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Sparta Cemetery, Sparta, Hancock County  
Saturday, June 16 at 11:00 a.m.

Corner of Hamilton Street and Boland Street  
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*Free and open to the public*

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and Rincon

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AN EVENING WITH THOMAS JEFFERSON

Stan Deaton, GHS VP for Programs and Scholarship

Tuesday, July 24 at 7 p.m.

Brunswick-Glynn County Library, Brunswick

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AUGUST 2007

EQUIANO THE AFRICAN: BIOGRAPHY OF A SELF-MADE MAN  
Vincent Carretta, University of Maryland

Wednesday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Coastal Georgia Center for Continuing Education  
305 Fahm Street, Savannah

Project funding provided in part by the City of Savannah  
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OCTOBER 2007

PROFILES IN LEADERSHIP:

PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP IN POST-WAR AMERICA

A CONVERSATION WITH ROBERT DALLEK

Thursday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Georgia Public Broadcasting, Studio C

260 14th Street NW, Atlanta

With Support from John and Mary Franklin Foundation

*Free and open to the public*

NOVEMBER 2007

READING THE MAN:

ROBERT E. LEE THROUGH HIS PRIVATE LETTERS

Elizabeth Brown Pryor, Author and Diplomat

Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Site TBA

*Free to GHS members, \$5 for non-members*

# GEORGIA HISTORY TODAY

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## Perspectives

*The Irrelevance of Location*

by W. Todd Groce, Ph.D.

I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MANY CONVERSATIONS I USED TO HAVE that started out this way. "Where is the Georgia Historical Society headquartered?" When I answer "Savannah," the inevitable reply was, "How can you be the Georgia Historical Society if you aren't in Atlanta?"

Or how about the comment I overheard following a lecture I gave in Newnan: "Why do they get to call themselves the Georgia Historical Society? They're not even based in Atlanta."

Let's put aside the fact that GHS was founded before there was an Atlanta, let alone before it was even the capital. None of that changes the fact that, because we aren't based in Georgia's capital city, we had to go out of our way to prove that we were statewide. GHS offers more programming across the state, and has more of a presence on the local level through our affiliate chapters, publications, and historical markers, than any comparable organization in Georgia, and still we were not recognized as "statewide."

Fortunately, comments like those above are increasingly rare. GHS has nearly 200 affiliate chapters, erected 130 historical markers, collects and offers for research archival material from all over Georgia, publishes articles and books about all of Georgia history, and has a board that is 50 percent composed of non-Savannahians. Clearly, we've managed to counter the argument that we have to be in Atlanta to be statewide.

Furthermore, technology is giving us a new and more powerful presence. Our partnership with Georgia Public Broadcasting and with the web-based *New Georgia Encyclopedia* and Digital Library of Georgia, and, of course, our own soon-to-be launched Web site and its accompanying online public access catalog mean that we are no longer restricted to physically being in one place at a time. Technology allows us to be everywhere at once. And using it is more cost effective than the traditional, labor-intensive method of trying to hold programs in every corner of the state.

That's not to say we aren't still physically moving around Georgia. Our staff logs thousands of miles every year giving programs and lectures to our affiliates and civic clubs, and three of our four board meetings are outside Savannah. Our premier scholarly program, *Profiles in Leadership*, has been held in Atlanta for the past eight years. And of course the historical marker program and the *Georgia Historical Quarterly* may be the most visible evidence of our statewide presence and commitment to all of Georgia's history. It's no wonder that two-thirds of our membership is now outside of Savannah.

The time has come when we no longer need to think in terms of location to define what it means to be statewide. Technology has transcended the old physical barriers. And happily your membership and financial support have helped us to get here. *g*

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The placid waters of modern-day Ebenezer Creek, in Effingham County, belie its violent past. See the story on page 2 for more details.

