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Colletta Talk and Library Research in Athens

Three Days, Three Opportunities In Classic City

A day of lectures by noted genealogist John Philip Colletta will highlight three days of learning and research in Athens.

Colletta's program is entitled "Coming to America: Passenger Arrivals and Naturalization Records." The program will be held on Saturday, March 1 in the Athens-Clarke County Library auditorium at 2025 Baxter Street.

Colletta's program will be divided into four parts:

- Passenger Arrival Records, 1820-1957 (with brief overview of pre-1820 period)

- Passenger Arrival Records: Advanced Problem Solving
- Naturalization Records, 1790-1920s (with brief overview of Colonial period)
- Naturalization Records: Advanced Problem Solving

The cost is \$25 for Georgia Genealogical Society members and \$35 for non-members. Registrations must be postmarked by Feb. 22 in order for hand-outs to be available. No lunch

will be served; a variety of eating establishments is located in the area.

Colletta will have copies of books for sale and will be happy to sign them. The Georgia Genealogical Society also will have publications for sale.

Based in Washington, D. C., Colletta is entertaining, knowledgeable and experienced. For 20 years he conducted workshops for the National Archives and taught courses for the Smithsonian

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At its December meeting the Georgia Genealogical Society presented two awards to persons and organizations that have made significant contributions to both the GGS and to genealogists. The award for outstanding contributions to the field of genealogy was presented to Willard Rocker, long-time director of the Genealogical and History Room at the Washington Memorial Library in Macon. Rocker is pictured (above) with, left to right, John Sloan; Kaydee Mathews, former

2007 GGS Award Winners



Vivian Price

GGS president Nathan Mathews; and Awards Committee chairman Susan Sloan. The Volunteer Award was presented to the Genealogical and Local History Department of the Columbus Public Library for its contributions to the success of the GGS seminar in Columbus on Oct. 6, 2007. John Lyles, above right, accepted the award on behalf of the library from GGS president Mike Brubaker.

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Please note: The Georgia Genealogical Society has no
permanent staff or library and cannot assist
with personal research.

'Urban Research' Program Coincides With Frank Exhibit

Georgia Genealogical Society Publications Director Paul K. Graham will present a workshop entitled Urban Genealogy – Finding Your Ancestors in the City on Sunday, March 9, beginning at 1 p.m. The event will be held at the William Berman Jewish Heritage Museum, 1440 Spring Street, Atlanta.

The museum will open a special exhibit, Seeking Justice: The Leo Frank Case Revisited, on Sunday, Feb. 10. The exhibit examines the events surrounding the murder of Mary Phagan in Atlanta in 1913 and the lynching of Frank two years later.

Workshop participants are encouraged to choose any of the actual personalities involved with the Leo Frank case and research their backgrounds. As past generations are uncovered, participants will have the opportunity to apply their new skills and present their case histories. Interest in the Frank case is not a requirement for attendance.

The event is being sponsored by the Jewish Genealogical Society of Georgia. Co-sponsors of the event include the Georgia Genealogical Society, the Cobb County Genealogy Society and the African American Historical and Genealogical Society.

The cost will be free for Berman museum members, \$5 for members of the four sponsoring organizations and \$10 for the public. Registration is not required.

Graham is a genealogist, historical researcher and the archivist for the DeKalb History Center.

For more information or if you are interested in researching one of the trial participants, contact Peggy Freedman by email at <peggyf@mindspring.com> or by phone, 770-396-1645.

Seminar at Sea

Fly Away Travel currently is taking reservations for its Genealogy Seminar at Sea, sailing the Caribbean October 25 to November 1.

Speakers will include John Phillip Colletta, George G. Morgan, Paul Milner, Laura G. Prescott, Donna M. Moughty, Paula Stuart-Warren, Michael J. Leclerc and Stephen J. Danko. Guests may choose up to 15 lectures in the areas of methodology, writing and publishing, Internet research and problem solving.

Departure is from Miami, Fla. Passports are required. The deadline for reservations is March. 1. For more information, visit <www.GenealogyCruises.com>, phone Cindy Lorenz at 800-837-0295, or write FlyAwayInc@aol.com..

