

Savannah African Art Museum
Tracing Your Roots Workshop February 8th & 22nd 2020
Resources & Tips



Public & State Libraries

Most public and state libraries subscribe to one or more genealogy services that are available [online] at no cost to anyone with a library card but can only be accessed at the library. Not all libraries provide assistance with your search but it is available and they encourage you to ask for assistance at the Bull Street - Kay Cole Genealogy & Local History Room.

Kaye Kole Genealogy & Local History Room at the Bull Street Library, 2002 Bull Street (off 37th Street)
General Library # - 912.652.3600, Genealogy Room # - 912.652.3697

Genealogy Room Hours

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
Closed	10am – 7pm	10am – 5pm	10am – 5pm	10am – 5pm	10am – 2pm	10am – 2pm

The collection includes (but not limited to):

- Census materials, family histories, county histories, some Native American genealogy records and other genealogy materials
- Civil War records, Revolutionary, Confederate and Colonial records of Georgia & some Colonial Records (business, political) for VA, NC, SC, FL
- Gamble Collection of maps, manuscripts and pictures pertaining to Savannah history
City Directories of residents (who occupied, possibly where they worked) & businesses
1848 -2015
- Savannah telephone books, and Sanborn maps (<https://lialouisecooke.com/2017/06/14/how-to-use-sanborn-fire-insurance-maps-for-family-history/>)
- Newspapers dating back to colonial period, Savannah Morning News on microfilm from 1763 to present

FYI- Kaye Kole is the wife of Don Kole, Founder of The Savannah African Art Museum and donor of its collection. They have been long-time supporters of the Live Oak Public Libraries. In 2002, the Genealogy Room was named in honor of Kaye, a board-certified genealogist and member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She is the author of "The Minis Family of Georgia, 1733-1992," Co-Author with Valerie Frey, of "Voices of Savannah: Selections from Oral History Collections of the Savannah Jewish Archives" and "The Jewish Community of Savannah: Images of America."

Genealogy sites:

Ancestry.com - Access to a seemingly limitless amount of historical data, including census and military records as well as birth, marriage and death certificates. See link below for various membership fees:

https://www.ancestry.com/cs/offers/subscribe?sub=1&_ga=2.65809134.1307046448.1581089262-1701708400.1580845207&_gac=1.22557001.1581089701.Cj0KcQIAsvTxBRDkARIsAH4W_j_y7eKZdSuQD1j9vcpsy_oanOgZGEdPsGOypkLCIFDK4uNAbeX0AmYaAuctEALw_wcB

FamilySearch.org (free) - Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Over 99% of the 33,000 collections on Ancestry are available with the Church of Jesus Christ-Ancestry Membership)

FindMyPast.com (starts at \$9.95 a month; aimed at people with British and Irish heritage)

Afrigenas.com (free, and for people researching African-American roots)

<https://money.usnews.com/money/personal-finance/family-finance/articles/how-much-it-costs-to-research-your-family-tree>

Genealogy DNA Testing Services

MyHeritage DNA, Family Tree DNA, AncestryDNA, 23andMe

Prices generally range from \$79 to \$199, with discounts sometimes offered throughout the year

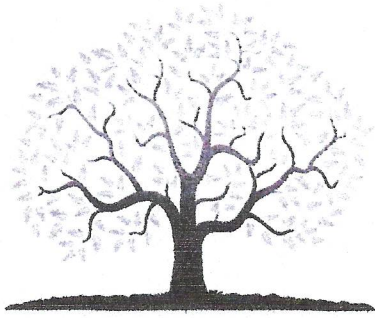
Free Family Tree Templates – <https://freefamilytree templates.com/>

Suggestions

- **Begin your search by talking to the elders in your family**
Record them (video and/or audio) if they allow it or take good notes
Be sensitive to how they feel about sharing; be patient with long pauses, repetition, emotional responses, etc.
 - *Look at old photos with them (fill in names of unidentified persons/places)
 - *Play music or sing songs that you know they like/liked in their presence
 - *Watch a period piece movie of their era with them
 - *You'd be surprised how the aforementioned 3 can conjure up memories and stories you never heard before
- **Get the children involved in the family search. They may not be as interested now but they are likely to be when they have a family of their own**
- **Prepare yourself for the info you may discover**
Some info may be pleasant and sometimes not; it may alter history/ relationships you have lived with for years
Be sensitive how/when/what and to whom you share your discoveries with; all may not be ready or as eager as you to receive your discoveries

Sharing an article of the uncovering of a slice of life story from a photo album thrown in the trash

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/27/nyregion/love-and-black-lives-in-pictures-found-on-a-brooklyn-street.html>



Preparation for building your family tree

Please do **not** worry if you do not already have all the facts. The purpose for coming to the library is to look for additional details about your ancestors.

