December:

A Month of Multicultural Holiday Celebrations

As genealogists we understand firsthand how ethnically diverse the world is– all we have to do is look at our pedigree charts. It’s exciting when we find out that great-great-grandmother came over from Russia!

We hope everyone has a great holiday season full of diverse and fun traditions!

Merry Genealogy, everybody!

- Fiesta of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexican)
- St. Lucia Day (Swedish)
- Hanukkah (Jewish)
- Christmas Day (Christian)
- Boxing Day (Australian, Canadian, English, Irish)
- Kwanzaa (African American)
- Omisoka (Japanese)
- Yule (Pagan)
- Saturnalia (Pagan)
MEET THE STAFF:

Spotlight on
Maggie Thomas

Maggie was born and raised in southeastern Georgia, outside of Savannah. She moved to Smyrna in 2010 and began working in the Georgia Room in 2014. Her husband, Chuck, is a screenwriter and they have a 13 year old daughter, Molly.

Maggie graduated from Georgia Southern University in 2008 with an Art History major and History minor. She is currently working on her graduate degree and will graduate in Fall 2018 with her Masters in Library and Information Science!

Her favorite book genre is science fiction/fantasy and the last book she read was “American Gods” by Neil Gaiman.
Join us Wednesday, December 6th for the **last First Wednesday workshop of 2017**!

This month’s presentation is “Migration Patterns”

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.

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**Migration Patterns & Geographical Georgia Research**

*When: 7pm, Wednesday, December 6, 2017  
Where: Switzer Library’s Georgia Room*
NO First Wednesday program in January 2018! Keep enjoying time with family and Have a Happy New Year!

Join us for First Mondays starting February 5, 2018

Feb 5: African American Research in honor of Black History Month
Mar 5: Research in Newspapers
Apr 2: Names Changes in Genealogy
May 7: Family History in your Recipe Box
Jun 4: Copyright status/laws/rules
Jul 2: Online Search Tips- Google Books and More
Aug 6: Revolutionary War Research
Sep 3: Genealogy Crafts for the Holidays
Oct 8: Cemetery Searches and Studying Headstones
Nov 5: Self-Imposed and Artificial Brick Walls
Dec 3: Organization and Technology for your Genealogy Papers and Materials
Bulloch County Census Indexes:
• 1880, 1870, 1860, 1850, 1840, 1830, 1820

Bryan County Census Indexes:
• 1880, 1870, 1830

Emanuel County Census Indexes:
• 1880, 1870, 1860

Screven County Census Indexes:
• 1870, 1860, 1830

New KSU Oral History Interviews!
• Houston D. Davis
• James Gantt Fausett
• Bennie Sue Houck
• Thomas E. Rotnem
• Ann D. Smith
• Jiayan Zhang

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All I Want For Christmas

Dear Santa:
Don't bring me new dishes;
I don't need a new kind of game.
Genealogists have peculiar wishes;
For Christmas I just want a surname.
A new washing machine would be great,
But it isn't the desire of my life.
I've just found an ancestor's birth date,
Now I need the name of his wife.
My heart doesn't yearn for a ring
that would put a real diamond to shame.
What I want is a much cheaper thing:
Please give me Martha's last name.
To see my heart singing with joy,
Don't bring me a red leather suitcase.
Bring me a genealogist's toy:
A surname, with dates and a place.

— Author Unknown

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
Annual Holiday Luncheon

Speaker: Kenneth H. Thomas Jr.
"Researching Your WWI Ancestors"

Saturday, Dec. 9
Georgia Archives
5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow
10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Cost: $25 for GGS members $35 for non-members
Lunch included
Deadline for postal mail registrations: postmarked by Monday, Nov. 20
Deadline for online registrations: midnight Monday, Dec. 4

Handouts and lunch guaranteed for those who register by the deadline.
A $5 surcharge will be assessed for late registrations.

Name ____________________________________________
Street ____________________________________________
City/State/Zip _____________________________________
Email Address ______________________________________

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

Please tell us how you heard about this meeting (check one):
Brochure? _____ Ken Thomas’ column _____ Newspaper article _____ Web site
Other (please explain) ______________________________________

JOIN NOW AND SAVE! INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: $35, FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: $40
For more information contact Maggie Thomas – programs@agengsociety.org
Call for Proposals
Georgia Genealogical Society Meeting
March 17, 2018
“Locals” Program

Geographical Resources for Genealogy
Deadline for Submission is Nov. 30

Theme for March 2018 meeting: “Traveling Through Georgia,” topics on Georgia Research including migration patterns, county and city border changes, research libraries around the state, etc.

Information to be included in the proposal:
Presenter’s name, postal address, email address and phone number.
Session/presentation title (of no more than 15 words)
Session abstract (up to 500 words)
Abstract or description for each presentation (up to 300 words)
Sample slides of part of presentation
Biographical paragraph or c.v. summary (up to 250 words) for each participant
Correct e-mail address for each participant
Audiovisual needs
May submit proposals for more than one session

Sessions will be one hour in length and designed to introduce or explain tools or other resources regardless of format that are geographically related that can help genealogy researchers. Selected presenters will be paid $100 per hour session.
Submit proposals to Maggie Thomas via email at programs@gagensociety.org on or before midnight November 30, 2017. The presenters will be announced by December 15.
Did you know there is now a link on the Georgia Room webpage where you can sign up for the bi-monthly eNewsletter? Tell your friends and fellow genealogy enthusiasts!

http://www.cobbcat.org/research/local-history/

On October 10, 2017 Carolyn and Maggie gave a special presentation at the Senior Wellness Center on Powder Springs St.- “Letters and Photos from the Past.”