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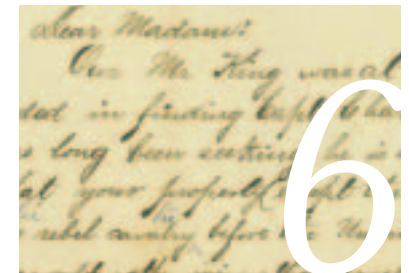


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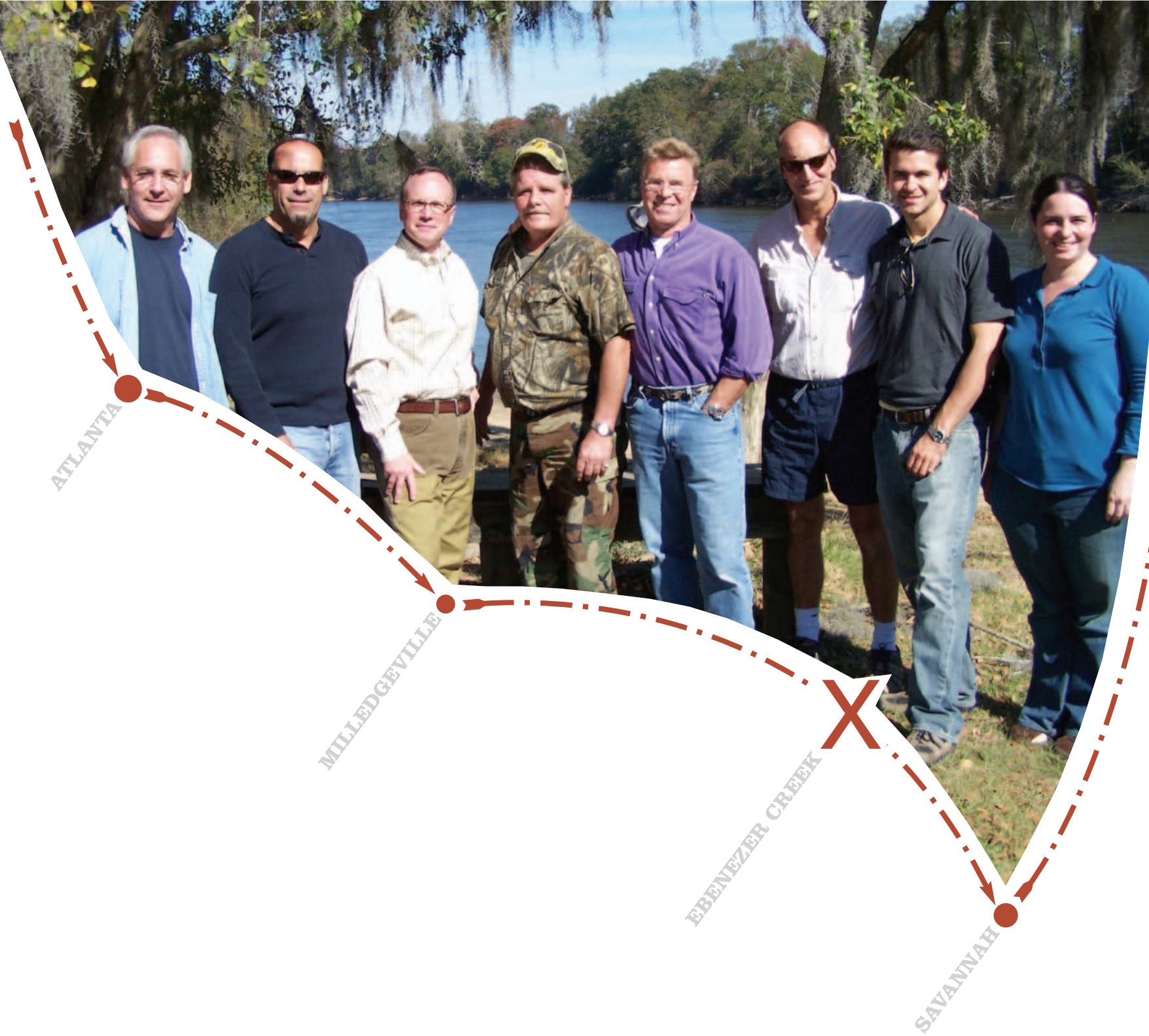
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**"SEARCHING FOR OUR PAST  
FAR OFF THE BEATEN TRACK"**

SHERMAN'S MARCH IS AN EVENT THAT WE THINK WE know. After all, as an historic event, it took place over one hundred forty years ago and has been part of our collective memory (particularly in Georgia) ever since. But like all good history, there is always something new to learn from the past if you ask new questions.

GHS's mission, as stated in the original 1839 charter, is not just to preserve and share Georgia history, but "American history generally." GHS has always been one of the first places that researchers turn to find the primary sources they need to understand Georgia's – and America's – past.

