

Notes from Talk on Georgia Archives and Libraries

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Lists of Libraries: Georgia Library Service <https://georgialibraries.org/find-a-library/>

Lists of Archives: Georgia Society of Archivists
<https://soga.wildapricot.org/resource/repositories>

Georgia Archives' Historical and Cultural Organizations Directory:
<https://www.georgiaarchives.org/ghrac/directory/>

Catalogs

Books:

Worldcat: <https://search.worldcat.org/>

PINES: <https://gapines.org/eg/opac/home>

Manuscripts:

Worldcat (see above).

Archivegrid: <https://researchworks.oclc.org/archivegrid/>

Printed materials:

HathiTrust: <https://www.hathitrust.org/>

Some rules for a research trip: Preparation, Professionalism, Politeness, Patience, Persistence

- 1) Contact the institution to check for hours, resources, and materials available online; describe your project and ask for advice; ask if you have to order materials in advance and about other rules.
- 2) Study the state's records in advance; go to the state archives before you go to the county, then go to the public library before you go to the courthouse.
- 3) Bring special credit card, coins and small bills, camera, pencils; plan on spending time necessary.
- 4) Bring *copies* of your family tree, including some you can leave in vertical files; if you bring a computer keep your files in a cloud program; dress comfortably.
- 5) Ask about old catalogs and non-electronic finding aids, other libraries, museums, etc.; ask what the library has not available elsewhere; check at least the table of contents of local genealogical publications and ask about vertical files.
- 6) Make copies of anything even remotely interesting and be sure to copy the title pages of articles and books, as well as call slips of materials.
- 7) Try to make some time to visit the local attractions.

Major Georgia Research Libraries

Past issues of the *Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly* have accounts of visits to these libraries, also see the second edition of *Georgia Research*, available for purchase on Amazon and *Ancestry's Red Book*.

Georgia Archives, Morrow (Georgia state records, county records microfilm, and much more)

National Archives at Atlanta, Morrow (federal records for the South)

Southern History, Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham (greatest collection for southern research)

Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of Georgia, Athens (private manuscript collections)

Washington Memorial Library, Macon (Georgia's great genealogical library)

Georgia Historical Society, Savannah (Georgia's oldest historical manuscripts repository)

Kenan Research Center, Atlanta History Center, Atlanta (Atlanta region)

Adamson Library, Augusta Genealogical Society, Augusta (includes some original Richmond County records and files on adjoining counties in South Carolina)

Odom Genealogy Library, Moultrie (family association files)

Huxford-Spear Genealogical Library, Homerville (files on families south of Macon)

Crown Garden Archives, Dalton (Murray and Whitfield counties)

Bryan-Lang Archives, Woodbine (Georgia-Florida border families)

Ladson Library, Vidalia (extensive research files and rare genealogies)

Burke, Butts, and Troup counties have county archives. Some counties, such as Hall and Whitfield have original county records at the public library.