We shared tips on handling and care of paper and photos as well as dating, identifying, and preservation.

Do you have an idea for a presentation or workshop? Let us know!! georgiac@cobbcat.org
On the 12th Day of Christmas,
My True love gave to me,

Twelve Census Searches,
Eleven Obituaries,
Ten E-Mail Contacts,
Nine Headstone Rubbings,
Eight Birth and Death dates,
Seven Town Clerks Sighing,
Six Second Cousins,
Five Coats of Arms,
Four family Bibles,
Three marriage records,
Two old Wills,
And a Branch in my Family Tree!

Merry Genealogy!
Genealogy Society of Cobb County

Genealogy 101

January 27: Getting Started — Navigating Census Records & Your Ancestor’s Occupation(s)

February 3: Vital Records
- Military Records

February 10: What Records Might be Found in the Courthouse
- What can I Find for Free?

February 17: African American Genealogy

February 24: Newspapers & City Directories
- What Do You Still Want to Know, Our Answers to Your Questions

March 3:
- Visit to Cobb County Switzer Library’s Georgia Room (or weather day as applicable)

Every Saturday from Jan 27 — March 3, 2018 from 9:30am — 12:30pm

Genealogy 101 is free to attend (registration is necessary). There is a charge for the class materials.

Register by mail: $39.00 sent to Cobb County Genealogical Society, Inc., P.O. Box 1413, Marietta GA 30061. Must be postmarked on or before January 11, 2018 or a $10 late fee will apply.

Register online: $39.00 by January 16, 2018 or a $10 late fee will apply. Online registration is via PayPal: www.cobbgagensoc.org/online_shopping1

For More Information:
http://www.cobbgagensoc.org/
October Open House was a success!

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Open House in October to take a look at our digitization project, “Letters From The Past!” It was quite a success. Two very important visitors that afternoon came to us from the Marietta Museum of History- Amy Reed, the Curator of Exhibits and Education, and Christa McCay, Registrar. We spoke with them at length about encouraging more cooperation with the museum on presentations and exhibits.
December 2017 and January 2018 adult programming at Switzer Library located in the multi-purpose room! Come check it out!

Remembering World War 1: An Engineer's Diary of The War
January 20, 2018, 2:00pm
Switzer Library

Join us as Dr. Virginia Dilkes presents the firsthand experiences of World War 1 through the eyes of her father, Charles Edward Dilkes.

Drawing on excerpts from her father's memoirs and pictures of his WWI artifacts, Dr. Dilkes will follow her father's footsteps through the battlefields of France and his days in Germany serving in the U.S. Army of Occupation.

The discussion will include the roles of Georgia divisions, Georgia generals involved in the same military campaigns as her father and those soldiers who died in these battles.

The presentation is a WWI centennial commemorative event planned by the Switzer Library to honor and commemorate those who served in WWI and educate generations today and in the future on the impact the Great War continues to have on the nation.

The Notorious Trial of WW 1 Veteran George Goumas
December 12, 2017
6:30pm @ Switzer Library

Join us as we welcome retired Judge Jim Morris to discuss the 1931 Marietta murder of Doyle Butler, Cobb's first Ford dealer and then president of the Rotary Club, by Georges Goumas, Marietta merchant and Cobb's most decorated hero of WWI. This case illustrates issues of immigration, the ascendancy of the KKK, PTSD (then known as shell shock), Cobb's efforts to recover from the image left by the 1915 Leo Frank lynching, and other, perhaps timely, subjects.

Judge James Morris wrote the article, "Rule of Law Doesn't Just Happen" about the Goumas case which was published in the Georgia Bar Journal in 2010.
December

Happy Birthday
Georgia natives and statesmen!

- James Longstreet
  - January 8
- Dominique Wilkins
  - January 12
- Julian Bond
  - January 14
- Steven Soderbergh
  - January 14
- Martin Luther King, Jr.
  - January 15
- John C. Fremont
  - January 21
- Paula Deen
  - January 29
- Jackie Robinson
  - January 31
A couple of weeks ago, on a whim, I decided I wanted to check out Newspapers.com so I went for the week-long free trial. I was NOT disappointed.

Have any of you ever taken a look at Newspapers.com? It’s one of the databases in the Ancestry.com family and includes more than 73 million pages from 3,000-plus newspapers. Although the Georgia papers are pretty limited, I found 17 obituaries and 23 articles about family members from the states of North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, Georgia, and Michigan. And this was all in the span of less than one week!

The one-week free trial really is free, no strings attached! I highly recommend it! It’s very user-friendly, too.

<— (Delphos Daily Herald (Delphos, Ohio) · Thu, Apr 23, 1903)