By entering a new year, we have reached the official end of the holidays, but there are plenty still to enjoy, even if sometimes they are more technically categorized as events or if they’re nontraditional: the Super Bowl, Valentine’s Day and the day after, aka Half-Priced Candy Day, Mardi Gras, St. Patrick’s Day, and etc.

It’s also Black History month. We’re giving two programs on African American research this month, and we’re certainly not the only ones to do so. Come check us out at one of our programs or one of the others going on across the state and the country. Don’t forget, of course, that our programs are on the move while we’re under renovations and you can request a program to be held at your location.
Renovation Update

This renovation is mostly an inside job, but construction has begun on the few outside tweaks to be done. The patio is being demolished to make room for a new children’s space where story times will be held in good weather. We have the best view of the demolition from the Georgia Room window.

The book drop off location is also moving.
March 2020 Educational Series:
Date: Saturday, March 7, 2020
Time: 10:00am to 5:00pm
Location: Pittsman Park United Methodist Church
1102 Fair Rd, Statesboro GA 30458

Co-hosted by the Bulloch County Genealogical Society
Presentation by Lillian Wingate, Genealogy and Local History Coordinator
at the Statesboro-Bulloch County Library; President of the
Bulloch County Genealogical Society

Tour of and individual research in the Genealogy Room of the
Statesboro-Bulloch County Library
124 South Main St., Statesboro GA 30458

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, February 26, 2020
PayPal registrations due by midnight on Tuesday, March 3, 2020
Please provide names of all registrants so name tags can be made:

Name ____________________________
Name ____________________________
Street ____________________________
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@gagsociety.org
DAR Program!

Saturday,
March 7, 2020
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

East Cobb Library
4880 Lower Roswell Rd.
Suite 510-B
Marietta, GA 30068

Please call
770-509-2730
for reservations.

Finding Your Revolutionary Roots

Join us at the East Cobb Library for a FREE workshop on how to get started researching your family's lineage back to the Revolutionary War. Topics include: introduction to genealogy, tips and tricks, and tools for organizing your research. A representative from the Cobb County Georgia Room will be speaking about library resources and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) members will be available to look up your family name in the online DAR patriot database.
Program Update: Family History Through Your Recipe Book

Carolyn and Katie went to South Cobb on January 8th to present a repeat program on Family Recipes. There weren’t as many people as the previous program, but they made up for it with their enthusiasm. Carolyn and Katie brought in visual aids to show off their own family traditions. Katie is pictured with her mom and sister, and Carolyn with several generations of her family. The kid in the hat is now as old as me.
Spring Book and Paper Conservation/Preservation Workshop Series

The Georgia Archives Conservation Department together with the Big River Bindery are excited to present four 3-day workshops in 2020 on the conservation and preservation of books and paper artifacts:

- Preservation Management for Cultural Heritage Institutions – March 20 – 22 ($200)
- Introduction to Paper Conservation – April 17 – 19 ($350)
- Book Conservation for Circulating and Reference Collections – May 8 – 10 ($350)
- Conservation Enclosures for Libraries and Archives – June 12 – 14 ($350)

These workshops are for anyone who works in cultural heritage institutions, libraries, museums, galleries, or just has an interest in learning how to best look after their own objects. The workshops are set at a foundational level and no prior experience or training is required. Join us for as few as one or as many as all four workshops to gain a greater understanding of book and paper conservation/preservation and how to best look after your treasures!

Registration fees include all materials, and lunch and snacks will be provided. A discounted price of $1050 is available for registering for all four workshops.

Register at: http://www.cvent.com/d/8hqvbq
Yes really. According to a recent Gallup poll, people visited libraries twice as much in 2019 as they visited movie theaters. These stats are affected by demographic. Women are twice as likely to visit the library than men are. People aged 18-29 visit the library more than any older age group, though this may be skewed by college attendance. The library is visited most by low-income individuals. High-income individuals are more likely to attend live sporting events or theatrical events. There are also regional differences. People in the Midwest visit libraries the most times per year, while people in the South visit them the least. In this case; however, the gap isn’t that large. To read more information and to see more specific numbers, the Gallup poll is included here: https://news.gallup.com/poll/284009/library-visits-outpaced-trips-movies-2019.aspx
Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society Program at the Georgia Archives!

African American History Program
Genealogical Research at the Georgia Archives

Saturday, February 1, 2020
at the Georgia Archives
Prior registration not required

9:00am – 9:30am  Registration
9:30am - 9:45am  Introductions
9:45am – 10:45am Session 1: Researching at the Georgia Archives: An Introduction
Tanisha Strong, Reference Archivist, Georgia Archives
10:45am – 11:00am  Break sponsored by Friends of the Georgia Archives and History
11:00am – 12:00pm  Session 2: African American Genealogical Research at the Georgia Archives
Kayla Barnett, Deputy Director, Georgia Archives
12:00pm – 1:00pm  Lunch for a donation
1:00pm – 2:00pm  Session 3: Genealogy and Lies in a Courtroom Drama Over Ownership of Enslaved Ancestors
Paula Whately Matabane, AAHGS Metro-ATL Chapter
2:00pm – 2:15pm  Break sponsored by Friends of the Georgia Archives and History
2:15pm – 3:15pm  Session 4: Research Techniques Panel
Panel Facilitator: Judy Rose Weaver, AAHGS-Metro-ATL Chapter
Finding manumission records in Louisiana archives
Tammy Ozias, AAHGS Metro-ATL Chapter
Strategies for researching Free People of Color
Janice Bryant, AAHGS Metro-ATL Chapter
Tips for researching Military records
Janette Brooks, AAHGS Metro-ATL Chapter
3:15pm – 5:00pm  Tours and Research on your own

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Program List

Presented by West Cobb Library & the Georgia Room

African American Genealogy

Tuesday, February 11 @ 2 p.m.
at the West Cobb Regional Library

Join us as we review resources, databases, and tips that may be useful when doing African American genealogical research.