Coming To America:

Passenger Arrivals and Naturalization

BY

***Dr. John
Philip Colletta***

Saturday, Dec. 1

AT

the Athens-Clark County Library

2025 Baxter Street, Athens, Ga.



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 FEBRUARY 22, 2008

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

Name _____

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email Address _____

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

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

**Make checks payable to Georgia Genealogical Society and mail with completed form to:
Dept. W P. O. Box 550247 Atlanta, GA 30355-2747**

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

PLEASE NOTE: Registration also is required for the FREE "Early Bird Research" event at the library's Heritage Room on Sunday, March 2. Email Theresa Graham <tgraham@athenslibrary.org> or call 706 613-3650, Ext. 350.

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

Georgia Genealogical Society Cash Flow

1/1/2007 Through 12/31/2007

Category Description

1/1/2007-2/31/2007

INFLOWS

Uncategorized	96.22
Book Sales	-80.00
Donations	105.00
General donations	266.18
TOTAL Donations	371.18
Dues	21,427.00
GGS Pins	69.00
Interest Inc	148.01
Program Revenue	4,010.00
1st Quarter	1,410.00
2nd Quarter	355.00
Registration Fees	795.00
TOTAL 2nd Quarter	1,150.00
3rd Quarter	35.00
4th Quarter	145.00
TOTAL Program Revenue	6,750.00
Publication Sales	
Georgia Land Plat	315.00
Georgia Colonial & Headright	200.00
Georgia Marriage Book	5,200.00
Georgia Research Book	730.00
Naturalization Book	90.00
Quarterly Back Issues	503.00
Return of Qualified Voters	250.00
Salt CD	128.00
Wilkes Co. Book	435.00
TOTAL Publication Sales	7,851.00
R J Taylor Foundation Reimbursement	1,480.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	38,112.41
OUTFLOWS	
Uncategorized	241.00
Account Analysis Fee	7.00
Affiliations (Professional Memberships)	145.00
Annual Awards	21.88
Bank Charge	13.70
Computer	89.42
Copies	58.13
Corporation Registration	30.00
Insurance	649.00

Miscellaneous	35.62
Post Office Box	132.00
Postage & Postal Supplies	731.46
Corresponding Secretary	169.24
Membership	432.90
Publications	91.58
Publicity	50.08
Recording Secretary	18.72
TOTAL Postage & Postal Supplies	1,493.98
Postal Service	175.00
Printing	
Membership	147.55
Newsletter Quarterly	7,599.19
Quarterly	9,513.27
TOTAL Printing	17,260.01
Programs	
1st Program	
Handouts	12.84
Publicity	175.68
Refreshments	156.34
TOTAL 1st Program	344.86
2nd Program	
Handouts	58.90
Speaker Fees	993.58
TOTAL 2nd Program	1,052.48
3rd Program	
Speaker Fees	600.00
Travel	265.80
TOTAL 3rd Program	865.80
4th Program	
Publicity	61.66
Refreshments	295.08
Speaker Fees	175.00
TOTAL 4th Program	531.74
Accommodations	178.54
Facilities Fees	75.00
TOTAL Programs	3,048.42
Sales Tax	230.15
Staff Stipends	
Newsletter Editor	1,000.00
Quarterly Editor	2,375.00
Webmaster	2,500.00
TOTAL Staff Stipends	5,875.00
Storage	1,869.52
Subscriptions	353.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	31,727.83
OVERALL TOTAL	6,384.58

Spring Seminar

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Institution and local universities. Today he lectures nationally and is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University (Birmingham, Ala.) and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy.

His publications include two manuals – *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record* and *Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans* – and numerous how-to articles. His latest book – *Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath* – is a history of the German-speaking merchants of the Mississippi Delta during Reconstruction. It is written around the mysterious destruction of his great great grandfather's country store and its five unfortunate inhabitants.

