Welcome to the second edition of the Georgia Room Review!

Letter from the Editor:

Hi all! I’m very excited for the summer, we have a lot of fun things planned. At the end of May, Carolyn and I will be attending the 2017 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference, in June there will be a special guest speaker for our First Wednesday program, and in July we are holding an Independence Day Open House!

I want to thank all of you for your continued support of the Georgia Room, we wouldn’t be who we are without all of you!

—Maggie

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“To forget one’s ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root.” – Chinese Proverb

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Originally from the Marietta area, Katie graduated from Kennesaw State University in 2015 with a major in History and a Public History Certification. She interned with Dr. Tom Scott at KSU on the Southern Polytechnic oral history project.

Katie worked at Switzer Library’s circulation desk for over a year before moving to the Georgia Room. She is currently earning her Masters of Library and Information Science from Valdosta State University.

Katie has been researching her family’s genealogy for approximately five years. Her favorite book genres are biographies and historical fiction.

Katie and her fiancé John are getting married on Sunday, May 21st. She will be taking some time off work shortly after to enjoy her honeymoon in Mexico Beach, Florida. Congratulations, Katie!
2017 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference

Thursday, May 18th through Saturday, May 20th, Carolyn and Maggie will be attending the 2017 Statewide Historic Preservation Conference in beautiful Madison, Georgia! We look forward to learning all we can about preserving our history so that we can pass the info on to you, our patrons!
Switzer Library presents Civil War historian and author, Michael Shaffer!

Please join us in the large conference room on Saturday, May 20th at 1:00pm

from the opening action at Tunnel Hill to the fall of Atlanta, the armies moving through Georgia maneuvered, fought, and left destruction in their wake. Michael K. Shaffer will discuss the various military engagements during this 1864 campaign.

Michael K. Shaffer, a Civil War historian, author, newspaper columnist, instructor, and frequent lecturer remains a member of the Society of Civil War Historians, Historians of the Civil War Western Theater, and Georgia Association of Historians. He serves as a Civil War consultant for the River Line Historic Area and the Friends of Camp McDonald. Shaffer holds BA and MA degrees, with honors, in Military History - Civil War Studies, and currently teaches Civil War courses at Kennesaw State University’s College of Continuing and Professional Education.
New Titles of Interest

- Kennesaw State University Oral History Series: Interview with Joseph H. (Pete) Silver, Sr.—Conducted, edited, and indexed by Thomas A. Scott
- Kennesaw State University Oral History Series: Interview with Volker C. Franke—Conducted, edited, and indexed by Thomas A. Scott
- Kennesaw State University Oral History Series: Interview with Ana-Maria Croicu—Conducted, edited, and indexed by Thomas A. Scott
- Kennesaw State University Oral History Series: Interview with Linda Grant Neiemann—Conducted, edited, and indexed by Thomas A. Scott
- Kennesaw State University Oral History Series: Interview with Ming Chen—Conducted, edited, and indexed by Thomas A. Scott
- Kennesaw State University Oral History Series: Interview with Stephen A. Prather—Conducted, edited, and indexed by Thomas A. Scott
- Kennesaw State University Oral History Series: Interview with Melvyn L. Fein—Conducted, edited, and indexed by Thomas A. Scott
- Kennesaw State University Oral History Series: Interview with Dr. Jerome Ratchford—Conducted, edited, and indexed by Thomas A. Scott
- Kennesaw State University Oral History Project: Interview with Ron R. Koger—Conducted, edited, and indexed by Thomas A. Scott for the Southern Polytechnic State University Series

- The Cherokee Perspective, edited by Laurence French and Jim Hornbuckle
- Cherokee Editor: The Writings of Elias Boudinot, edited by Theda Perdue
- Cherokee Roots, Vol. 2: Western Cherokee Rolls, by Bob Blankenship
- History of the 14th Georgia Infantry Regiment, by Ray Dewberry
- Georgia Bible Records supplement– 1772-1940, by Jeannette Holland Austin
We had a lovely book donation from the Daughters of the American Colonists this May. To the right is a picture of Maggie Thomas with two members, Meribeth Brannen and Judi Miehl. The book that was donated was “Elder Bethuel Riggs of Morris County, New Jersey, and his Family.” We always enjoy getting donations, especially family histories.