Please register for this program by calling 770-398-4899 or stopping by the West Cobb Library.

Presented by South Cobb Library & the Georgia Room

African American Genealogy

Wednesday, February 12 @ 6 p.m.
at the South Cobb Regional Library

Please join us as we review resources, databases, and tips that may be useful when doing African American genealogical research.

Please register for this program by calling 678-398-3831 or stopping by the South Cobb Regional Library.

Presented by Powder Springs Library & the Georgia Room

Online Search Tips for Genealogy Research

Monday, February 17 @ 11 a.m.
at the Powder Springs Library

Do you keep getting lost when using genealogy websites and databases? Are you having trouble finding your ancestors, even though you have their correct information? Join Georgia Room staff as we review tips and tricks for researching online through various websites and databases.

Please register for this program by calling 770-439-3800 or stopping by the Powder Springs Library.
Program List Continued

Genealogy Databases

Wednesday, March 11 @ 6 p.m.
at the South Cobb Regional Library

Join us as we review some helpful tips and tricks to get started in genealogy and learn about the resources offered by your local library. We will be going over the most popular genealogy databases, including ones accessible through the library system and from the comfort of home.

Please register for this program by calling 678-398-5831 or stopping by the South Cobb Regional Library.

Presented by South Cobb Library & the Georgia Room

Databases: FamilySearch

Monday, March 16 @ 11 a.m.
at the Powder Springs Library

Have you wanted to research your family history but aren’t sure where to start? Join us as we review some helpful tips and tricks to get started in genealogy and learn about one of the resources offered by your local library: FamilySearch.

Please register for this program by calling 770-439-3600 or stopping by the Powder Springs Library.

Presented by Powder Springs Library & the Georgia Room

Oral Interview Techniques

Tuesday, March 10 @ 2 p.m.
at the West Cobb Regional Library

Join us as we talk about Oral Interview Techniques and why they’re important to genealogical research. We’ll talk about what you should ask your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc. as well as how to ask, how to keep it all organized, and what to do with the information once you get it.

Please register for this program by calling 770-528-4699 or stopping by the West Cobb Library.

Presented by West Cobb Library & the Georgia Room
On Sunday March 22, the Breman Museum will host Adrienne Rusher of the Shapell Roster. The Shapell Roster is based on a list made by Simon Wolf of Jewish soldiers in the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, and the Civil War. The Shapell Roster focuses on the soldiers in the Civil War, verifying their service and whether in fact they were Jewish. They have already added over 1200 new names to a list over 8100 names long. According to a video on the Jewish Genealogical Society of America’s website, many of the men used aliases so that their relatives in the “old country” wouldn’t worry about them. The time of the program has yet to be determined, but it promises to be utterly fascinating.
The United Daughters of the Confederacy

Kennesaw Chapter 241

Requests the Pleasure of Your Company

At

A Formal Tea

Honoring Confederate Generals

With

Mrs. Robert E. (Mary Custis) Lee

Saturday, February 15, 2020

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Kennesaw House Confederate Hospital

1 Depot Street

Marietta, Georgia 30060

Tickets $10.00

—Bring a Favorite Teacup and Saucer for You and Your Guests—
—Dress in Period Costume or Sunday Best—
—Hats, Fascinators and Gloves are Encouraged—

Purchase Tickets No Later Than February 1.

Contact Lisa Cappetto for Tickets: 678-664-6531

The United Daughters of the Confederacy
DNA Downturn

Boom and Bust. Isn’t that just the way of the world?

It appears that the DNA test boom has ended. 23andMe has officially laid off 14% of its workforce, which equates to 100 people, in the wake of declining sales. 23andMe Founder and CEO Anne Wojcicki has no definitive proof of why sales have plummeted in the past year, but she does have a couple of theories.

Theory number one is the privacy Issue we’ve been following for months. She worries that the heightened awareness of police use has turned people off the use of DNA tests and that tech industries need to “better communicate privacy standards to build trust.”

Theory number two is economic. People fear that market is headed for a downturn, and therefore don’t want to spend their extra money on DNA tests.

There is a third theory that she doesn’t posit, but deserves some thought nevertheless. DNA tests are not a repeat purchase. Not only that, but even the close family members of people who have bought DNA tests don’t need to buy them. There is a possibility that this is a cyclical market and right now it’s headed for a down.
Last but not least... it’s already time for the Spring Book Sale! It starts on Friday the 13th, but don’t worry, the only unlucky thing would be not going. It goes from 9am Friday, March 13 to 5pm Sunday March 15. It’s still at the Civic Center and we have updated what materials we will be offering: no more VHS tapes, so get ready!