Colletta has appeared on local and national radio and television, is featured in Episode Four of "Ancestors," the ten-part KBYU-TV series, as well as its sequel aired in 2000. His Ph.D. in Medieval French Literature is from The Catholic University of America.

Spend the Weekend In the Classic City

Attendees are encouraged to plan to visit Athens for the entire weekend, as special research opportunities are being made available.

On Friday, Feb. 29, the University of Georgia Main Library will be open extra hours for the conveniences of seminar attendees. Although the Library normally is open until 9 p. m., the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library usually closes at 5 p. m. For one evening only, the Georgiana Collection, one part of Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, will remain open until 10 p. m. For more information on the collections at Hargrett and the Georgiana Collection visit <http://>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, May 3
Thomas Jay Kemp,
America's Genealogy Bank
Terry Barton on DNA

www.libs.uga.edu/hargrett/speccoll.html.

Other great places to explore at the UGA Main Library until 9 p. m. include:

Georgia newspapers on microfilm in the basement (UGA is the repository for the Georgia Newspaper Project.)

Reference area with online databases such as Accessible Archives, American Periodical Series (APS) 1740-1900, Early American Newspapers 1690-1876, JStor and more.

Government documents like the U. S. Serial Set and American State Papers online or on the second floor.

Many other useful materials throughout the collection. Search before you visit online at <https://gil.uga.edu/>.

The University of Georgia Main Library is located on Jackson Street. For information about the library, visit <http://www.libs.uga.edu/> or phone 706 542-3251.

For directions and parking information visit <http://www.libs.uga.edu/directions.html>.

The Athens-Clarke County Library is offering incentive for seminar attendees to remain in Athens one additional day. Those who do may take advantage of Early Bird Research at the Heritage Room of the Athens-Clarke County Library.

The library normally is open from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, but for this special event will open at 10 a.m. for those who wish to research in the library's Heritage Room collection, as well as on computers in the Educational Technology Center.

Snacks and beverages will be provided until 1 p.m.

The event is free, but registration is required. Email Theresa Graham tgraham@athenslibrary.org or call 706 613-3650, Ext. 350, to sign up. The library is located at 2025 Baxter Street.

For information about Athens, where to stay and or where to eat, visit the Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau website at <http://www.visitathensga.com/>. From this site order a free visitor's guide delivered by mail or download one. In addition, there is a calendar of other events happening the weekend of Feb. 29-March 2. For more information on Athens, phone the CVB at 706 357-4430.

For more hotel information, visit: http://www.visitathensga.com/stay_and_do/where_to_stay. Visitors can make reservations online at the Visit Athens site.

Suggested accommodations near the Athens-Clarke County Library include:

- Hampton Inn
- Country Inn and Suites
- Holiday Inn Express
- Best Western Colonial Inn (halfway between the UGA Main Library and Athens library and close to downtown eateries)
- Grand Oaks Bed and Breakfast

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Welcome, New Members

Ann Christnacht Hilke, Raleigh, N. C.

Jamie J. Goode, Atlanta, Ga.

Lanelle LaRue, Lake City, Ga.

Betty Norris, Madera, Calif.

Elizabeth Olson, Suwanee, Ga.

Joe Odom, Lilburn, Ga.

Mary Maxwell Pitts, Phenix City, Ala.

Bradley Quinlin, Suwanee, Ga.

Grace and Gene Sanders, Atlanta, Ga.

Melissa Speed, Lawrenceville, Ga.

Society Seeks 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.

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)

Wanted: Events For New Calendar

The Georgia Genealogical Society has launched a new online calendar of Georgia genealogical events.

The first statewide calendar of its kind will be housed on the GGS Web site. Either go to

www.gagensociety.org

and click on Calendar of Genealogical Events, or go directly to the calendar at

www.gagensociety.org/ggs_calendar.htm

On the site are month-by-month listings of events of interest to Georgia genealogists. Links provide more information about each event.

Individuals and societies are asked to submit information about lectures, meetings, classes, and other events via online form.

The goal of this new project is to provide a single source for information on genealogical events happening around the state.

- 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).

