

Georgia Historical Society's Georgia Days 2007

The celebration of the founding of the Colony of Georgia at Savannah on February 12, 1733 by James Edward Oglethorpe has been a tradition among Georgians since 1734. Each year at the founding, GHS celebrates all of Georgia's history and encourages a better understanding of and appreciation for Georgia history among the people of our state. To that end, the Georgia Historical Society seeks to promote the study and preservation of our state's rich history and the historical sites, documents, and other materials that offer a window on that past.

This year's *Georgia Days* honoree, Abraham Baldwin, was born in Connecticut in 1739. Baldwin arrived in Georgia in 1783 and established a successful law practice in Augusta. Though his intentions for coming to Georgia are unclear, he quickly entered Georgia politics, winning election to the state's General Assembly. Baldwin had a life-long interest in education, believing it vital to the development of the state. He wrote the charter for the establishment of the first state-supported university in the nation and saw it adopted by the legislature in January 1785. Baldwin served as the first president of this university, which became the University of Georgia. In 1787 he became one of two Georgians to sign the new U.S. Constitution at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. He also served in the U.S. House and Senate in the early years of the new republic.

Calendar of Events:

Georgia Days Lecture and Kickoff Event "The Legacy of Abraham Baldwin"

by Dr. Stan Deaton

Thursday, February 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Georgia Historical Society,

501 Whitaker Street, Savannah

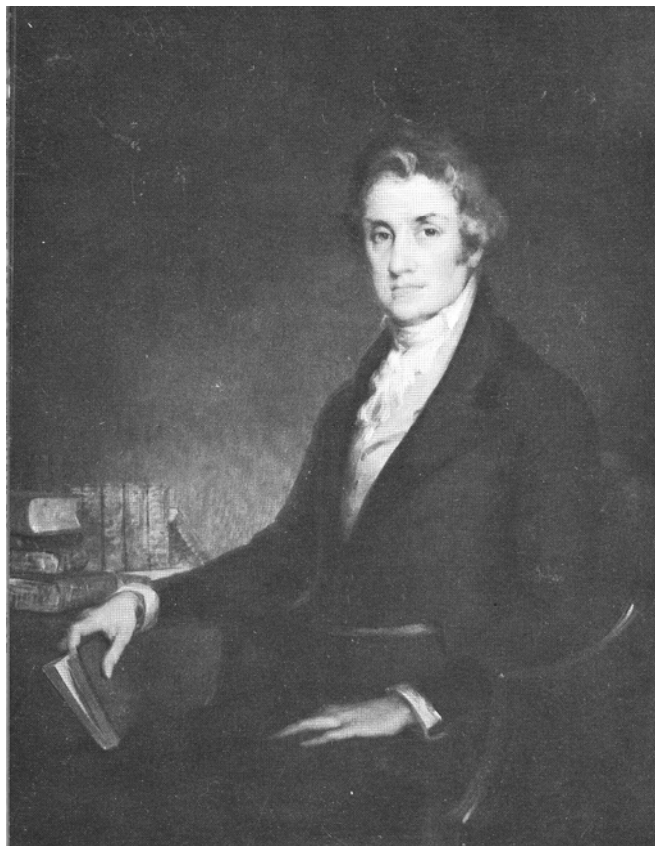
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Free and open to the public

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2007 Honored Figure: Abraham Baldwin



Charles Frederick Naegele
Abraham Baldwin
Oil on canvas
55 5/8 x 41 1/2 inches (sight)
Georgia Museum of Art, University of Georgia;
gift of F. Phinizz Calhoun
GMOA 1949.214

Colonial Faire and Muster

*Saturday (Family Day) and Sunday,
February 3-4, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00
p.m.*

*Wormsloe State Historic Site,
7601 Skidaway Road, Savannah*

**Sponsored By The Society Of Colonial Wars
In The State Of Georgia**

Free and open to the public

Georgia Birthday Bash

*Thursday, February 8, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
Mills B. Lane House,
corner of Gaston and Drayton Streets, Savannah
Reservations required; \$100 per person*

