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SPECIAL GENEALOGYBANK OFFER FOR GGS MEMBERS

Two Popular Topics to be Addressed: GenealogyBank and DNA Testing

Two of genealogy's most popular topics – online research and DNA research – will be combined for an information-packed Georgia Genealogy Society seminar on Saturday, May 3.

Thomas Jay Kemp, director of Genealogy Products NewsBank, Inc., will kick things off with two talks on America's GenealogyBank. Kemp will demonstrate using America's GenealogyBank, an ever-growing digital collection of newspapers, periodicals, government documents and other historical documents.

GenealogyBank is a relatively new offering from NewsBank, Inc. For more than 60 years NewsBank's information products have been familiar to researchers in public libraries, colleges and universities, schools, and military and government libraries. GenealogyBank's subscription service provides access to digital scans of millions of documents, including books printed between 1801 and 1900, newspapers from 1690-1977 (and obituaries from 1977 to the present) and documents from 1789-1980. Newspaper content includes birth,

marriage and death announcements and much more. Documents range from military records and land grants to the American State Papers and Social Security Death Index listings. All the online databases are searchable. For more information see <www.genealogybank.com>.

Kemp is well known in genealogical circles as an author, librarian and archivist.

GenealogyBank offers a reduced subscription rate for GGS members.

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Frank Parker Hudson, center, is pictured in 2003 at the presentation of the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board's Award for Advocacy. The award recognized Hudson's outstanding efforts toward preserving and recording Georgia's historical records. His work with Wilkes County records is especially important, since more than 45 percent of free citizens of Georgia were residents of Wilkes County in 1790. Pictured with Mr. Hudson are Secretary of State Cathy Cox (left) and GHRAB Chairman R. Lee Kinnamon (right).

SHACKLEFORD AND HUDSON GGS Loses Two Members

The Georgia Genealogical Society lost two of its members in recent months. Benjamin Harold "Shack" Shackleford died on September 26, and Frank Parker Hudson passed away on January 8.

Mr. Shackleford, a retired mechanical engineer, was an elder of the Shallowford Presbyterian Church. A 35-year member of the Georgia Genealogical Society, he was 75. He is survived by Betty, his wife of 52 years, as well as three children, daughters Beth Kirch and Celia Booher and son Benjamin Shackleford, and eight grandchildren.

Mr. Hudson was a well-known figure in Georgia genealogy. His books included an *1800 Census for Lincoln County, Ga.*; a *1790 Census for Wilkes County, Ga.*; and *Wilkes County, Ga. Tax Records, 1785-1805*. His Wilkes County tax book was the culmination of 30 years of work and provided invaluable data on early residents of

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permanent staff or library and cannot assist
with personal research.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mike Brubaker

Change is in the Air

Change has been a significant feature of the Georgia Genealogical Society over the past couple of years, and more is still to come. As president of GGS I am honored to have been a small part of the changes already taking place, and I am excited to hear your reactions to these alterations as they occur. Some of the more substantial offerings made to you, the members, are in the areas of programs and publications. In these areas dramatic changes are happening.

Programming and outreach have been the most apparent changes to take place over the past few years. As part of a plan to reach out to all of our members throughout the state, at least one quarterly meeting each year has been held in cities away from the Atlanta area. Most recently the March meeting was held in Athens, before that was Macon and Columbus. At each board meeting the topic of future locations is a continuous discussion. As a board, the leaders of GGS are very conscious of the need to reach members throughout the state. We are looking forward to programs in other areas of Georgia. In addition, if you have any suggestions as to potential meeting places, we are always happy to hear from you.

If you have searched the Web page recently, you will notice the new additions to the Members Only section. It is exciting to visit the Web page and be able to search the indices for the first 20 years of the Georgia Genealogical Society *Quarterly*, or to view the scanned pages from the selected issue of the journal. And there is more to come, as our Web master and a task force devoted to providing more and greater resources post new resources to the Members Only area.

