We’re entering the “dog days” of Summer, and Autumn will be here before you know it!

As I just wrote that, I got curious as to why they’re called the “dog days.” I always thought they were the days of summer during the month of August when it was so unbearably hot that even the dogs couldn’t take it… As a kid, I imagined dogs of all kinds coming together in a meeting of some sort, deciding who would take what shift during the days ahead, lying around on the asphalt just panting away! So I looked it up. The answer is interesting, but not nearly as intriguing and imagination-rich as my panting dogs theory...

It turns out the “dog days” refer to the dog star, Sirius, and its position in the night sky at this time of year. The Greeks and Romans noted that Sirius rose in the sky just before the sun in late July. These days were the hottest time of the year, a period that could bring fever, or even catastrophe.

So there ya go. Sadly, no dogs have a role during the “dog days.” But here’s a couple of early 1940’s photos of my maternal grandparents and their beloved “Dixie.”

d. my mom came along soon after these pictures were taken and Dixie hated her, lol.

d. editor, Maggie Thomas
August/September Spotlight:

The latest edition of the Genealogical Society of Cobb County’s “Family Tree Quarterly” features a lovely 12-page feature on The Georgia Room: from its beginnings in 1970 to present day, Georgia Room department head Carolyn Crawford, the special relationship between the CCGS and the Georgia Room, and more!

According to an introduction by editor, Bob Barrier, “This is the first of a planned series on genealogical holdings at area libraries.”

We certainly look forward to more!

MEET THE STAFF

Carolyn Crawford

Texas native Carolyn Crawford came to Georgia by way of Montana where she earned her undergraduate degree. Rail! Tide! She has been employed by the Cobb County Library System for over 30 years, earning her MLS from Atlanta University and becoming Head of the Georgia Room in 1990.

Maggie Thomas

Born and raised outside of Savannah, Maggie graduated in 2008 from Georgia Southern University with a major in Art History and minor in History. Before coming to the Ga. Room in 2014, she worked in the Special Collections Department of the Zach Henderson Library at Georgia Southern. She is currently earning her MLS from Valdosta State University.

Katie Nelson

Originally from the Merissa 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 on the Southern Polytechnic oral history project. Katie worked in circulation for over a year before moving to the Georgia Room. She is currently earning her MLS from Valdosta State University.

Lauren Craig

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 graduating last year, she is taking some time off from school and is working on her first book—a young adult spy novel!
Join us Monday, August 6th for our **First Monday genealogy workshop**! 
This month’s presentation is

**“REVOLUTIONARY RESEARCH”**

With honored guest

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**

Program begins at **seven o’clock pm**.
Light refreshments will be served.
Join us Monday, September 10th for our

1st Monday genealogy workshop!

“Genealogy Crafts for the Holidays”

Program begins at seven o’clock pm. Please feel free to come early and stay late to see some of the new (and old) resources in the Georgia Room.

Genealogy Crafts for the Holidays!
With special guest

Caroline Mohr,
Forever™ Ambassador

Monday, September 10, 2018
7pm in the Georgia Room
Recent Additions:

Georgia Land Lottery Research, Paul K. Graham

Essential Histories: The War of 1812, Carl Benn

Atlanta’s Historic Westview Cemetery, Jeff Clemmons

Colonial Georgia: 1733-1800, Robert C. Jones

Hurrah for Georgia: The History of the 38th Georgia Regiment, D. Gary Nichols

New Books added to the Ga. Room’s Family History Collection:


The Morrison Family of the Rocky River Settlement of North Carolina: History and Genealogy, by Adelaide and Eugenia Lore

Leaves of the Tree: History of the Spears and Allied Families, by H. Grady Wilson, Jr.

Two Brothers: Reddick and Lovick Pierce, Their Heritage and Their Descendants, 2nd edition, researched and compiled by Julia Pierce Tomlinson and Susan Sloan
Join the Georgia Genealogical Society on Saturday, September 22, 2018

September 2018 Educational Series:
David E. Rencher, CGO of FamilySearch
Date: Saturday, September 22, 2018
Time: 9:30am to 4:30pm
Location: First Baptist Church of McDonough
101 Macon St., McDonough GA 30253

Co-Sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Henry and Clayton Counties

Sessions:
1. Using all the Features of FamilySearch
2. FamilySearch Collections - Tips and Tricks
3. Ethics in Genealogy - Professional and Personal
4. Methodology for Source and Archives Research

Cost: $35 GGS members $45 Non-members $5.00 late registration fee
Lunch is on your own. Postal mail registrations postmarked no later than Wednesday, September 12, 2018
PayPal registrations due by midnight on Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Name:____________________________  Name:____________________________
Street:____________________________ Street:____________________________
City/State/Zip:________________________ City/State/Zip:____________________
Email address:________________________ Email address:____________________

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

Please provide names of all registrants so name tags can be made.
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 Maggie Thomas, GGS Education Director: programs@gagensociety.com

For more information visit www.gagensociety.org
Georgia Room *flashback*

**July 29, 2017**

David Rencher, Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch at the Family History Department of the LDS Church.

