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Featured Resource: The Vanishing Georgia Online Photograph Collection

This fascinating group of nearly 18,000 photographs was collected around the state between 1975 and 1996. Images include individual portraits, families, landscapes, cityscapes, architecture, and building interiors -- all available to you and your students through the web. The collection spans well over a century of Georgia history with the bulk of the collection dating from 1890 to 1930. You can search the photographs by keyword, subject heading, city, county, description, image number, image type, photographer, and title. Through a partnership with the Georgia Archives, the collection is housed on the UGA/GALILEO server and maintained by the University of Georgia.

A few ideas for using Vanishing Georgia in the social studies classroom:

- ◆ As a springboard for discussion, have students look at older images of familiar settings such as homes, stores, and classrooms, brainstorming a list of the differences they notice between that time period and the present
- ◆ Use landscape photos from around the state to teach about the geographic regions of Georgia
- ◆ To bring history to the local level, show your students old photographs of familiar regional landmarks
- ◆ Choose photographs from the same time period but from different locations to show how city life varied from rural life
- ◆ Show photographs of local reactions to national or world events (a scrap drive from the home front during World War II, for example)
- ◆ Have your class examine photographs from the same city or area over time, noting changes in architecture, transportation, clothing styles, etc.
- ◆ Use a photograph to explain outdated chores or activities (i.e. churning butter or harnessing a horse to a wagon)

- ◆ Find images of famous Georgians

Caution: This site includes historical images and accompanying materials that may contain offensive language or negative stereotypes reflecting the culture or language of a particular period or place. These items are presented as part of the historical record. Please be aware before allowing students to enter the site that some of the images may be disturbing.

The Vanishing Georgia photograph collection can be found at:

http://www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/what_do_we_have/online_records/vanishing_georgia/default.htm

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Upcoming Programs

Lunch & Learn Lecture:

Title: "Georgia Women in the Early 20th Century"
Speaker: Ms. Arden Williams, Georgia Humanities Council
Time: Tuesday, March 14 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.
Where: Georgia Archives, 5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA 30260

Directions and a map can be found on our website at

www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/where_are_we/default.htm

Ms. Williams will share her research concerning the textile mills of Georgia in the early 20th century, comparing and contrasting the lives of female mill workers with those of other women of the time period.

The Lunch & Learn free monthly lecture series began in 1993 as a way to help the public learn more about Georgia's rich history and culture. Guest speakers cover a variety of topics on the second Tuesday of each month from noon to 1:00 p.m. You are welcome to bring a lunch or snack to eat during the program. Reservations are not needed unless you are bringing a group larger than ten people. Descriptions of the 2006 lecture series programs can be found at

www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/want_to_be_involved/LunchandLearn/lunchlearn2006.htm.

Saturday Afternoon at the Archives: Lecture and Book Signing

Title: "The Atlanta Riot: Race, Class, and Violence in a New South City"
Speaker: Dr. Gregory Mixon, author of *Atlanta Riot*
Time: Saturday, March 11 at 3:00
Where: Georgia Archives, 5800 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA 30260

Directions and a map can be found on our website at

www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/where_are_we/default.htm

A program flyer is available at

http://www.sos.state.ga.us/archives/pdf/Sat_Afternoon_Archives_Mixon.pdf .

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GHRAB Awards for Students and Educators

The Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board has two student award categories, grades 6-8 and 9-12. There is also an award for educators and educational programs. You can obtain instructions and forms as well as view previous awards at www.georgiaarchives.org/who_are_we/ghrab/awards_program.htm. The nomination deadline is June 1st, 2006.

GHRAB established the Outstanding Archives Awards Program in 2003 to recognize outstanding efforts in archives and records work in Georgia. By publicly recognizing excellent achievements, the Board strives to inspire others.

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Comments? Questions? Changes? We need your feedback, please! When teachers take a moment to tell us which resources they use and how they use them, we learn how to better design additional resources. Let us know what you like and what you'd like to see!

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