



RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN HISTORY 2024-2025

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RESOURCES AT THE GEORGIA ARCHIVES

1. Civil Rights and Responsibilities:

Documents and material found in --

Finding Aids: see below

Virtual Vault: African Case, Deposition of William S. Mitchell, 1820 (ah00865), African Slave Non-Importation Act Violation, 1818 (ah00906), Sibley Commission Report (ah00787), Governor Ernest Vandiver's Public Education Address, January 18, 1961 (ah00784), Citizenship Test, 1949 (ah00120), Citizenship Test, 1958 (ah00114).

Reference Library: Books on desegregation

Online Exhibit: [Examples of Primary Sources that Document Enslaved and Free Persons of Color in Antebellum Georgia](#)

Videos: [Voices Across the Color Line: An Oral History of the Atlanta Student Movement](#), [Education: Resistance and Activism: Steps toward Integration in Georgia](#), [Segregated Schools in Georgia: Separate but Not Equal](#)

Finding Aids:

RCB-14225: Hamilton Holmes, Jr., and Charlayne A. Hunter Application to University of Georgia. In 1959 two African American students, Hamilton Holmes, Jr., and Charlayne A. Hunter applied for admission to the University of Georgia. Like all of Georgia's public universities, the University of Georgia was a segregated institution at this time. After the student's applications were repeatedly denied, Holmes and Hunter brought suit. On January 12, 1961, a federal district court ordered the admission of the students to the university. After the University of Georgia was integrated, Georgia's other public and private institutions of higher learning were slowly desegregated. *Governor, Legal division subject files, RG 1-7-67.*

RCB-14225: Includes an original Executive Order (with a ribbon and wax seal) on January 11, 1961, from Gov. Vandiver about the violence on UGA's campus and directing that Charlayne Hunter and Hamilton Holmes should be removed from campus and driven back to Atlanta. There's also a folder in the box with a GBI surveillance report on Hamilton Holmes (includes an agent's report on following him to the movies and church + copy of a parking ticket) and correspondence to and from Donald Hollowell about their applications.

2. **Indigenous Rights & Responsibilities:**

Documents and material found in –

Virtual Vault: Act to Authorize Georgia Governor George R. Gilmer to take possession of Cherokee lands, 1830 (ah00773), Agreement and Cession Regarding Georgia's western lands, 1802 (ah00777), Cherokee Women Write Governor Gilmer Concerning Ferry Operation 1832 (ah00874), Creek and Cherokee Land Cession, 1773 (ah00103), Treaty of Shoulder Bone, 1876, ah00889), Letter to Governor George Gilmer regarding Creek Indian Removal, 1834 (ah00741), Journal at the Conference at Coleraine, 1796 (ah00892).

Reference Library: Indian Depredations Claims

On-Site services: Ratified Indian Treaties available on Fold3

Videos: [Georgia's Land Lotteries and Native Americans](#)

3. **Women Rights and Responsibilities:**

Documents and material found in –

Finding Aids: "ERA" (RG-1-1-5) and see below

Manuscript Collections: "National League of Women's Voters, 1923-1962"

Reference Library: Books on women's rights

Virtual Vault: Divorce Case Heard by GA Supreme Court, 1844 (ah00688), Women's Suffrage Act of Georgia, 1921 (ah00782)

Finding Aids:

RCB-43412, Commission on the Status of Women. This folder includes letters written to Labor Commissioner Sam Caldwell about the defunding of a “commission on the status of women.” *Labor, Commissioner, Commissioner’s Subject Files, RG-16-1-7.*

RCB-859, RCB-28040, RCB-507, Equal Rights Amendment – Each of these boxes include folders with letters to Governor Busbee about the Equal Rights Amendment. These letters are from women’s organizations, churches, and individual Georgians opposing or showing support for the amendment.

RCB-16562, Equal Rights Amendment – This box includes an Equal Rights Amendment Folder with letters, newspaper clippings, and publications related to the amendment.

RCB-38315, Equal Rights Amendment – This box includes letters to Lieutenant Governor Zell Miller from organizations, churches, and individuals concerning the Equal Rights Amendment.

4. **Scientific/Medical Rights and Responsibilities:**

Documents and material found in –

Finding Aids: University System of Georgia (RG33), Department of Health (RG26), Department of Agriculture (RG13) see below

Virtual Vault: Mines, Mining, and Geology, Soil Survey Maps, Smallpox Inoculation Proclamation, 1786 (online ah00885), Spanish Influenza Epidemic in Georgia, 1919 (ah00413), Department of Public Health Microfilm Index (State33).

On-site services: Visual Materials Database: includes pictures of university buildings, administrators, department of health labs, etc.

Videos: [Central State Hospital: An Oral History](#), [Atlanta's Healthcare History](#)

Finding Aids:

DOC-2297 – This box includes publications from the State Board of Entomology on issues like the boll weevil, fire ant, etc. It also has Department of Agriculture analysis of insecticides and fungicides.

5. **Environmental Rights and Responsibilities:**

Documents and material found in –

Finding Aids: Environmental Protection Division (RG 88) and see below

Manuscript Collections: “Audubon Society: Atlanta records, 1930 – 1980”, “Appalachian Trail Club, Georgia records, 1930 – 2000”

Virtual Vault: Soil Survey Maps

Videos: [Georgia’s Agricultural and Environmental Past through the Records since 1874](#)

Finding Aids:

RCB-11869 through RCB-11875 American Cyanamid EPD Plant Hearing Files -

This series contains the landmark water pollution case involving the Georgia Environmental Protection agency and the American Cyanamid plant in Savannah. Included are transcripts of court proceedings including depositions submitted by experts in various fields, briefs, both initial and rebuttal, company and State exhibits including many water quality analyses of the Savannah River water performed both by private firms and the Georgia Water Quality Control Board, maps, charts, projections of environmental impact and a lengthy transcript of the proceedings before Hearing Officer Robert H. Walling which took place in September 1973. The series illustrates the legal ramifications of environmental protection cases.

6. **LGBTQ+ Rights and Responsibilities:**

Documents and material found in –

Finding Aids: Michael J. Bowers, Subject Files, see below

Other: Court documents and other material have been scanned

Finding Aids:

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RCB-38315, Equal Rights Amendment – This box includes letters to Lieutenant Governor Zell Miller from organizations, churches, and individuals concerning the Equal Rights Amendment. While these records are primarily concerned with the Equal Rights Amendment, these records consistently reference LGBTQ+ issues as they related to the amendment or perceptions of the amendment.

7. **Disability Rights and Responsibilities:**

Documents and material found in –

Finding Aids: Vocational Rehabilitation (RG 75)

Manuscripts Collection: Georgia Warm Springs Foundation Papers, 1974

On-site services: Visual Materials Database: Pictures of polio patients, Salk vaccine arrival in Atlanta, and polio rodeos.

8. Political Rights and Responsibilities

Documents and material found in—

Finding Aids: Western and Atlantic Railroad (RG 18)

Virtual Vault: Ordinances appointing Benjamin Franklin, agent for Georgia, 1768, 1771, 1773 (bf01,bf03, bf06), Georgia Constitutions (ad hoc collection, ah0076), Royal Charter, 1732 (ah00774), Treaty of Paris, 1784 (ah00884), Numbered list of voters from Telfair County, (ah00125)