If you have the following information it may help us help you:

Your parents' names – including nicknames and maiden names

Dates – birth, marriage, death

Places - birth, marriage, death

Their children's names, nicknames, maiden and married names

Places they lived at different times, especially during the years ending in zero like 1940, 1930, 1920, etc.

Your parents' sisters and brothers names, nicknames, maiden names

Grandparents' and their siblings' birth, marriage, and death information

Great grandparents' and their siblings' birth, marriage, and death information

As far back as you can go. **PLEASE** make photocopies or make notes of your information. Please do **NOT** bring in the original documents to the library.

We look forward to your visit(s) and to seeing how we can help you - 912-652-3697.



Georgia Room, Bull Street Library, 2002 Bull St., Savannah, GA 31401.
We are between 36th and 37th Streets on Bull. Please call for the hours.

NEWSPAPER RESOURCES

Georgia Historic Newspapers (free, use anywhere, no subscription or library card needed)

<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu> – for a broader search

<https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/search/advanced/> – for a narrower search

African American Newspapers (including 1633 issues of THE SAVANNAH TRIBUNE 1875-1922)

You must have a PINES library card issued by the LIVE OAK PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Start at <http://www.liveoakpl.org/home> and then click on the following:

1. Click on Information – across the top
2. Click on Genealogy & History
3. Click on African American Newspapers

Small Town Newspapers

<http://smalltownnews.com/search.do.php>

Other newspaper websites are under GALILEO, Search by Type, Newspapers

Your Name _____
Name of Researcher _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

No. 1 on this chart is the same person as No. _____

On Chart No. _____

Family Tree

Chart No. _____

4 Paternal Grandfather
b.d.
b.p.
m.d.
m.p.
d.d.
d.p.

8 Great Grandfather
b.d.
d.d.

2 Dad's father

5 Paternal Grandmother
b.d.
b.p.
d.d.
d.p.

10 Great Grandfather
b.d.
d.d.

1 my dad
b.d.
b.p.
m.d.
m.p.
d.d.
d.p.

11 Great Grandmother
b.d.
d.d.

my mom
Name of Spouse #1
b.d.
b.p.
d.d.
d.p.

3 Dad's mom
Mother
b.d.
b.p.
d.d.
d.p.

6 Maternal Grandfather
b.d.
b.p.
m.d.
m.p.
d.d.
d.p.

12 Great Grandfather
b.d.
d.d.

7 Maternal Grandmother
b.d.
p.b.
d.d.
d.p.

13 Great Grandmother
b.d.
d.d.

14 Great Grandfather
b.d.
d.d.

15 Great Grandmother
b.d.
d.d.

KEY
b.d. - Birth Date
b.p. - Birth Place
m.d. - Marriage Date
m.p. - Marriage Place
d.d. - Death Date
d.p. - Death Place



Family Tree

Name of Researcher _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Paternal Grandfather

b.d.
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m.d.
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8

Great Grandfather

b.d.
d.d.

9

Great Grandmother

b.d.
d.d.

10

Great Grandfather

b.d.
d.d.

5

Paternal Grandmother

b.d.
b.p.
d.d.
d.p.

11

Great Grandmother

b.d.
d.d.

2

Father

b.d.
b.p.
m.d.
m.p.
d.d.
d.p.

12

Great Grandfather

b.d.
d.d.

13

Great Grandmother

b.d.
d.d.

3

Mother

b.d.
b.p.
d.d.
d.p.

14

Great Grandfather

b.d.
d.d.

6

Maternal Grandfather

b.d.
b.p.
m.d.
m.p.
d.d.
d.p.

7

Maternal Grandmother

b.d.
p.b.
d.d.
d.p.

15

Great Grandmother

b.d.
d.d.

Name of Spouse #1

b.d.
b.p.
d.d.
d.p.

KEY

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d.p. - Death Place



Tips for filling genealogical forms

Use a quality pencil. It is easier to make corrections later. Try to find one that does not smudge.

Write the surname in all CAPS. This helps in finding a specific name. Nicknames are put in double quotation marks. Example: Merle Elizabeth "Doc" KEY.

Use only the maiden name for women on all records, whether she was married or not.

Always spell out the month. There are at least three ways of writing numbered dates. Avoid confusion by using the name of the month and NOT the number. Carefully record dates in this order: date/month/year. Example: 6 December 1915. Otherwise, if written using numbers, is it the 12th of June or the 6th of December, 1915?

List places in this order: city or township/county or parish/state. Spell out the state when there is room. Otherwise use the two-letter postal codes. If it is a foreign country, research the naming patterns for that place. Notice neither the word nor the abbreviation for the word county is used. Example: Savannah, Chatham, Georgia.