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:

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Getting Records Online A Top Priority

By David Carmicheal
Director
The Georgia Archives

You may have noticed in these columns that I talk a lot about records available online. I feel strongly that one of our imperatives at the Archives is to provide access to historical records, and the Internet has proven to be an incredibly effective tool to do that.

Much of our scanning is done in-house by students hired for the task — and the GGS has helped us in the past by making donations to that end (thank you!) — but in-house scanning will never accomplish enough in a reasonable amount of time. We are always on the lookout for ways to make records available more rapidly. To that end I have signed a Letter of Agreement with The Generations Network (Ancestry.com) to scan all of the *Confederate Pension records* from our microfilm copies. They have committed to complete this project within one year. As part of our agreement, Ancestry will return copies of the images to us along with a name index which we will put in the Virtual Vault on our website. Ancestry will do additional indexing for its own site (which is available to our patrons in the Reference Room). This agreement comes on the heels of our very successful project with the Genealogical Society of Utah to scan 300,000 death certificates, and I expect other agreements to follow.

On a related note, I hope you've visited the Virtual Vault recently. We now have 82 marriage books online and more on the way. We've also added a collection of Historic Maps and all of our Trademark Registration records (which, though not necessarily genealogical, are very interesting).

The Internet is a two-way street, and you can help preserve Georgia's history by contributing to our new *Virtual Georgia* collection. Virtual Georgia is based on an earlier Archives program called Vanishing Georgia. Between 1975 and 1986, archivists from

the Georgia Archives traveled throughout the state and copied historically significant photographs held by individuals who wanted to share them with future generations. During the program, Vanishing Georgia preserved nearly 18,000 photographs. Now we want to use modern technology to accomplish the same thing.

We are looking 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. In particular, we urge Georgia's emerging ethnic communities to nominate images of their ceremonies and activities for inclusion in the archives.

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. You can read about the project and see what has already been contributed. I hope you'll consider donating images and urge others to do so.

And finally, the days when every record is available online are still far away. In the meantime, we are happy to announce that the *paper death certificates* from 1932 are now available in-house at the Archives. That means that death certificates from 1919 to 1932 are available, from 1919-1927 online, and from 1928-1932 at the Archives. But don't worry: those paper records will be online just as soon as we can get them there.

THINGS TO SEE, DO IN ATHENS

Visitors to Athens have a variety of opportunities to see and enjoy the Classic City. Begin at the Athens Welcome Center, which is located in one of the city's house museums. The Church-Waddel-Brumby House (circa 1820) is believed to be Athens' oldest surviving residence; it is undergoing extensive renovation. Visit a historic showplace and get information on the local area. The center is located at 280 E. Dougherty Street, at the corner of Thomas Street in downtown Athens. Hours are 10 a.m., Mondays-Saturdays; and noon-5 p. m. Sundays. Phone 706-353-1820 for more information.

Several self-guided tour brochures and an audio tour are available at the Athens Welcome Center and online at <www.athenswelcomecenter.com>.

Classic City Tours offers a Tour of Historic Athens, which leaves from the Athens Welcome Center daily at 2 p.m. Tours last approximately 1½ hours and cost \$15 per person. Phone 706-208-8687 for more information. Reservations are strongly recommended. Special music history and African-American history tours also are available by special arrangement.

The University of Georgia Visitors Center offers free tours of the university Mondays-Fridays at 9 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Phone 706-542-0842 for more information.

In addition to the welcome center, three house museums in Athens are open to the public and form the Athens Historic House Museum Association; collaborative tickets are available through the Athens Welcome Center.

Ware-Lyndon House (circa 1850) is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon-9 p.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-5p.m. Phone 706-613-3623 for more information.

Taylor-Grady House (circa 1844) is open for tours Mondays-Thursdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed 1-2:30 p.m. for lunch). For more information or to make reservations, phone 706-549-8688.

T.R.R. Cobb House (1852) is open for tours Tuesdays-Saturdays from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Phone call 706-369-3513 for reservations.

For more information, visit <http://www.visitathensga.com/stay_and_do/house_museums>.

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