Increasingly, however, the Society is asked to take a more hands-on approach in helping scholars and documentary filmmakers place Georgia history in the context of great American events – for the nation, indeed the world, to see. Recently, GHS participated in two exciting new explorations of William Tecumseh Sherman, the army he led from Atlanta to the sea, and the tactics he used in doing so.

In May, The History Channel presented "Sherman's Total War Tactics," part of its "Save Our History" series that presents historic preservation as adventure. And earlier this year, historian and public radio commentator Noah Andre Trudeau (author of *Gettysburg: A Testing of Courage*) came calling to request GHS's help in researching his new book on Sherman's March.

"The Georgia Historical Society's leadership in the state has been demonstrated many times over during the last few years," says GHS President and CEO Dr. Todd Groce, "but our recent work with The History Channel and scholars like Trudeau is giving us a high profile, national presence."

Hosted by Steve Thomas of "This Old House" fame, and living up to the program's motto of "searching for our past far off the beaten track," The History Channel's "Sherman's Total War Tactics" took a fascinating, work-a-day look at several pivotal events of the march, and at the tools and technologies used by Union troops to carry out their "total war" mission.

Both the Savannah area and the Georgia Historical Society featured prominently in "Sherman's Total War Tactics." GHS provided maps, prints, and photographs to the show's producers, while Todd appeared throughout the hour-long program, often with the GHS library as an elegant backdrop, to place personalities, tactics, and events in appropriate historical context.

In an especially compelling segment, Todd and Steve Thomas took the program's cameras to one of the most

tragic places of the campaign – a pristine, unexplored area along Ebenezer Creek in Effingham County – to do field research.

Suggested by Todd, the segment explored the Union army's dismantling of a temporary pontoon bridge after the fast-moving northern force had crossed it. Shocked at the loss of the bridge and its promise of continued safety, thousands of liberated slaves who had attached themselves to the army panicked, leapt into the creek, and hundreds drowned.

In April, Trudeau subsequently visited the site with Todd as part of his field research on his new book on Sherman's March. Trudeau's research had led him to suspect that a wooden trestle bridge, already in place when the Union army crossed, was the structure destroyed by Sherman's men rather than a pontoon bridge.

Long interested in the Ebenezer Creek story, the GHS president and CEO's personal research made him confident that he could find the exact location of the tragic event for The History Channel and Trudeau.

On-air discovery of sunken bridge pilings at the site confirmed the presence of the one-time "permanent" wooden bridge that connected both ends of the causeway through the swamp, suggesting that either a pontoon bridge was laid next to the existing wooden structure or, as Trudeau argues, was laid at another creek a mile south of Ebenezer.

"We couldn't be more pleased," says Todd of the Society's participation in the program. "The producers and Steve Thomas were as committed to historical accuracy as they were to making the show entertaining, and they were wonderful to work with."

"Importantly, the Georgia Historical Society's involvement with The History Channel, as well as with scholars like Noah Trudeau, demonstrates that while the Society's collections, programs and publications are respected as being first-rate, our staff, their individual interests, even their field research, can also have national impact."

"In our involvement with these projects," he continues, "GHS helps people across the country better understand a monumental event in American history, why and how it happened, and what it means to us today."

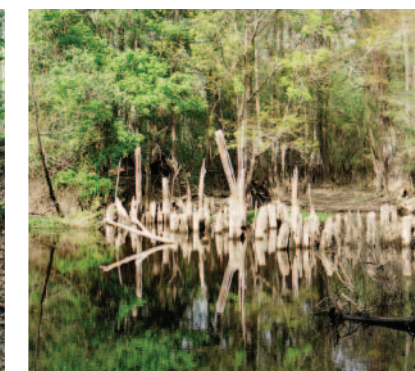
"That's why we do what we do, and it's very gratifying."

*Photo page left: Todd (third from left), Steve Thomas (fourth from right), and The History Channel Crew at Ebenezer Creek last November, with local guide Donnie Hodges between them.*



# Taking Georgia's History Beyond Georgia

By Jim Battin







INSIDE GHS  
Using Technology  
to Explore the Past

by Leanda Rix and Nora Lewis

SINCE 1839, RESEARCHERS, SCHOLARS, STUDENTS, AND others have turned to the Georgia Historical Society as their first resource on Georgia history. The GHS research library and archives is home to the oldest collection of primary source materials on Georgia and American history, a collection that is preserved and shared with researchers from across the nation and around the world.

