Can you guess what the words and numbers above are? (other than February and March holiday words…) Those are the distributions of those surnames in the United States! I just happened to stumble across a fun website the other day called Forebears, where you can look up any surname’s commonality anywhere in the world! It’s fun! Forebears is British owned with the url extension .io if you wanna check it out!

Be mine! Maggie Thomas
Cobb County native Lauren Craig has been a part-time library assistant in the Georgia Room since October 2017. She graduated from Clemson University in May 2017 majoring in English with a minor in Screenwriting.

Since she only just graduated less than a year ago, she is taking some time off from school and is actually working on her first book as we speak—a young adult spy novel!

Her favorite book genre is sci-fi and fantasy and right now she is reading “Iron Gold” by Pierce Brown, book 4 of the Red Rising series.

If you haven’t met Lauren yet make sure to stop by and say hello!
Join us Monday, February 5th for the first 1st Monday of 2018!

This month’s presentation is “African American Research”

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.

Guest Speaker, Cynthia Owens
Join us Monday, March 5th for

**First Mondays**  
**Research and Refreshments**

March’s presentation is  
*“Research in Newspapers”*

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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**Monday**  
**March 5, 2018**  
**7:00pm in the Georgia Room:**

**Research in Newspapers**

*Whether they’re clippings, copies, microfilm, or digital, newspapers offer a fascinating look into the lives of your ancestors; learn what to look for and how to look for it!*
On December 20, 2017, The Georgia Room was presented with a fantastic donation from the Fielding Lewis Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Wanda Patterson, Chapter Historian, and Marilynn Carol Palmer presented us with a beautiful copy of “Fielding Lewis Chapter NSDAR: 112 Years of Sisterhood and Service, 1904-2016.” It will make an important addition to our collection. Thank you, Fielding Lewis Chapter!

Also in December, local author Reg Lansberry made a very kind donation of his newest book: “9 Goals; The New York Rangers Once-in-a-lifetime Miracle Finish.” Mr. Lansberry gave the Georgia Room a very gracious nod in the acknowledgment section of his book. We are always so grateful when our hard work and passion for what we do here in the Georgia Room is recognized by our patrons. Thank you so much, Mr. Lansberry!
SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, March 17, 2018

March 2018 Educational Series:
Traveling through Georgia: Research and Resources
Date: Saturday, March 17, 2018
Time: 10:00am to 4:30pm
Location: Georgia Archives, 5800 Jonesboro Rd., Morrow GA 30260

Presentations:
1. Angela Stanley: “Georgia’s Treasures: Research Libraries around the State”
2. Sue VerHoef: “Climbing your Family Tree at the Atlanta History Center”
3. Leslie Thomas: “How to Find your Native American Ancestor”
4. Kristin Harms: “Georgia on my Mind: Colonial Research in Georgia”

Cost: $25 GGS members $35 Non-members $5.00 late registration fee
Lunch is on your own.
Postal mail registrations postmarked no later than Wednesday, March 7, 2018
PayPal registrations due by midnight on Tuesday, March 13, 2018
Please provide names of all registrants so name tags can be made:

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City/State/Zip___________________
Email address___________________

Number of Members ______ Number of Non-members ______ Total Enclosed $ ________

Make checks payable to Georgia Genealogical Society and mail with completed form to:
P.O. Box 550247 Atlanta, GA 30355-2747
Please tell us how you learned about this meeting (check one):
GGS Brochure? ☐ Ken Thomas’s column? ☐ Newspaper article? ☐ Web site? ☐
Other? (Please explain) ______________________________

JOIN NOW AND SAVE! INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP $35 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP $40 YOU CAN SEND ONE CHECK FOR MEMBERSHIP AND SEMINAR REGISTRATION WILL BE AT MEMBER RATE
For more information contact GGS Education Director at programs@gagensociety.org

For more information go to www.gagensociety.org/
Registration is now open for IGHR 2018!
Sun-Thurs, June 2-7

Registration dates: Saturday, 13 January 2018 - Sunday, 6 May 2018

- Early Bird tuition with discount: $560.00 (13 January 2018 thru 10 March 2018)
- Full tuition cost: $600.00 (11 March 2018 thru 6 May 2018)

GGS Member tuition with discount: $550.00 (13 January 2018 thru 6 May 2018). Only one GGS member discount permitted per individual membership or family membership.

Questions about registration should be sent to ighrregister@gagensociety.org

Family Search History and Genealogy Expo

Saturday, 2 June 2018, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education & Hotel
1197 S. Lumpkin Street, Athens, GA 30602

Sponsored by FamilySearch, we hope you will join us for a fun afternoon where you can explore genealogy resources and educational opportunities, ask questions, and meet others interested in family history.