“The Georgia Room at the Switzer Library was an unexpected treasure for my 2017 trip to Georgia. I was in Georgia attending the … Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR) … on the University of Georgia campus. After the week-long institute, I stayed on to research my Georgia families and was pointed to the fabulous collection at the Georgia Room. My work at FamilySearch has taken me to hundreds of record facilities and libraries around the world. I have to say that this treasured library in Marietta ranks it in the top tier of research facilities with its fabulous reference staff and the extensive collection. Truly, it reflects a commitment to Georgia and U.S. history that is a reflection on those who had the vision to create this wonderful resource. With IGHR now in Athens every year, I’m sure I’ll have the opportunity to visit many more times.”
Fun was had and Friends were made at IGHR’s

**FamilySearch History and Genealogy Expo**

Saturday, 2 June 2018 at the
University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education & Hotel

*Perusing the vendors’ tables Saturday morning*

*Manning the Georgia Genealogical Society table*
SAVE THE DATE for IGHR 2019!
Sunday, 21 July – Friday, 26 July 2019

IGHR 2019 Class Schedule:

For more information visit www.ighr.gagensociety.org
Genealogy Society of Cobb County
monthly meetings:

August 28, 2018
Topic: Cemetery Preservation
Speaker: Ashley Shares

September 25, 2018
(Topic to be Announced Soon)
Speaker: Joel Walker

7 pm - First Presbyterian Church, 189 Church Street, Marietta, GA 30060

For more information visit www.cobbgagensoc.org
The “Kick off your Summer Research” program was very successful!

There were officially 34 people in attendance and feedback so far has been nothing but great!

Look for a repeat performance of the same Fold3 presentation coming up in August!

Questions, comments? Let us know: georgiac@cobbcat.org
Genealogy Humor in the Georgia Room...
We’re so punny!

“Orange” you glad you’re a Genealogist?

Have you “RED” a good book lately?

The grass is always greener on the other side of your brick wall...

Say “yellow” to your new ancestors!
In honor of Grandparents Day 2018:

Georgia Room Family Day and Open House!

Bring your kids and grandkids, show them how much fun family history can be!

You are invited to join us in the Georgia Room
Saturday, September 8, 2018
from 2-5pm to celebrate

“Grandparents Day, Genealogy Style!”

FAMILY DAY AND OPEN HOUSE

How many past generations of grandparents can we help you find?

* light refreshments will be served *

The Georgia Room Review
Join the Augusta Genealogical Society on Saturday, August 4, 2018

Augusta Genealogical Society presents the
2018 Homecoming Seminar
Speaker: Judy G. Russell,
The Legal Genealogist

is a genealogist with a law degree who writes and lectures on topics ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. On the faculty of numerous genealogy institutes, she is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists®, from which she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist® and Certified Genealogical Lecturer®. Her award-winning blog is at http://www.legalleogenealogist.com.

Date: Saturday, August 4, 2018
Registration: 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM  Seminar: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Location: First Baptist Church of Augusta, 3500 Walton Way Ext., Augusta, GA 30909

HOMECOMING SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Please use one form per person; make copies as needed. Mail completed form and fees to:
AGS Homecoming, P.O. Box 3743, Augusta GA 30914-3743

NAME: ____________________________ PHONE: __________________

ADDRESS: ________________________________

CITY: __________________ STATE: ______ ZIP: ______

EMAIL: ________________________________

Make check payable to Augusta Genealogical Society

Seminar Registration Fee: (includes lunch, syllabus and lectures.)
Registrations must be postmarked on or before Friday, July 27, 2018 to guarantee seating, lunch and syllabus.

Members: $50 ______ ; postmarked after Friday, July 27, 2018 - $55 ______
Non-members: $55 ______ ; postmarked after Friday, July 27, 2018 - $60 ______

MEMBERSHIP (optional): Check your preferred category to join AGS & register as member.

___ Individual ($35/yr.)
___ Family - 2 in same household ($40/yr.)
___ Sustaining Member ($50/yr.)
___ Patron ($100/yr.)
(Include this amount with the appropriate Seminar Registration Fee amount.)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED - To pay online go to augustagensociety.org

Vendors welcome. Please contact Stephani Roohani: stephani.roohani@gmail.com

For more information visit www.augustagensociety.org
Genealogy Society of Cobb County

and

Dr. Andrew Turnbull Chapter,
Daughters of the American Colonists Ga. Society

donations:

Bea Coker, Friends of the Georgia Room Coordinator, presents book to Carolyn Crawford, Head of the Georgia Room

“Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice, and Standards” by Elizabeth Shown Mills

“History and Deeds of the Georgia Society Daughters of the American Colonists, 1921-2012” compiled by Dr. C. Martelia Cunningham, Honorary State Regent
Book Lovers Day
August 9th

HAPPY LABOR DAY
Monday, September 3, 2018
Please mark your calendars that the Cobb County Library System will be closed on Monday, September 3rd, 2018 in honor of Labor Day!

Don’t forget about our Local Authors Display in the Georgia Room! Pictured here is my husband’s first novel! A copy will be available soon for check-out, but in the meantime, come sit a spell and read it here!

Do you have a local friend or family member who has written a book? Want to get it added to the Georgia Room Collection? Ask us how! Maggie

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