We also got a wonderful donation from Cobb County’s WellStar Health System: “A History of Caring, The Clinicians of Well-Star” and “Life Well-Lived, Well-Star— the First 20 Years.”
Join us Wednesday, June 7th for a special First Wednesday workshop featuring author and historian, Brad Quinlin!

The presentation 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. **Books by Brad Quinlin will also be available for sale.**

**First Wednesday workshop:**

**June 7th, 7pm**

**Civil War Research**

With guest speaker and historian **Brad Quinlin**

Colored troops, pension records, and more!

[The Georgia Room] [Cobb County Public Library System] [www.cobbcat.org]
Save the Date!

Join us Wednesday, July 5th for the Georgia Room’s Independence Day Open House! Activities will take place all day starting at noon. Come visit with us and then stay for the First Wednesday program at 7pm—The Original 13 Colonies and the Declaration of Independence.

Be on the lookout for more information to be mailed out in June!
Don’t forget about our on-going Georgia Room book sale! New titles are added almost daily!

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$3— paperbacks over 100 pages
$2— paperbacks under 100 pages
$1— complete periodical set
$.25— loose periodicals
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That will be $50 for investigating your family tree, and $12.00 for keeping quiet about it.

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Cobb County Genealogical Society

General Meetings:

When: Tuesday, June 27, 7pm – 8pm

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church St, Marietta, GA 30060

Researching the Civil War: Using Primary & Secondary Materials Speaker: Michael K. Shaffer

When: Tuesday, July 25, 7pm – 8pm

Where: First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church St, Marietta, GA 30060

Brick Wall Tips- CCGS researchers will be available to help you with your brick walls

Genealogy Society of Cobb County Georgia
SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for the
GGS 2nd quarterly
Education Series:

Summer Genealogy Picnic!

at the Georgia Archives

5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA

Sat. June 10th, 9:45am to 5:00pm

with time for individual research from 3-5 assisted by the Georgia Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists

The event is free and open to the public! A traditional summer sandwich lunch will be available for a donation.

Speakers will give talks on using the Georgia Archives research materials and the newest research tools.

For more information visit www.gagensociety.org or www.georgiaarchives.org
Cobb County Trivia
(True or False)

1. President Kennedy is responsible for putting a Brumby rocker in the White House.
   - False – First Lady Rosalyn Carter

2. The most famous landmark in Cobb County is the Red Rooster.
   - False – The Big Chicken

   - True

4. Roy Barnes is the only Georgia Governor from Cobb County.
   - True

5. Kennesaw Junior College, now Kennesaw State University, opened in September of 1966 and charged $6.00 per credit hour.
   - True – tuition per quarter was $70.00

6. Cobb County is named for Ty Cobb.
   - False – Judge Thomas W. Cobb
Happy Birthday to Influential People from Georgia, and People who Influenced Georgia:

Harry Crews
June 7

Kanye West
June 8

Gwen Torrence
June 12

Newt Gingrich
June 17

Clarence Thomas
June 23

John Wesley
June 28

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Celebrate National Caribbean-American Heritage Month This June!

It has been 10 years since Congress first designated the month of June as National Caribbean Heritage Month. This month we recognize the significance of the Caribbean people and their descendants in the history and culture of the United States. Through the commemoration of this month and many other National Heritage months we are yet again reminded that America’s greatness lies within its diversity.
A patron who lives in Quincy, Illinois contacted us last month with an interesting request—she had purchased at auction a lovely watercolor signed “Sarah Clarke.” She wanted to connect this painting to Sarah Freeman Clarke of Marietta. We do know that Sarah Freeman Clarke had a brother who lived in Chicago and she very well could have painted this while visiting him. If you have ANY info, please contact us in the Georgia Room!