Save the Date!
July 31, 2010

Genealogy Summit at the
National Archives at Atlanta

Genealogy begins as an interest,
Becomes a hobby;
Continues as an avocation,
Takes over as an obsession;
And in its last stages,
Is an incurable disease.

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On January 29, 2010, the National Archives at At-lanta was pleased to partner with Georgia Public Broadcasting in an educator workshop based on a new PBS special which will begin airing in February. Faces of America is a new four-part PBS series from the producers of African American Lives 1 & 2 and Looking for Lincoln.

The series explores America as a nation of immi-grants and the richly diverse racial ethnic, cultural, and religious heritage that truly defines the American experience. The program is hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

The series uses genealogy and genetics to explore the families of renowned Americans. Among the celebrities Mr. Gates profiles are Meryl Streep, Yo-Yo Ma, Kristi Yamaguchi, Mario Batali, Stephen Colbert, and Eva Longoria (whose first ancestor arrived in the New World from Spain in 1603).

Chris Czajka with WNET in New York, the producers of the series, was a presenter, and the audience was wowed by clips from the series. He discussed and made available to the educators information for inte-grating the program in the classroom.

Faces of America will air on Georgia Public Broadcasting for four weeks beginning February 10, 2010. Above are Henry Louis Gates, Jr. with actress Meryl Streep.

Keynote speaker Ken Thomas, well-known genealo-gists and genealogy columnist for The Atlanta Journal Constitution, delivered the keynote address.

Other partners with GPB included the Georgia Historical Society, Georgia Humanities Council, and Thirteen: WNET New York.
Message from the President

FNAS president, George Jacobs, issues a special invitation to the general public to attend the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the National Archives Southeast Region. The meeting provides an opportunity to learn more about the FNAS and the wonderful support it provides to the National Archives at Atlanta.

Date: April 10, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: National Archives at Atlanta
5780 Jonesboro Road
Morrow, GA 30260
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Social Media at NARA

There are more ways to connect with the National Archives than ever before. Keep up with the Archives through our Twitter feeds, “friend” us on Facebook, check out the YouTube channel, browse the Flickr photo site, and participate in the NARAtons blog.

Find our Facebook account at www.facebook.com/pages/Morrow-GA/National-Archives-at-Atlanta/209615310894
We are on Flickr at www.flickr.com/photos/unationalarchives

Finding Your Ancestor’s Voices

Finding Your Ancestor’s Voices: A Symposium in Celebration of Black History Month

Date: 02/20/10
Time: 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
Offered in partnership with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Attendees must pre-register. Lunch provided by Chick-N-A.
Register at www.blackfamilyhistoryday.com or by calling 404-252-4864.

20's The Golden Age

An Exhibition of Paintings, Documents, and Films celebrating America's Golden Age
In partnership with Arts Clayton

The United States began the 1920s shaken from the toll of the First World War. The decade saw the establishment of Prohibition and national women’s suffrage as well as innovations in technology, music, fashion, entertainment, and art. Amidst a growing modernist movement, a generation was motivated to rethink how they lived, worked, and viewed their place in the world.

The National Archives at Atlanta
Exhibit Gallery
March 16, 2010—April 15, 2010

Trademarks in the Customs Records

The records of the Customs Service often contain interesting and surprising letters and documents. The records include letters sent and received; records of entrances and clearances of vessels; cargo manifests; import books; journals and logbooks of private vessels; passenger lists and abstracts; crew lists; records relating to hospital accounts and returns; wreck reports; reports of seizures; shipping articles; records relating to revenue cutters and to the revenue marine; and vessel documentation files of customhouses and customs districts.

They are a treasure of interesting facts about what came in and what went out of U. S. ports.

Which records are the most requested in the National Archives?

The National Archives and Records Administration stores the following military records:

- Older military personnel records (generally prior to 1917) are on file at the National Archives in Washington, DC.
- Military records from 1917—present are held in the National Military Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri.
- Military Pension/Bounty Land Warrant Applications

Of special interest to family historians are Military Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Applications. These military pension application files are based on Federal (not State or Confederate) service between 1775 and 1903 (before World War I). These files may be requested by completing NATF 85 (available on our website) or through our Order Online service at http://www.archives.gov/order/medical-records.html.

For more detailed information see 20th-Century Veterans’ Service Records: Safe, Secure—and Available By Norman Eisenberg available in the Spring 2005 (Vol. 37, No. 1) issue of Prologue.