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Georgia Historical Society Awarded a NEH Preservation Assistance Grant

Jan. 11, 2011 - The Georgia Historical Society (GHS) has recently been awarded a \$6,000 Preservation Assistance grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to support the preservation of artifacts in the GHS collection. Over the course of the grant term, GHS archivists will re-house a total of 955 artifacts while also implementing environmental improvements targeted at the care and preservation of irreplaceable archival resources.

This is the fifth NEH grant awarded to GHS in three years and the second grant awarded under this particular program. The NEH supported artifact re-housing project compliments the work being done in the current phase of GHS's Expanding Audiences for History technology initiative, which focuses on creating online catalog records and a comprehensive digital image database of all artifacts and portraits in the GHS collection. This larger collections stewardship effort is currently being underwritten, in part, through an Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS) Museums for America grant - the second IMLS grant awarded to GHS for this specific initiative and the third IMLS project grant awarded to the institution. GHS archivists working in tandem with the IMLS funded project cataloger will ensure artifacts in the GHS collection are properly preserved, stored, and made accessible to researchers in perpetuity.

"The fact that the GHS Library and Archives has been so successful in securing federal support for its projects is a testament not only to the national significance of GHS's collections, but also to the exceptional fiscal stewardship and administration of funds entrusted to the organization," says Dr. Todd Groce, GHS president and CEO.

For more information on the Georgia Historical Society Library and Archives projects and initiatives, please visit us online at www.georgiahistory.com.

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