Oglethorpe Arrives at Darien

*Friday, February 9, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.
Fort King George State Historic Site,
Fort King George Drive, Darien
Free and open to the public*

Scottish Highland Dinner

*Saturday, February 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
Fort King George State Historic Site,
Fort King George Drive, Darien
For more information, please call 912.437.4770.
Reservations required; a fee for dinner*

Super Museum Sunday

*Sunday, February 11, 2007 from 12:00 noon -
4:00 p.m.
Savannah-area museums
(visit www.georgiahistory.com for museum list, or
contact individual sites of interest)
Free and open to the public*

**Black History Month Essay and
Public Speaking Contest**

*Sunday, February 11, 2007 at 3:00 p.m.
Georgia Historical Society,
501 Whitaker Street, Savannah
Sponsored by Publix, WSAV-TV, E93, and
the Savannah Tribune
For more information visit
www.georgiahistory.com.
Free and open to the public*

Georgia Day Coffee and Parade

*Monday, February 12, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.
Bull Street from Forsyth Park to City Hall,
Savannah*

Sponsored by SunTrust
Free and open to the public

Georgia Day Luncheon

*Monday, February 12, 2007 at 12:00 noon
Hyatt Regency Hotel, 2 West Bay Street, Savannah*

Sponsored by The Savannah Bank
*Reservations required; \$35 per person includes
lunch, \$375 per reserved table of ten*

For more information regarding individual events,
visit www.georgiahistory.com, or call,
912.651.2125.

Warlick Award Reminder

The **Roger K. Warlick Local History Achievement Award** recognizes outstanding achievement in the field of public history by an Affiliate Chapter of the Georgia Historical Society.

Nominations should include:

- **Cover Page**
- **One Page Statement Explaining the Nomination**
- **Supporting Material as appropriate** (photographs, copies of printed material, press releases, videos, etc.) Photographs and other materials may be black/white or color copies. **Supporting materials cannot be returned.**

(Organizations will not be eligible to win in the same category more than two consecutive years)

Please submit **4 complete** (cover page, statement and supporting materials) copies of the nomination to:

Local History Achievement Award
The Georgia Historical Society
501 Whitaker Street
Savannah, GA 31401

For full guidelines and list of categories, please contact the Program Assistant at 912.651.2125 ext. 40, or by email at csnyder@georgiahistory.com.

*****Submissions must be postmarked by January 15, 2007.*****

Awards will be presented at the Georgia Historical Society's Annual Meeting on April 19, 2007.

New Disaster Preparedness Workshops

Co-sponsored by Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board
and Friends of the Georgia Archives

Christine Wiseman, preservation manager for the Georgia Archives, will conduct disaster preparedness workshops this winter in three different sections of Georgia. The workshops will give local government archivists, records managers, volunteers, and staff from local historical societies, libraries, and museums valuable information on how to protect historical and vital records from disasters, large and small. Each workshop will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with lunch on your own. Morning refreshments will be provided. The cost of the disaster workshops is \$25 per person. **Registration is required.** Workshop dates and locations are:

January 17, 2007, Wednesday
Greene County Courthouse, 113 North Main
Street, Greensboro, GA 30642

January 24, 2007, Wednesday
Rome Area History Museum, 305 Broad Street,
Rome, GA 30161

February 19, 2007, Monday
Appling County Heritage Center, 137 Thomas
Street, Baxley, GA 31513

Those wishing to attend should contact Elizabeth Barr at
678.364.3718 or ebarr@sos.state.ga.us

NOTE: The workshops will follow informational meetings on the Georgia Archives' Circuit Rider Archivist Program from 9:00 to 10:30. For more information on these meetings, contact Randall Gooden at 678.364.3835.

