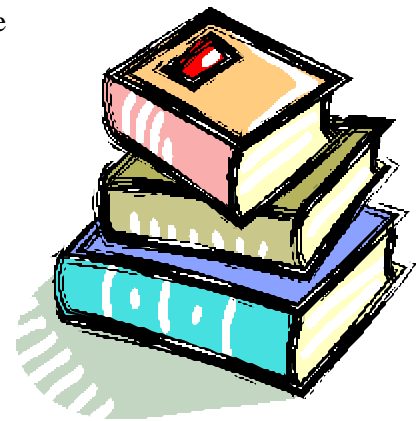
My heartfelt thanks go out to all of volunteers who worked tirelessly to clean, sort, and price more than 20,000 books this year, and then set up, manage, and break down the sale itself. There are too many dedicated volunteers to thank them all, but in particular I would like to point out FOGA board members and volunteers extraordinaire Barbara Dayhuff, Dianne Cannestra, and Sarah Rondeau who spent hour after hour on the loading dock, sorting through thousands of moldy and dusty books that came in from all parts of the country. Gene Jones also earned a star in his crown for his generous contribution of time every week. The Archives staff, in particular Anne Smith and Adam Parnell, again went above and beyond the call of duty in helping organize and manage the chaos that we rain upon the building for months in advance of the actual sale weekend!

Particularly noteworthy for this year's sale was the improved history and genealogy section, the rare book room additions and the generosity of the Fortson family with the donation of the fine collection of art, history, and architecture books from the estate of Charles Fortson. A surprising addition to this year's sale was the incredibly popular Children's Book Room, with more than 20,000 kids' books. Teachers, librarians and moms from around the state came to take advantage of what was certainly the largest selection of quality used children's books for sale in the entire state of Georgia.

Just as the dust has finally settled on the 2006 sale, we are looking ahead at the 2007 sale with much anticipation and hope for an even better turnout, more donations, and more history and genealogy books!

I want to make a serious request for assistance with this effort as we continue to grow in size and management. Due to the event's success and size, we have now outgrown the available preparation space at the Archives. We need to find an appropriate, long-term solution for sorting and storing more than 40,000 books each year.

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2006 Book Sale (continued from page 1)

We are in need of a 2,000 sq. ft. warehouse space, with electricity and climate control — if possible, in the Morrow area. We are looking for anyone with a contact for such space. As a 501(c)3 organization, we can provide a tax write-off in lieu of rent. We are not in the position to be able to pay market rate for this type of space, but are in hopes that among you, our valued FOGA members, somebody has or knows of somebody with a suitable site.

We are also in need of more volunteers for both processing books and administration of the sale itself. Regular volunteer work days are now being established at the Archives, if you are able to assist. If you have access to a truck that could be used to move books, please consider putting your name on a list to call when we require assistance from time to time. And, last but not least, we need MORE BOOKS! History and genealogy books are our primary request, though we need books of all types. Please consider thinning out your collection to help this worthy event.



**Join us for the Third
Annual Book Sale,
September 13—15, 2007.**

The acquisition of the Fortson Collection heightened the realization by many that the book sale is a perfect vehicle for inclusion in your estate planning. If you or a loved one has a large collection of books, or a collection of rare books that you have accumulated throughout the years, please consider donating them to the sale where they will be acquired by other book lovers. Our courteous and professional book sale organizers will handle your collection with sensitivity and respect, and make sure that you receive full value for the time, love and effort it took to amass such a collection.

To volunteer or otherwise help with the book sale, please contact FOGA or call Grant Wainscott at 678-758-4198. This year's sale has been moved up slightly to September 13-15, 2007. We will have a *members only* sale on Thursday, September 13 and then open the sale to the public on Friday and Saturday, September 14 and 15. We hope to see you there!



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FOGA Creates Sarah O. Dunaway Scholarship

The Board of Trustees of the Friends of the Georgia Archives has established the Sarah O. Dunaway Scholarship in memory of one of its greatest friends. Over the years, Sarah consistently supported the Georgia Archives and its work. She felt strongly that the records of our heritage should be preserved so the Board felt it appropriate to honor her by providing training to those who work with historical records. The scholarship will provide tuition for one student to attend the annual Georgia Archives Institute.

The 40th Annual Georgia Archives Institute will be held June 11-22, 2007 at the Georgia Archives in Morrow. Established in 1966, the Institute is designed for beginning archivists, manuscript curators, and librarians and offers general instruction in basic concepts and practices of archival administration and management of traditional and modern documentary materials. The two-week Institute is sponsored by the Georgia Archives and the Society of Georgia Archivists.