Equally exciting, you may have already noticed a change in the content of the *Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Case studies; articles regarding new and different resources; and opinion pieces will become more prevalent in the pages of the journal. The editors also are working to expand the number and types of book reviews published in the pages. In addition, the format of the magazine will change to note the shift in the editorial direction of the pages of the journal.

I should also take a few lines to recognize a substantial gift from the R. J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation. For the coming year the foundation has generously given a grant of almost \$14,000 to cover the publication expenses for the *Quarterly*. The generosity of the Taylor Foundation will provide a new impetus to greatly enhance the pages of the journal. A new look is coming, and the Taylor foundation is helping us along the way.

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Using America's GenealogyBank

featuring Thomas Jay Kemp

AND

DNA in Genealogy

featuring Terry Barton

Saturday, May 3

AT

the National Archives SE Region,
Morrow, Ga.
(next door to the Georgia Archives)



Sign-in 8:30-9 a.m. Lunch and Program 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

\$25 Members, \$35 Non-Members

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 25, 2008

A \$5 surcharge will be assessed for late registrations.

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Email Address _____

Number members __ **Number non-members** __ **Total enclosed \$** _____

Please provide names of all registrants, so nametags can be made.

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JOIN NOW AND SAVE! INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$35 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$40

*Contact Laura Carter at 706-369-9420 (evenings)
or program@gagensociety.org with any questions.*

Georgia Genealogical Happenings

Tuesday, April 15
Getting Started with Genealogy 2008
 (Every Tuesday)

6-8:30 p.m.

Athens-Clarke County Library's Heritage Room
 The staff of the Heritage Room will walk participants through the basics of researching their family histories during these free informal sessions. Phone the Heritage Room at (706) 613-3650, ext. 350, for more information. No registration required. For ages 12 and older.

Saturday, April 19
'Investigating Your Ancestral Trail'
 Sponsored by the Cobb County Genealogical Society

9 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Marietta, Georgia
 Speakers will be Sharon Tate Moody, Linda Woodward Geiger, Beverly Foster, Monica Hopkins, Richard Rayburn, and Peter J. Roberts. Additional information is available on the Cobb County Genealogical Society Web site.

Saturday April 26
Michael O'Laughlin speaking in Savannah
6:30 p.m.

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 Michael O'Laughlin of Irishroots.com will be featured at the 25th anniversary dinner of the Savannah Area Genealogical Association. Contact Walt Harper at 912-631-3301 for additional information.

Saturday, May 10
Trail of Tears Association, Georgia Chapter
Every second Saturday

10:30 a.m.

Place and program to be announced

For more information, visit
 <<http://gatrailoftears.com/>>.

Tuesday, May 13
Friends of the Georgia Archives
Lunch and Learn Series

Noon

Georgia Archives, Morrow, Ga.
 "Baseball in Atlanta"
 Paul Crater, Atlanta History Center

June 8-13
Institute of Historical
and Genealogical Research
Daily, hours vary
Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama

For more information visit <http://www.samford.edu/schools/ighr/>.

Tuesday, June 10
Friends of the Georgia Archives
Lunch and Learn Series

Noon

Georgia Archives, Morrow, Georgia
 "The Mines, Mining, and Geology Collection at the Georgia Archives"
 Steve Engerrand, Georgia Archives

Friday, June 13
Sitting up with the Dead
(extended research hours)

Noon-midnight

Hall County Library, 127 Main St., NW, Gainesville, Ga.

Registration and \$12 fee are required. Sponsors are the Hall County Library System and Northeast Georgia Historical and Genealogical Society. For more information, phone Ronda Sanders at 770-532-3311, ext. 116.

Tuesday, July 8
Friends of the Georgia Archives
Lunch and Learn Series

Noon

Georgia Archives, Morrow, Georgia
 "Lost in Plain Sight: Georgia's Official Copy of the Declaration of Independence"
 David Carmicheal, Georgia Archives

July 13-19
National Institute of Genealogical Research
Daily, hours vary
Washington, D. C.
 See <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nigraa/> for additional information.

