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GLA SPOTLIGHT

Fannie Mae Davis Special Collections Room Douglas County Public Library

The Fannie Mae Davis Special Collections Room in the Douglas County Public Library on Selman Drive in Douglasville, GA is named in honor of Douglasville's head librarian from 1961 to 1981, when the library was in the Bowden Street location. Fannie Mae Davis wrote a book on the history of the county—*Douglas County, Georgia: From Indian Trail to Interstate 20*. Her portrait hangs in the special collections room to honor her dedication and service both to the library and to the city of Douglasville.



The special collections room is used for genealogy and historical research and contains publications compiled by the Douglas County Genealogy Society. Items in the collection include copies of older Douglas County wills as well as books related to Douglas County, such as *Heritage of Douglas County, Georgia 1870-2002* and *Who's Who in Douglas County*, compiled by Joe Baggett.

Display cases offer many glimpses of local history such as photos of local families, early government officials, and the New Manchester ruins in Sweetwater State Park as well as civil war items and bricks from the ruins. There are souvenirs from centennial events in

Douglasville, early government books from the courthouse, and a rare book collection. There is embroidery that was donated to Douglas County Public Library by Margaret Rowe McMichen that shows the history of Douglas County and has always been a key piece of the collection. The collection also houses records on microfilm including Georgia censuses and issues

of the Douglas Sentinel newspaper dating back to the early twentieth century. There is a map collection that includes Sanborn Fire Insurance maps of Douglasville and other early Campbell County maps (what is now

Douglas was once a part of the former Campbell County) along with the listing of Confederate soldiers from that county.

The library has seen an increase both in the use of our special collections and in donations from patrons and the Douglas County Genealogy Society.

The library now offers two basic genealogy classes a year as well as instruction on the use of Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest, which are available for patrons as part of the library's GALILEO databases.

If you would like to know more about the Fannie Mae Davis Special Collections Room, please call 770-920-7125.