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



**Sarah O. Dunaway
1931—2006**

Tuition is \$500. Enrollment is limited and the deadline for receipt of application, resume, and \$75 application fee (refunded if not admitted to Institute) is April 15, 2007. Tuition does not cover transportation, housing, or meals. For more information about the Institute, please visit www.georgiaarchivesinstitute.org or contact:

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For information about the Sarah O. Dunaway scholarship, contact FOGA at 678-364-3732 or via e-mail at GeorgiaArchivesFriends@hotmail.com.

Save The Date Saturday, June 2, 2007

The Third **Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Georgia Archives** is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, starting at 10 a.m. In addition to the business meeting and other activities, Archives staff will provide appraisals of condition and historical significance for your images and documents. This event will be limited to Friends only. (Membership available at the door). Details will be announced in the next newsletter and through meeting invitations. Please join us.

Archives News

Georgia Archives Rediscovered Record Copy of the Declaration of Independence

By David Carmicheal, Archives Director

The Archives has hummed with activity since the thrilling re-discovery of the record copy of the Declaration of Independence on January 17, 2007. Many people have asked why we didn't know that we had this copy. At some point, long before the State Archives was established in 1918, the Declaration was bound into a large volume of records that spanned several decades of the 18th and 19th centuries. In 1945, the single large volume was broken down into two smaller volumes as a preservation measure. At that time, the spine of the volume containing the Declaration was labeled "State Officers Appointments, 1789-1827," an incomplete title for the many documents found in the volume. These volumes were not frequently used and, over time, fewer and fewer people remembered the existence of the Declaration but the volume was still safely stored in our vaults.

While conducting research for a patron seeking a Revolutionary War ancestor, Archives staff member Greg Jarrell discovered the copy on microfilm. He recognized the significance and immediately confirmed that we did hold the original and notified Administration.

When most people think of the Declaration, they are remembering the printed version produced on July 4, 1776. While these are rare, they are not official copies of the document. Georgia's recorded copy is the state's official record of one of the most important moments in the history of our country, made at the time of the event, and preserved through the turmoil of the American Revolution, the Civil War, and the countless changes in government and society since 1777. Five of the original states have no contemporaneous copy of the Declaration among their records.

For more information on the Declaration, its discovery and significance, please visit the Archives web site at www.GeorgiaArchives.org. Images are available in the Virtual Vault.

The Declaration will be displayed at the State Capitol on Georgia Day, February 12. It will then be placed on exhibit at the Georgia Archives from February 20 through May 18, 2007 in our exhibit room. This exhibit of founding documents will also include our Royal Charter — the 1732 document that created Georgia as a colony, and Georgia's ratification of the United States Constitution — the 1788 document that made Georgia a state.

In order to protect the documents from too much exposure to light, they will only be on exhibit for 3 months. The exhibit will be open during our regular hours of Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. We invite you to visit and see these wonderful records from our early history.

The Archives has launched a new version of its popular Virtual Vault using a new software which is easy to use and very powerful. The new Virtual Vault contains items previously not found on the web site including Chatham County Deed Books and Wilkes County marriages. The web site now hosts over 73,000 images and we are continuing to add new images. To view these items, just click on the Virtual Vault icon on the left side of the web page.



Tina Mason Seetoo has joined the Archives as a Conservator. Tina is responsible for the operations of the document conservation lab and will also assist with a range of preservation and training activities. She holds a MILS as well as Advanced Certification in Conservation from The University of Texas in Austin. She worked at the Southeast Library Information Network (SOLINET) for the past eight years.

Joanne Smalley, Senior Reference Archivist, retired January 31, 2007 after 32 years of outstanding service to the Archives and the genealogical community. A native of New York, Joanne attended Shorter College for two years and graduated from Georgia State University. She quickly adapted to our Southern ways and developed the critical ability to make sweet tea and understand the appropriate use of 'y'all.

Joanne has skillfully guided many thousands of researchers in their quest for information. We are excited for Joanne as she begins her new life adventure but we will miss her at the Archives.

Welcome Friends

The Friends of the Georgia Archives welcomes the following members who joined or renewed their membership between October 1, 2006 and January 31, 2007.

