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1969 The Society of Georgia Archivists founded at a meeting at the Georgia Department of Archives and History on July 25.

1970 SGA annual dues set at \$5.00 for individuals.

1971 Society considered a directory of archival and manuscript records and records personnel in Georgia to facilitate communication among local archivists.

David B. Gracy II, newly appointed chair of publications committee, produces first SGA newsletter.

1972 First issue of *Georgia Archive* was published.

* This timeline was originally created by SGA's 20th Anniversary Committee and has subsequently been updated by the 30th and 40th Anniversary Committees. The timeline will be maintained on SGA's website. Please feel free to send any corrections and additions to SGA.

- 1973 Governor Jimmy Carter proclaims “Archives Day in Georgia” on May 16. A special banquet was held at the Top of the Mart Restaurant in Atlanta.
- 1975 *Georgia Archive* receives the Society of American Archivists Award of Merit.
- 1976 The Georgia Archives Institute celebrates its tenth year of service to the archival profession.
- SGA announces receipt of an NHPRC grant to produce a slide/tape show entitled “A Very Fragile Resource: Our Documentary Heritage.”
- Dues raised to \$7.50 for individuals and \$15.00 for contributing members.
- First membership brochure published.
- 1980 Members at annual meeting voted that new officers assume duties January 1 instead of “at the conclusion of the annual meeting.”
- 1981 Society of Alabama Archivists and the Tennessee Archivists cosponsor fall workshop with SGA.
- Edward Weldon elected President of the Society of American Archivists.
- 1982 SGA-administered NHPRC grant received by State Historical Records Advisory Board to do a needs assessment of Georgia’s historical records.
- 1983 First issue of *Provenance* published. The new name reflected a new direction as the journal sought to appeal to archivists throughout the South and the nation.
- State Historical Records Advisory Board published *Directory of Georgia Archives and Manuscripts Repositories*. Prepared by Glen McAninch and distributed by SGA.

1985 International Archives Week, April 14-20, in Georgia proclaimed by Governor Joe Frank Harris.

1986 20th annual session of Georgia Archives Institute held.

1987 Joint Spring Meeting of the Society of Alabama Archivists, the Society of Georgia Archivists, and the Society of Mississippi Archivists held at Columbiana, Alabama from April 26-28. Proposed Southern Archivist's Confederation fails to materialize.

Georgia Archives published *The Directory of Georgia's Historical Organizations and Resources* (subsequently republished online by GHRAB as *Directory of Historical and Cultural Organizations*, available online at <<http://content.sos.state.ga.us/GHRAB/>>.

1988 SGA established the Carroll Hart Scholarship Award to fund training and attendance at professional meetings, institutes, and graduate courses.

Society of American Archivists met in Atlanta, September 29-October 2. Dues for individuals raised to \$15.00 annually.

1989 SGA President appointed Tony Dees to chair 20th Anniversary Committee. Meetings held in celebration of twenty years of "setting the record straight."

Executive Board of SGA voted officially to establish an "Archives and Society Award" to be given to non-archivists who have done exceptional jobs promoting the use of archives in Georgia and the South.

1991 First SGA scholarship (later renamed J. Larry Gulley Scholarship) awarded.

1992 Changes in Georgia's Open Records Act to protect the privacy of private donors to public institutions dominates discussion during 1992.

- 1993 SGA scholarship to annual meeting renamed for J. Larry Gulley.

First David B. Gracy II Award was given.

- 1994 SAA's J. Franklin Jameson Archival Advocacy Award presented to John Marshall and Louise McBee during the 1994 State Records Conference for their efforts in changing Georgia's Open Records Act.

Board approves plan to hold annual meetings in Atlanta every other year and elsewhere in the state on the intervening years.

- 1995 Brenda Banks elected President of the Society of American Archivists.

- 1996 First SGA Web page, hosted by Georgia College & State University, up and running.

GHRAB approved grant proposal for joint project between SGA and Georgia Historical Society to prepare and give a series of workshops on the care of private papers.

- 1997 Board voted to increase Gracy Award to \$100.00.

Board voted to commit enough SGA funds currently in certificates of deposit to make the Gracy Award and the Hart and Gulley Scholarships self-sufficient.

- 1998 SGA adopted new motto: "Preserving the past and the present for the future."

For the first time SGA participated in "Office Hours" in the Exhibit Hall during the Society of American Archivists meeting in Orlando, Florida.

SGA established permanent, independent, redesigned and expanded Web site: <www.soga.org>.

- 1999 SGA individual memberships passed the 200 mark.
- SGA, with the support of a grant from GHRAB, offered seven workshops, three on Arrangement and Description, three on Photographs and Visual Materials and one on Managing the Records of Museums.
- 2000 Ed Weldon Scholarship established to provide the registration fee for an SGA member to attend the Society of American Archivists (SAA) annual meeting.
- 2001 First SGA Scholarship auction featured Gilbert Head and introduced the patriarch of SGA's sock monkey family, Jim Dandy (made by Linda Davis).
- 2002 Gracy Award increased from \$100.00 to \$200.00.
- SGA individual dues increased from \$15.00 to \$25.00.
- 2004 SGA obtained federal income tax exception under section 501 (c)(3).
- 2005 *SGA Membership Directory* goes from print to digital format.
- Listserv Manager established with a 3-year term.
- SGA donated \$500.00 to the Gulf Coast Relief Fund to support Hurricane Katrina victims.
- 2006 *SGA Newsletter* produced digitally.
- Archives Week Planning Committee received the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Board Award for Advocacy.

- 2006 Disaster Preparedness Committee established in response to the widespread disasters of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita that took place in 2005 along the Gulf Coast. The Committee worked with ARCHE and SOLINET to update *Shelter from the Stormy Blast*.

First year SGA elections held by electronic ballot using SurveyMonkey.

SGA blog established, first post on October 11.

- 2008 Brenda S. Banks Educational Workshop Scholarship established for attendance at the SGA-sponsored spring/summer workshop.

Anthony Dees Educational Workshop Scholarship established for attendance at the SGA-sponsored pre-conference workshop.

- 2009 David Carmichael (Georgia Archives) and Sheryl Vogt (University of Georgia) named as Fellows of the Society of American Archivists.

SGA Fellows program established. Sixteen honorees were inducted.

SGA establishes a Facebook page—122 fans by November!