Researchers seeking access to GHS holdings, however, have until recently been faced with limited research tools, such as traditional card catalogs and other paper-based guides as well as the need to visit GHS to review these unique materials. In response to modern research needs and in an effort to expand the reach of its educational resources, GHS has embarked on a technological journey to open the pages of Georgia's history to anyone with access to the internet.

GHS's new technology initiative is entitled *Expanding Audiences for History: Access for a New Century*. It is an exciting \$1.1 million, multi-phase endeavor centered on the implementation of an online public access catalog (OPAC) as a part of an integrated library system and the creation of an interactive, user-friendly Web site that will provide unprecedented access to the GHS library and archives as well as to its many educational resources for students and teachers.

Most exciting of all, the Institute of Museums and Library Services, through its Museums for America grant program, awarded GHS \$150,000 in grant funds towards the project activities, serving as the lead source of funding for the initiative that is allowing GHS to take this very crucial technological leap into the twenty-first century.

The current phase of the initiative focuses on creating access to GHS's unique collections and wide-ranging educational offerings by eliminating the need for an on-site visit or specific research request to determine GHS holdings. Instead, access to the GHS catalog of books, manuscripts, and other treasures will be available online — free of charge, 24-hours a day, seven days a week from a variety of remote locations, including homes, businesses, schools, and libraries.

In addition to the software needed to make this possible, the process of converting all catalog descriptions from paper-based guides to an online format is extremely time consuming. GHS began this formidable — some might say Herculean — task in June 2006 and by August 2008 the descriptions of all currently processed GHS collections are scheduled to be included in the OPAC and therefore available to researchers worldwide.

Future phases of *Expanding Audiences for History* include digitization of select GHS resources; expanded access to manuscript collection descriptions and inventories; online exhibits; audio and video streaming of GHS lectures and oral histories; online articles and

publications; a history education resource center for school teachers; and an interactive Historical Marker Tour which will allow users to map and explore historical markers throughout the state of Georgia.

The IMLS Museums for America grant award has served as a catalyst, spurring GHS on its way toward greater technological relevance in today's research environment. However, our receipt of these funds is contingent on our ability to meet a resource match commitment of \$170,000 and the scope of IMLS-funded activities is only the starting point of the path to progress GHS is on. To ensure GHS meets not only the immediate IMLS commitment but also secures needed funds to continue sharing Georgia history in an enhanced and modern way, we need support from private foundations and individuals committed to preserving and sharing Georgia's past with future generations.

To learn more about the *Expanding Audiences for History* technology initiative, or to make a donation in support of the effort, please contact the Georgia Historical Society toll free at 1-877-424-4789 or via e-mail at [ghs@georgiahistory.com](mailto:ghs@georgiahistory.com).

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Washington, D. C., Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1874.

Mrs Sarah O. Delannoy  
Savannah, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Our Mr King was at New York last week and succeeded in finding Capt Charles E. Winegar for whom we have so long been seeking; he is at 176 Fulton Street. He says that your property (except the sweet potatoes) was taken by Wheeler's rebel cavalry before the Union Army came up; his testimony therefore would rather injure than benefit the case. He referred us however to Joseph W. Adle, Esq. Oswego, N. Y. and to Edward P. Newkirk, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. 10<sup>th</sup> Inf. U.S. Army, to both of whom we have written; - they were in the same regiment with him, Warren L. Scott is at Lowville, Lewis Co, N. Y. and will answer our letters addressed to him there. Of further progress we will advise you.

Can you get another good witness to loyalty? if so, please have his testimony taken. A little more testimony to the taking of the property might strengthen the case too; but by all means let nothing reach the ears of the Special Commissioner or any other government officer about the supposition that the rebels took the property, as the mere suspicion of it would be very detrimental.

Yours Respectfully,  
Sanborn & King

Statement of claim of Mrs Sarah Ogden Delannoy, No. 17,840.  
**Georgia Gems**

By Robert K. Weber

IN 1871 CONGRESS ESTABLISHED THE SOUTHERN CLAIMS COMMISSION, WHICH began accepting claims from Southerners for reimbursement for supplies taken by or furnished to the Union Army during the American Civil War. Over the next two years, the Commission received over 22,000 claims totaling more than \$60 million and spent the remainder of the decade investigating and resolving them. Only 32 percent were approved and only \$4.6 million was awarded to claimants.