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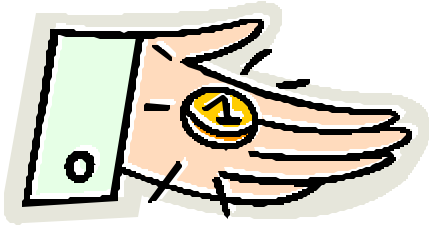
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2006 GHRAB ARCHIVES AWARDS CEREMONY

By Elizabeth Barr, GHRAB Assistant Coordinator

The Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board (GHRAB) held its fourth annual Archives Awards Ceremony to recognize outstanding archives and records work in Georgia at the Georgia Archives on October 16, 2006.

Secretary of State Cathy Cox and GHRAB Vice Chair Thomas Dirksen presented 20 awards to teachers, students, authors, universities, historical societies, and local governments. Education was prominent in this year's group of recipients which included:

- Georgia Historical Society's "Three Centuries of Georgia History," an on-line educational exhibit
- "Linking American History: Past to Present," a program of Henry, Fayette, and Cobb county school districts
- Cathy E. Loving, archivist at Atlanta Public Schools Archives and Museum, who made valuable contributions by helping students use primary sources in their classes
- Russell Wall for "Lucius Q. C. Lamar: Triumph, Tragedy, and the Truth," his senior thesis at Georgia College and State University.
- Abigail Derr, 11th grader at Columbus High School, for her exhibit at Georgia History Day titled "Highlander Folk School: Teaching Others to Take a Stand"
- Susanna S. O'Kula for "Unraveling the Mysteries of the Irish Travelers," her senior speech at the Augusta Preparatory Day School

Other recipients included:

- Representative Bill Cummings for Legislative Advocacy
- Brenda S. Banks, Walter H Hopkins, Marshall W. Williams, and The Georgia Archives Week Planning Committee, for Advocacy
- Atlanta Regional Commission, Columbus State University Archives, Forsyth County Board of Education, and Georgia Southwestern State University for Archival Program Development
- Foxfire Fund, Inc. and Gilmer County Genealogical Society for Excellence in Documenting Georgia's History
- Staci Catron-Sullivan and Susan Neill, Ouida Word Dickey, and John J. Fox, III for Excellence in Research using the holdings of an Archives

The ceremony was attended by over 160 persons including award recipients, guests, legislators and dignitaries. GHRAB expressed its deep appreciation to the Friends of the Georgia Archives for their support which made the event possible.

The Awards program was established in 2003 to recognize outstanding efforts in archives and records work in Georgia. By publicly recognizing excellent achievements, the Board strives to inspire others.

For additional information, contact Elizabeth Barr at 678-364-3718 or ebarr@sos.state.ga.us

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:

February 13

African-American Voices:

Exploring Documents from the Georgia Archives

Dale Couch, The Georgia Archives

Come explore some fascinating documents from our collections including records about a Georgia slave revolt.

March 13

A Stitch in Time: The Georgia Quilt Project

Anita Zalenski Weinraub, The Georgia Quilt Project

The GQP documented the existence of 8,100 of our state's quilts and culminated in an exhibition entitled *Georgia Quilts: Piecing History Together*. Come learn more about the process.

April 10

The Battle of Jonesboro

Dr. Gene Hatfield, Clayton State University

Close to 7,000 lost their lives on Aug. 31 and Sep. 1, 1864 in nearby Jonesboro. Dr. Hatfield will share insights about this Civil War battle.

May 8

Celebrating 30 Years: Ken Thomas on Genealogy

Ken Thomas, AJC columnist

Mr. Thomas will discuss his genealogy column that has been going strong since 1977. Over the years he has supplied Georgia with research advice and updates on history-related events.

June 12

We the People Project: Civics Education

John Hogue, We the People Program, UGA

Education Professor Hogue will discuss the nationally acclaimed program that seeks to teach youth about civic awareness and responsibility. Learn more about civics education in our state.



July 10

Exploring and Interpreting Handwriting

Sandy Boling, The Georgia Archives

Researchers often find it difficult to decipher handwritten documents. Understanding trends in penmanship and language will make the task easier.

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 memories.

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

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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 clean and sort books on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. You may wish to work only once a month but there will be two times each week you could choose to help. Just check the items below that would be interest and mail this form or call/e-mail FOGA.

- _____ Clean and sort books for book sale.
- _____ Price books for book sale
- _____ Help set up for book sale
- _____ Serve as a sales associate on day of sale.
- _____ Pick up books from collection points and deliver to Archives (as needed)
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