Circuit Rider Archivist Informational Meetings

Are you overwhelmed with old files? Are you unsure what records you can keep and which you can toss? Do you have precious, historical documents but are unsure how to preserve them? The Circuit Rider Archivist can help. The Georgia Archives, in conjunction with the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board and Clayton State University, launched the Circuit Rider Archivist program in 2005 to assist local governments and historical societies, museums, and libraries in Georgia with managing archives and records. Through the program, an experienced archivist counseled over 60 organizations on issues ranging from the proper environment for the preservation of letters from the Civil War to efficient use of storage space.

Now, the Circuit Rider Archivist is preparing for a second round of visits and will be conducting a series of informational meetings to acquaint local governments—including county and municipal governments, courts, and school systems—historical societies, libraries, and museums with the program and how it could help them. These informational meetings will be hosted by organizations previously visited by the Circuit Rider Archivist, and representatives from these groups will be on hand to talk about how the program benefited them. Refreshments will be provided.

For dates and times and to register contact Elizabeth Barr at 678.364.3718 or ebarr@sos.state.ga.us or Randall Gooden at 678.364.3835 or cra@sos.state.ga.us at least one week ahead of the meeting which they plan to attend.

Calendar

- GHS's Georgia Days – February 1-12, 2007
- February 22, 2007 – Ira Berlin lecture in Savannah, *Rethinking the History of Slavery in North America*.
- March 15, 2007 – Deadline for submission of announcements for next issue of *Highlights*.
- March 22, 2007 – Alan Taylor lecture in Savannah, *American Colonies: The Settling of North America*.

From the Affiliates

*Head Quarters Army Colonel
Spencer Junction July 6th 1861*

A Life in Letters:
*Lt. Col. Robert A. Hardaway
in the Civil War and the New South*

January 29 - July 29, 2007

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...of special orders, No. 92, from the
...of yesterday, namely -
...to the Hardaway's Company
...Volunteers; Capt. C. S. ...
...Company, North Sumpter ...
...Volunteers; and Capt. Geo. D. ...
...Company of Louisiana ...
...Lt. Col. Robert A. Hardaway ...*

COLUMBUS MUSEUM
1251 Wynnton Road
706.748.2562
www.columbusmuseum.com
Always changing. Always free.

This exhibition was made possible by the generous support of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Hardaway III with assistance from the Georgia Historical Society and the Georgia Humanities Council.

For more information contact Mike Bunn with the Columbus Museum at 706.748.2562 or mbunn@columbusmuseum.com.

Georgia Women of Achievement

The Georgia Women of Achievement presents its 16th annual induction ceremony on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at Wesleyan College in Macon. This year's inductees include Margaret O. Bynum, Edith Lenora Foster, and Helen Douglas Mankin. Also on the program: Recognition of the Founding Women of GWA - Nancy Anderson, Neva Fickling and Eleanor Lane Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., and tickets are \$25. Call 404.378.2498 or visit www.georgiawomen.org

Georgia Salzburger Society

The Georgia Salzburger Society will be holding its annual Landing Day Meeting on Saturday, March 10, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. The event will be held in the Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 2966 Ebenezer Road, Rincon, Georgia. The speaker for this event has yet to be announced.

For more information contact Betty Renfro at 912.754.7001, or gaslzbrgr@aol.com.

The American South in the Twentieth Century

Inspired by the anthology *The American South in the Twentieth Century*, this statewide series of lectures brings together some of our most respected cultural observers and historians as they take stock of where Georgia is now and where it may be headed.

These lectures are brought to you by the Center for Georgia Studies at Georgia College & State University and the University of Georgia Press and have been made possible by a grant from the Georgia Humanities Council

For lecture dates and locations, please visit www.ugapress.org/gtc.