The difficulty claimants faced was in proving that they had remained loyal to the Union throughout the war and had not supported or aided the Confederacy in any way. Each claimant filed depositions and sought the testimony of witnesses willing to swear to the claimant's loyalty. Claimants answered some eighty questions in their depositions related to their backgrounds, families, neighbors, and activities during the war years. The claims are on file at the National Archives and provide a wealth of genealogical and historical information.

The letter pictured here is part of the Georgia Historical Society's collection (John D. Delannoy Papers MS 208) and is in regards to the claim filed by Sarah Ogden Delannoy seeking reimbursement in the amount of \$2,180 for supplies and livestock taken by the Union army from her farm near Sandersville, Georgia, during Sherman's March in 1864. The Washington, D.C., law firm handling her claim, Sanborn & King, writes to inform her of the testimony of a former Union army officer that undermines her claim. Her handwritten notes of "Lie...lie" reveal her reaction to the officer's statement. The attorneys also advise Mrs. Delannoy to seek further testimony as to her loyalty and not to mention the suspicion that it was Confederate troops, not Union, who took the supplies. The document brings into sharp focus how Sherman's March affected one Georgia woman and her family. The fact that nine years after the event she was still seeking reimbursement for, among other things, "300 bushels of sweet potatoes," tells us that the loss was a heavy one.

According to the 1860 U.S. Census, Sarah Delannoy and her first husband, Edwin Kittedge, were born in New Jersey, but lived on their farm near Sandersville during the war. Kittedge died in 1866, and Sarah married John D. Delannoy, a lumber merchant from Savannah, in 1869. The Delannoy's resided on Gordon Street in Savannah until his death in 1876. Sanborn & King, founded in 1866 by two Union army veterans, is still in business, specializing in construction law under the name King & King, LLP.

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## Profiles

**DONALD KOLE**  
*Growing What He  
Believes In*  
By Jim Battin

THE GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS A FAMILY AFFAIR for Don and Kaye Kole. One of them has served on the Society's Board of Curators for the past twenty-two years – she from 1985 to 1991, he since 1992. Before becoming its current chairman in 2006, Don served as the group's treasurer and vice chairman.

It's a labor of love for the Koles, and they know and admire GHS from both leadership and user perspectives. Don attends virtually every Society event, and Kaye is a regular visitor to the library at GHS which, not coincidentally, houses the Savannah Jewish Archives that she founded in 1994.

"The Georgia Historical Society is a treasure," says Don, a Savannah resident for fifty-two years and chairman of Kole Management Co., a commercial real estate investment and management group.

A quiet, modest man with a quick and engaging sense of humor, Don also has a ready bias for action that is sharply focused on the things he believes make a difference in life.

Inquire about his vision of the future of the Georgia Historical Society as its chairman and he frames the answer in uniquely personal terms, describing what he calls the "simple philosophy" by which he tries to live.

"I'm very much an optimist," he says. "I get involved in and support the things I admire, and then I work hard to nurture them and make them grow. Whether it's for myself, my family, our company's employees and customers, or the non-profit organizations I work with, I always want to get things done. I like growth. I don't want anything to stay static."

"Just ask Todd," he adds with a laugh, referring to Dr. Todd Groce, GHS President and CEO. "I know he would describe me as much more fiscally aggressive than he is when we identify and agree on big, important opportunities for GHS. In that way and others, and with full board involvement of course, we make a pretty good team and get things done."

Don describes with pride the three organizations to which he has contributed leadership – Hospice Savannah, Union Mission and the Georgia Historical Society.

"I think they are three of the best organizations in the country that do what they do. Hospice is a marvelous organization that fills a tremendous need in our area. I was its original treasurer more than thirty years ago when Hospice had a one-room office in the old Candler Hospital on Bull Street. Look how it has grown and what it has become today."

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He calls Union Mission "the poster organization for groups that help people live better lives in their communities."

And he notes that the Georgia Historical Society's recent growth has been "phenomenal."