Tuesday, Aug. 12
Friends of the Georgia Archives
Lunch and Learn Series

Noon

Georgia Archives, Morrow, Georgia
 "German POWs in Georgia"
 Renate Milner, Georgia Archives

Please note: A statewide calendar of genealogical events is a new service of the Georgia Genealogical Society. To submit an event, use the form on the GGS Web site, www.gagensociety.org. Click on Calendar of Genealogical Events, then Event Form. Listings will appear both on the Web site and in The Scribe.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

David W. Carmicheal, Georgia Archives

Anniversaries Bring New Opportunities

This year the Georgia Archives is celebrating 90 years of excellent service. Since 1918 we have preserved and made available the state's most historic records. We have recently added a new service by bringing the Capitol Museum under the umbrella of the Division of Archives and History. This new relationship will include collaborations on exhibitions and educational programs focused on telling Georgia history through the use of historic documents and artifacts.

For 119 years there has been a museum on the fourth floor of the Georgia Capitol. Its displays have ranged from the scientific to the historic to the downright comedic. At one time the museum garnered international accolades for its comprehensive geological collection. For many years it also featured a display of stuffed squirrels playing cards. Today, its unique location in a working government building offers visitors the opportunity to learn about the state of Georgia while witnessing history being made firsthand by Georgia's elected officials. Exhibits tell the story of how the Capitol was initially built as well as how architects and government officials worked to preserve the structure in the last decade. When you visit the Georgia Archives, please visit our current exhibit on the history of the Capitol Museum.

Lunch and Learn

We are also celebrating 15 years of our Lunch and Learn program. These informative, free lectures are held the second Tuesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. On April 8, I will present a talk on "Your Family Papers: Keeping Ahead of Disasters." Spring also makes us think of baseball, so on May 13 Paul Crater from the Atlanta History Center will discuss the Crackers and other Atlanta teams from the past. For a complete list of programs, please visit our website at www.GeorgiaArchives.org.

Virtual Georgia

Virtual Georgia now holds 141 images. We are continuing to look for photographs that show Georgians in everyday life. We want images of family and business life, street scenes, architecture, agriculture, school and civic activities, important individuals and events in Georgia history, and even landscapes. Nominations can be uploaded using a simple form at www.GeorgiaArchives.org (click on "Virtual Georgia" in the margin). Archives staff will review all the uploaded images and select the ones that are most representative of Georgia's varied culture and activities. Those will be added to the archives permanent collection. I hope you'll consider donating images and urge others to do so.

Opportunity to Help Archives!

Within the next few weeks the "Preserving the American Historical Record" Act (PAHR) will be introduced in the U. S. House of Representatives by Maurice Hinchey (D-NY). Passage of this bill will have a major impact on archives in Georgia and you can help.

PAHR will provide state formula grants to archives in the same way that such grants are provided now to libraries and historic preservation offices. A formula grant uses a formula (normally based on population and land area) to divide a pool of money among all the states. The PAHR bill asks for an annual appropriation of \$50,000,000 to be divided among the states and territories. This bill would bring as much as \$1,000,000 a year into Georgia for historical records projects, including indexing projects for records of genealogical interest.

PAHR money will be available to fund a full variety of archival projects by local governments and archival repositories of all kinds within the states: to create access tools, such as finding aids, indexes, documentary editions, and digital collections; to preserve archival records or make them more widely accessible; to develop curriculum materials using primary sources; and to support education and training of archivists and others who work with archival records.

Action is required! Congress won't pass a bill that nobody wants. If you want PAHR, you'll have to tell Congress. Fortunately, telling Congress is easy. Visit www.Archivists.org/PAHR and find the "Resources" section. It includes a draft letter, designed for Archivists, that you can customize to tell your Representatives and Senators that you want PAHR to pass. There's also a link that helps you find your Congressional delegation and tells you how to contact them. I hope you will join us in supporting this important bill.