Echols County Historical Society

The Echols County Historical Society will be having its third "Old-Times" Mini-Festival on March 24, 2007 from 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Festivities will be held on the grounds of the Museum in Statenville, and will feature chicken-and-rice cooked in a washpot—plates will be available for purchase. Homemade baked goods and jellies will also be available.

The Museum as well as the restored Prescott-Prine cabin will be open. There will be historical displays and games for children.

For more information contact Mamie Pipkins at 229.559.5230, or by e-mail at mlpipkins@bellsouth.net.

From the Stacks

A New Years Resolution You Can't Afford Not to Keep

By Nora Galler, Director of Library and Archives, Georgia Historical Society

In 2007, make it your organizational resolution to create or update your disaster plan. In the wake of large-scale natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina, the amount of resources for disaster preparedness, response, and recovery for cultural institutions are more readily available than ever. With the accessibility of these resources, there is no excuse for organizations responsible for the long-term preservation of cultural and historical materials not to create institutional or departmental disaster plans (with the support and cooperation of your administration, of course.)

Disaster plans can range from basic to comprehensive – depending on the staff, time, and resources of your organization. At the most simplistic level, a disaster plan should include the names and contact information of all staff members, emergency response organizations (at the local, state, and federal levels), and utility vendors. When creating a preparedness plan be sure to include actions to secure your office equipment and files as well as the library, archival, or museum items in your care.

In addition to having a disaster plan in place, practicing the following procedures will enhance your preparedness and create awareness among staff and administration. Get into the habit of scheduling these activities at the beginning of the calendar or fiscal year:

- To help ensure that the daily operations of your facility can resume in a timely manner after a disaster, back-up computer files on an off-site server or on discs that are kept off-site or in a secure area.
- Schedule regular maintenance checks of your building, security, and fire suppression system and keep administration aware of any problems in order to prevent disasters due to facilities, security, or equipment issues.
- Schedule semi-annual inventory of recovery supplies and replenish as necessary.
- Create a recovery priority list of your library, archives, or museum materials and update as needed. The information in the list should

be conveyed in a way that is easily understandable by commercial emergency recovery companies or recovery staff and volunteers who are unfamiliar with your building.

- Assign a staff member or two to stay up to date on and share disaster preparedness, response, and recovery tips and assistance from emergency response and professional organizations.
- Update your disaster plan annually and be sure to provide the Georgia State Archives with a print copy of your plan. This is a free off-site storage option that guarantees a copy of your plan will be accessible during a disaster if your local copies are not.

For more information and tips on disaster preparedness, response, and recovery check out these web resources:

http://www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/how_may_we_help_you/emergency_advice/default.htm

<http://www.ready.gov/business/index.html>

http://www.cr.nps.gov/museum/publications/conservation/veogram/cons_toc.html

http://www.solinet.net/preservation/preservation_home.cfm

The following organizations provide workshops, consultations, or conferences on disaster preparedness, response, and recovery:

Heritage Preservation Alliance for Response

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/Update/2006/06wiAFR.HTM>

Solinet

<http://solinet.net>

Georgia Archives Preservation Services

http://www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/how_may_we_help_you/preservation_services/default.htm

Also, remember that Affiliate Chapter membership entitles your organization to one consultation visit per year from our Library and Archives staff. We would be happy to assist you in implementing a disaster plan or response strategy.

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News to Share?

Send us information about your Affiliate Chapter for publication in the next issue of *Highlights* such as:

- Special Events
- Exhibits and Programs
- Membership dues and meetings
- New employees

Items will appear in the **Spring 2007** issue.

Dated events should cover the dates: **April 15, 2007 – July 15, 2007.**

Please compile the information in **press release format** and mail, fax, or email to GHS. Submissions should be **75 words or less**, and should include the **dates, times, locations, and fees** for events, as well as a **contact phone number and/or email address** for the public.

***Deadline to submit information is
March 15, 2007***

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Savannah, GA 31401*



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A bulletin for the Affiliate Chapters
of the Georgia Historical Society