"When Howard Morrison and I co-chaired the search committee that hired Todd in 1994, the Society had a budget of less than \$165,000. Today it's \$1.5 million. It presents a wider variety of programs, demonstrates great scholarship in a much more approachable manner, has more members, and has grown from what could be described as 'Savannah's historical society' back then, into what is clearly recognized now as an important organization with statewide impact."

For Don, the successes of these three organizations are due to one simple factor – the people who lead them.

"Professional leaders have separated Hospice, Union Mission, and the Georgia Historical Society from all the others. Good board leadership and great professional management are always the keys to organizational success," he says, noting that Todd has had a series of very effective board chairmen as partners.

For his part, Dr. Groce notes that Don has many interests – "his business, his family, his impressive collection of sophisticated West African art, and the other organizations to which he provides leadership – but chooses to generously devote his time and resources to the Georgia Historical Society because he believes in GHS, and in the people who work here."

For Don, the reasons he supports the Georgia Historical Society are as simple as his personal philosophy.

"History is important," he says. "History is what we take pride in, and in some cases what we don't ever want to repeat. History is the stories that will be told to future generations. We simply must preserve and understand the past in order to create a better future." *G*

*Don Kole and his family have demonstrated their support for the Georgia Historical Society in part by establishing a named endowment fund. For information about giving to the Society, please call Laura Garcia-Culler at 912-651-2125 ext. 36.*





Edith Lenora Foster



Helen Douglas Mankin



Margaret O. Bynum

## THE STATE OF HISTORY

### Georgia Women of Achievement

by Rhonda Wildman

GEORGIA WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT (GWA) IS THE statewide women's historical organization dedicated to educating students of all ages about the contribution of Georgia's women throughout our state's history. The work we do can be described in the three words: Select – Honor – Educate.

Though October 1 is the annual deadline for nominations, we encourage nominations at any time from individuals and organizations. While nominators do not have to be residents of Georgia, the nominees must be clearly identified with Georgia and must have accomplishments of historical significance. A current nomination form is on our website, [www.georgiawomen.org](http://www.georgiawomen.org), under the Nominations tab. A heartwarming challenge of our work is the knowledge that we will never run out of wonderful nominees!

The Annual Induction Ceremony is hosted by Wesleyan College in Macon. Ceremony attendees enjoy the debut viewing of the GWA biographical videos of the honorees and a dramatic reading of a piece by or about the honorees. The text biographies along with the videos and dramatic reading go online the day of the ceremony.

GWA is proud to be a part of a "wired" community that tells stories from Georgia's history. The stories in our Online Museum complement information on the GHS site and articles found in the New Georgia Encyclopedia. You are always in the front of the line at our Online Museum, which educates the public about the fifty-nine diverse honorees in our hall of fame and serves as the referral point for more research about the women.

In addition, we produce a Teachers Resource Guide that is distributed to middle and high schools in Georgia. The guide includes biographical summaries on the honorees and lesson plans with practical suggestions for teachers.

We also educate the public about our women with a traveling exhibit that has been presented in more than fifty libraries and museums throughout Georgia. With a large sampling of the honorees represented, the exhibit gives a taste of the information available in the Online Museum. We are happy to arrange a

presentation for any group or to leave the exhibit with you for a longer viewing. More information is available at [www.georgiawomen.org](http://www.georgiawomen.org) under the Resources tab.

Our 2007 inductees were honored at our 16th Annual Induction Ceremony in March. We invite you to view their biographical videos at [www.georgiawomen.org](http://www.georgiawomen.org).

**Margaret O. Bynum** (1921-1982) of Atlanta developed a statewide program for educating gifted children, initiated the Governor's Honors Program, and pushed for "Multiple Criteria for Identification of Gifted" which was adopted in 1997 (posthumously) by the Georgia House.

**Edith Lenora Foster** (1906-1966), a Carrollton librarian, developed the model rural library system, which became the West Georgia Regional Library System. In 1946 she converted a Ford stationwagon into one of the nation's first bookmobiles.

**Helen Douglas Mankin** (1894-1956) of Atlanta was the first woman elected to Congress in Georgia, and the first elected to Congress from any state in the Deep South. Her 1946 victory was due to an identifiable margin of African-American votes, the first time in the twentieth century that African Americans had exercised a balance of power in a Georgia election.