Welcome, New Members

Craig Alexander, O'Fallen, Mo. – Patron level

Donna Bailey, Eastland, Texas
Karolina Bedacht, Walnut Creek, Calif.

Jan Bennett, Hiawassee, Ga.
Beverley Boss Gaines, Monroe, Ga.
Sandra Boyes, Bradenton, Fla.
Barry R. Chapman, Valdosta, Ga. – Benefactor level

Carole Farr Drexel, Benbrook, Texas
James P. Harn, Cooper City, Fla.
Elizabeth Howells, Watkinsville, Ga.
Cathy Kaemmerlen, Marietta, Ga.
Roger and Linda Kight, Ft. Myers, Fla.
Myles Greene Smith, Atlanta, Ga.
Mary V. Williams, Richardson, Texas

Still Time For Lecture Proposals

Georgia Genealogical Society members are invited to submit lecture proposals for the 2008 GGS fall seminar to be held Oct. 4, 2008 in Morrow.

Among topics being considered are lectures relating to research in Georgia. Topics can be on the history, records, repositories, land records, military and militia records and ethnic and religious groups of Georgia. Proposals for lectures on methodology for Georgia research and resources – online and otherwise – of particular use in Georgia research also are welcomed.

Sessions are limited to one hour. Camera-ready handout material, due Sept. 15, is required for each lecture and will be included in the syllabus distributed to all seminar registrants. Handout material is limited to four pages per lecture.

The deadline is April 15. Invitations and contracts will be mailed by June 1. Speakers will receive conference registration and lunch, plus a fee of \$75. The GGS is planning to audio tape the presentations for the speakers' benefit.

Proposals should include the following information:

- Speaker's full name, address, telephone and fax numbers and email address
- Title of the presentation
- Short description of the lecture (up to 40 words, including title and description, for use in the program brochure)
- Identification of the audience level: beginner, intermediate, or advanced
- Outline or summary of presentation
- Audio visual requirements
- Brief speaker biography (two or three sentences)
- Summary of recent speaking experience

Speakers may submit a maximum of two proposals. GGS members will be given first consideration as speakers.

Submit proposals to Laura W. Carter, Georgia Genealogical Society, Speaker Proposal, 1010 Beaverdam Road, Winterville, Ga. 30683. Or email Laura at <lcarter@athenslibrary.org> (MS Word or pdf file only).

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Behind the scenes, the board has created a long range planning committee led by former GGS President Nathan Mathews. The committee of five will attempt to map out goals for the coming years for the Georgia Genealogical Society. The committee will be working to answer some basic questions for the organization. Fundamentally, we want to know where GGS wants to go? And how do we get there? If

you have any thoughts about the future of GGS and want to contribute your thoughts, please let us know. Ideas drive this organization, and your input is always welcome and appreciated.

Change, for the sake of change is never a good thing. However, the recent advances at GGS will make the organization stronger. If you are interested in helping carry out the new plans, please let us know. Even if it is to simply express some opinion, the more input we receive towards the growth and development of GGS only makes us a better and stronger organization.

Resource Guide To Georgia Marriage Records



A listing of every known published source for Georgia marriage records.
General and statewide sources, plus listings for every county.

**INCLUDES INFORMATION ON HOW TO LOCATE
MARRIAGE RECORDS FROM THESE SOURCES:**

Published books
Microform (including county records)
Marriage records published in periodicals
Newspaper abstracts

DAR books
Church marriages
Marriage indexes on CD-Rom
Internet sources

PLUS OTHER VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

\$40 (members and non-members) ~ includes shipping
Order form online at www.gagensociety.org (GGS Publications tab)

Seminar

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One-year subscriptions are \$79.80 for GGS members (regularly \$119.95). GGS members may subscribe for two years at a cost of \$239.90 (regularly \$159.60). Members may take advantage of the special offer by going to the GGS Web site at <www.gagensociety.org> and clicking on the link in the blue box.