This event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

The purpose of the Expo is to:

- Provide a mini-exhibit hall atmosphere where attendees and the public can ask questions about genealogy and family history resources and explore books and other materials provided by exhibitors.
- Create greater awareness of genealogical educational opportunities (including institutes) among the general public.
- Expose IGHR attendees to some of the societies and publishers in the region. Provide an opportunity for people to meet IGHR faculty and other authors of genealogical publications and to have these publications signed.
Have you signed up for Gen 101 yet??

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 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/
Are you going to be graduating from the 2018 Genealogy 101 classes? You’re invited to a post-101 workshop in the Georgia Room!

Spend the first four weeks after Gen 101 practicing your family history research on your own, then reunite with your Gen 101 classmates to

**Regroup, Reassess, and Research!**

Saturday, March 31st, 12-3pm

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**Genealogy Society of Cobb County**

**monthly meetings:**

**February 27, 2018**
Handwriting, Misspellings, and Red Flags
Speaker: Maggie Thomas

**March 27, 2018**
Surprises in Your DNA - Are You Ready?
Speaker: Pamela S. Downs

7 pm - First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church Street, Marietta, GA 30060
Introducing
KSU student intern,
Jeff Kurtz

Marietta native Jeff Kurtz is a history education major at Kennesaw State University and as part of his Public History class this semester, he will be interning with us here in the Georgia Room until May. Jeff is assisting with metadata entry and the digitization of part of our collection and has so far been an invaluable addition!

Newsletter sign-up now on website

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/
Local Authors
permanent Ga Room display!

Local Authors! Do you or a friend or family member have an independently published book that you would like to see placed in the library? We want to highlight it for you here in the Ga. Room, especially if it has to do with Cobb County or Georgia! Ask one of us at the Ga. Room desk for more information about how to get your book in here!
Switzer Library’s Georgia Room has been featured in “Georgia Treasures; Exploring your genealogy, history, and culture at public libraries,” a 16 page full-color booklet showcasing genealogy resources in public libraries across the state!

Published by the Georgia Public Library Service, this booklet is now available for FREE at public libraries throughout the state (pick yours up in the Ga. Room today!) OR go to www.georgialibraries.org to download your own pdf copy!

**We invite you to explore your genealogy, history and culture at Georgia’s public libraries!**

As family heritage and genealogy tourism grows more popular throughout the United States, it is our pleasure to spotlight several vital destinations found among Georgia’s public libraries. Researchers, students and teachers, as well as professional and amateur historians and genealogists, are certain to find unique and varied treasures in our distinctive and carefully curated collections.

**Charles D. Switzer Public Library**
266 Roswell St.
Marietta, GA 30060
(770) 528-2320
cobbcat.org/research/local-history

Housing one of the largest genealogical collections in north Georgia, Cobb County Public Library System’s Georgia Room, located in the Switzer Library, features more than 15,000 genealogical and historical reference resources. Most of the materials in the collection are in book form, although other formats, such as photographs, atlases and maps, bound periodicals, newspapers and microform, are included. Among the highlights of the collection are the original aperture cards and descriptions of the Cobb County photos that were digitized and included in the Georgia Department of Archives and History’s Vanishing Georgia Collection. Located within walking distance of several other historical attractions, including the Gone with the Wind Museum, the Marietta Museum of History and the Marietta National Cemetery, the Georgia Room’s collection was founded in 1970 through the bequest of Virginia Vanstone Crosby, the first woman to run for mayor of Marietta. In 2007, the room was greatly expanded. Knowledgeable staff members offer every-first-Wednesday programs on genealogy and history-related resources and topics. Their efforts helped earn the library a 2016 Outstanding Contribution to the Field of Genealogy Award from the Georgia Genealogical Society.
Civil War historian, Brad Quinlin at Switzer Library
Monday, February 26th, 6pm in the small multi-purpose room

In honor of Black History Month, Brad Quinlin will talk about the 258 African American soldiers buried in the Marietta National Cemetery and Emma Stephenson, the freed African American slave who was a Union nurse in the Civil War, also buried there.
MARCH IS:

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

More Than Petticoats

Remarkable Georgia Women

Women in Atlanta

Women in the South

An Anthropological Perspective

Edited by Healy F. Matthews

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Celebrating Black History

February

Finding Your African American Ancestors

A Beginner's Guide

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It's Something Else

Mary L. Jackson Fears

Foreword by Charles L. Brown, Ph.D.
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