Erin W., a student at Frank McClarin High School in College Park, attended the GWA 2007 Induction Ceremony and had this to say about the honorees: "The Induction Ceremony was very inspiring. While I listened to the keynote speech, I thought to myself, 'if these women can do anything they put their mind to, then I know I can!' The ceremony encouraged young women to think that nothing is impossible concerning their education and future. I was honored to be in the presence of these empowering and intelligent women."

Erin's comments echo the sentiment of so many of our visitors from across the state and beyond. We invite you to visit our Online Museum and meet our growing group of inspiring women from Georgia's history. *G*

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VINCE DOOLEY, FORMER HEAD FOOTBALL COACH AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT UGA, (ABOVE LEFT, AND TOP RIGHT WITH W. TODD GROCE AND GEORGIA DAY CHAIR SHELL KNOX) DELIVERED THE KEYNOTE Address at the Georgia Day luncheon on February 12. Coach Dooley was also elected to the GHS Board of Curators at the 168th Annual Meeting in April. The Keynote Speaker at the Annual Meeting was Steve Thomas, host of "Save Our History" on the History Channel, formerly of "This Old House," pictured above, lower right. For more information and photographs of both events, visit [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com).

THE FOLLOWING WERE ELECTED TO THE GHS BOARD OF CURATORS AT THE 168TH ANNUAL MEETING ON APRIL 19: Vince Dooley, Athens, Dr. Walter O. Evans, Savannah, and John Helmken II, Savannah. Dr. Paul Pressly of Savannah was re-elected for a second term.

GHS PUBLICATION AND SERVICE AWARDS WERE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN APRIL. THE JOHN Macpherson Berrien Award for lifetime achievement in Georgia history was awarded posthumously to Tom Watson Brown of Atlanta. The Malcolm Bell, Jr., and Muriel Barrow Bell Award for the best book in Georgia history in 2006 went to Kevin Kruse of Princeton University for *White Flight: Atlanta and the Making of Modern Conservatism*, published by Princeton University Press. And the Sarah Nichols Pinckney Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Dolly Chisholm of Savannah. For a complete list of award winners, visit [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com).



## FOOTNOTES

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR  
BY STAN DEATON

THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN, AND THE results couldn't be more positive. I'm talking about reader feedback on the inaugural issue of *Georgia History Today*. From coastal Georgia to Atlanta, from Texas to Canada, readers let us know how they felt about GHS's newest publication: "Enjoyed it very much, congratulations on your new publication." "The new magazine is certainly good-looking and, more importantly, has the brains to go with the handsome appearance. I enjoyed the articles about Abraham Baldwin, though I blush to say I did not realize how much we owe to this early Georgian." "As an out-of-state member who loves Georgia history, I want to commend you on your new publication. The wonderful design coaxed me to read and enjoy every word. This is a great addition to your publication family and serves a need very different from the *Quarterly*. Thank you!" It's our pleasure. And thank you to everyone who took the time to give us your feedback. Keep it coming.

**GHS Around the State:** Save the date! Mark your calendars now for GHS's signature program in Atlanta, *Profiles in Leadership*. This year the focus is on *Presidential Leadership in Post-War America*. We'll meet in Atlanta on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at the studios of Georgia Public Broadcasting to have a one-hour conversation with award-winning presidential biographer Robert Dallek. His biographies of FDR, Kennedy, and Johnson, and his latest book, *Nixon and Kissinger: Partners in Power*, have all received widespread critical acclaim. Along with Michael Beschloss,

Doris Kearns Goodwin, and David McCullough, Dallek is simply one of the best presidential historians writing today. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear him on October 4th in Atlanta.

**Latest Good Read:** *Almost a Miracle: The American Victory in the War of Independence*, by John Ferling. The best single-volume military history of the war now available. Penetrating analysis and graceful prose make this and Ferling's political history of the Revolution, *A Leap in the Dark*, must reading for anyone who seeks to understand that crucial event. What good history/biography/non-fiction are you reading? Let me know at the email address below.

**The Last Word:** For all of you who wondered what Bill Jones III was holding in the photograph of the "Profiles" section in the last issue of *Georgia History Today*, the mystery is solved. It is not, as one reader from Macon guessed, a dried alligator-head sandwich, or a prop from the movie *Alien*. It is, in fact, a highly decorative turkey call. *G*

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