In the afternoon Terry Barton will present two talks: "Using DNA in Genealogy: The Basics" and "I've Been DNA Tested, Now What?"

Barton is a retired engineering manager who earned his MBA in mid-career. He currently splits his time between World Families Network, where he is the managing partner, volunteer work in the church and community, consulting work and time with his family.

He is the president of Barton Historical Society and co-leader of the 157-man Barton DNA Project. He is the "line leader" for the Thomas (1, 2, 3) Barton family of Stafford County, Va. and for the David Barton (married Ruth Oldham) family. He has made at least one genealogical presentation each of the past four years at the BSH annual reunion and has provided numerous articles for the BHS newsletters and Web site.

In addition, Southern Historical Press will be on hand to sell genealogical books. LaBruce Lucas, from Southern Historical Books, will be at the meeting, selling books on Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and more. For more information on SHP, go to <www.southernhistoricalpress.com>.

The seminar will be held at the National Archives, Southeast Region, located at 5780 Jonesboro Road in Morrow, next door to the Georgia Archives. The registration deadline is Friday, April 25. Sign-in will be from 8:30-9 a.m., with the program beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m. The cost is \$25 for Georgia Genealogical Society members and \$35 for non-members. Lunch will not be served.



Benjamin Harold
"Shack"
Shackleford

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this populous county. Mr. Hudson donated numerous copies of this two-volume work to the Georgia Genealogy Society, with proceeds set aside for the loose records project for the preservation of original county records. He also wrote numerous articles for the GGS *Quarterly*.

In 2002 he received the Augusta Genealogical Society's highest annual honor, the Arthur Award, for his efforts to record and publish old genealogical and historical records. He also received the society's Distinguished Service Award for his work with the Wilkes County tax records.

The Georgia Historical Records

Advisory Board presented Mr. Hudson with its Award for Advocacy in 2003 in recognition of his significant support for Georgia's historical records and his creation of a trust fund to raise awareness about preserving loose records in courthouses throughout Georgia.

Mr. Hudson was born December 12, 1918 in Americus, the son of Dr. Percy W. Hudson, a veterinarian, and Janie Inez Martin, a school teacher. He was a graduate of Georgia Tech, with a degree in chemical engineering, and a veteran of the U. S. Army Air Corps. He served as an ordinance officer during World War II. After the war, he led Spotswood Parker and Company, an Atlanta-based engineering manufacturer's representative firm, until his retirement in 1987. In 1958, he developed and held a patent for a burner fire safety control system.

Mr. Hudson was married for 58 years to Elizabeth Lee Podlich, who died in 2001. He is survived by three sons, Frank Parker Hudson Jr., Stephen Edward Hudson and James Burnett Hudson; seven grandchildren and one great grandson.

Got a Minute?

**If you would like to be more involved
in the Georgia Genealogical Society, here are some areas
where the GGS could use some good volunteers:**

Programs

Speaking at program meetings
Registrations
Copying handouts
Answering general questions
Handling mailed in registrations
Program ideas
Meeting space preparation
Clean up after the meeting
Name tags

Publicity

Workshop Flyers
Public Relations

General

Refreshment Committee
Helping with mailings
Gift Acknowledgements & Receipts
Book Sales – meetings or mailings

Quarterly

Writing Articles
Abstracting or Transcribing
Layout Artist
Proofreading
Editing
Indexing
Fact checking

Scribe

Writing Articles
Photographing events
Proofreading

Web

Data entry
Reviewing web with different browsers
Checking links
Proofreading screens

**If you think you might be interested in helping in any of these
areas or others,**

**please write Mike Brubaker
at president@gagensociety.org
or P. O. Box 550247, Atlanta, GA 30355-2747.**

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