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University of North Georgia *Cyclops* Yearbooks (1975–1995) Digitized

In partnership with Special Collections & Archives at the University of North Georgia, the Digital Library of Georgia (DLG) has digitized school yearbooks dating from 1975 to 1995. This period covers the years leading up to the second name change for North Georgia College (which became North Georgia College & State University) and its growth from a college to a university.

This project contained approximately 4,700 pages in 20 bound volumes that document how then–North Georgia College (NGC) saw extensive growth during this time, thus demonstrating its high research value as a digitized collection.

Dr. John H. Owen (1922–2011), a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy, was named the twelfth president of NGC in 1970. During his tenure, the enrollment of North Georgia College (now the University of North Georgia) nearly tripled, thanks to having produced more course offerings and programs, having integrated the campus in 1967, and having enrolled women military cadets beginning in 1973.

NGC saw significant changes in the late 1960s and early 1970s. For example, in 1967, NGC integrated, and in 1973 women were included in the Corps of Cadets. The effects of these policy changes shaped campus culture from 1975 to 1995.

Dr. Owen stepped down as president in 1992, and the vice

president for academic affairs, anatomist Delmas J. Allen, was named president. Dr. Allen served as president from 1993 to 1996 and managed the school's transition from a college to a university due to the changes in student body population and faculty and staff demographics that followed nearly two decades of growth for the school and the region.

The makeup of the student body, the increase in student organizations, the addition of inclusive multicultural groups, and the expansion of the faculty and staff of the college all reflect the more significant demographic shifts in northeast Georgia, and thus the university. In addition, most students at NGC during this time were from northeast Georgia. Because of this, the *Cyclops* collection also serves as an essential historical representation of the Northeast Georgia region.

Wendi D. Huguley, the University of North Georgia's Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving,



Image from *Cyclops* 1975, vol. 68, page 58. Image courtesy of University of North Georgia Special Collections & Archives

emphasizes the value that these digitized volumes have:

The Digital Library of Georgia (DLG) office frequently sends digital yearbook links to family members, alumni, reunion groups, and University staff who contact us requesting materials picturing their loved ones, classmates, or former colleagues. The online access to these records provides ease of use for anyone who is searching for their memories.

Special Collections & Digital Initiatives Librarian Allison Galloup welcomes questions about the digitization project and can be reached at Allison.Galloup@ung.edu

View these items online at https://dlg.usg.edu/collection/gnd_yearbooks

Savannah's pioneer female landscape architect Clermont Lee transformed our public spaces. Now you can see her drawings online.

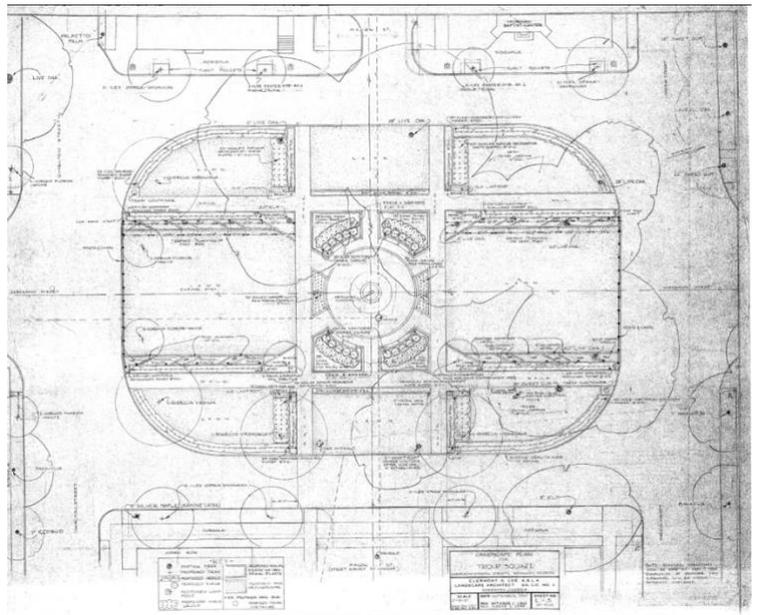
Drawings by Georgia's first female landscape architect Clermont Lee are now [publicly available online](#) thanks to a collaboration between the [Georgia Historical Society \(GHS\)](#) and the Digital Library of Georgia.

From 1940 through the mid-1980s, she made landscape designs for clients in Savannah, Georgia, and throughout the Southeast.

"These designs provide insight into the less well-documented elements of preservation and restoration projects throughout the state," notes G. Andrew Fleming, the Friends of Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites executive director.

"Clermont Lee was a pioneering figure in the history of landscape architecture," says Nate Pedersen, Manager of the Archival and Reference Team at the Georgia Historical Society. "We expect her drawings to be of significant interest to historic preservationists, landscape architects, gardeners, and scholars around the country. As such, we are delighted to be able to freely share her drawings online and are grateful for the support from the Digital Library of Georgia."

Plans for many Georgia and South Carolina residences, churches, schools, city blocks, office buildings, parks, airports, and historic sites are among the detailed design drawings now available at GHS.



Troup Square, Habersham Street, and Macon Street, (Savannah, GA). Image courtesy of Georgia Historical Society.

Lee is probably best known locally for her mid-to-late twentieth century work designing formal gardens for several of Savannah's historic house museums, including the Owens-Thomas House and the Green-Meldrim House, and plans for several of the Landmark District's beloved squares. Across the state, Lee's designs include plans for the Chief Vann House in Murray County and Baptist Village in Waycross.

Fleming also adds: "These types of records are invaluable in helping establish a complete picture of our state's historic spaces."

About Clermont Lee

Clermont Huger Lee, born in Savannah in 1914, was the city's first female architect in private practice. She worked as an assistant to T.M. Baumgardner of the Sea Island Corporation during the Great Depression. She became interested in historic gardens in the 1940s after receiving her education at Barnard and Smith Colleges.

As one of the first professional female landscape architects in Georgia, Lee worked with and independently of some of her era's leading preservationists. She focused on preserving, recreating, and reinterpreting historic gardens and landscapes. This was an aspect of the preservation movement that she felt was ignored in many plans that focused on historic structures.

Lee represents a less recognized part of the movement's story as both a professional woman working in the field and as a preservationist focused on the natural environment. Historic preservation, particularly during the mid-twentieth century, was associated primarily with professional male architects and developers. Women (usually wealthy white women) worked as volunteers and activists.

In addition to her work in Savannah, she worked on projects throughout Georgia and in cities such as Jacksonville, Florida, and Hilton Head, South Carolina. Lee also worked on the founding of the Georgia State Landscape Architects Board.

Clermont Lee passed away in 2006 on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

View the collections online at https://dlg.usg.edu/collection/g-hi_clee

Rare Nineteenth-Century Newspaper Titles from The Magruder Collection Now Freely Available Online

As part of a \$17,980 grant from the [R. J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation](#), the Digital Library of Georgia has digitized over 77,000 pages of Georgia newspaper titles in partnership with the [Atlanta History Center](#).

The newly released collection includes rare nineteenth century titles from north Georgia and previously unavailable titles from larger cities across the state.

The project creates full-text searchable versions of the newspapers. It presents them online for free in its [Georgia Historic Newspapers database](#).

Users will be able to search the database for geographic, corporate, family, and personal names.

142 titles have been digitized from the following Georgia cities: Alpharetta, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Auraria, Brunswick, Calhoun, Canton, Cassville, Carrollton, Columbus, Cumming, Dahlonega, Dalton,

Douglasville, Marietta, Milledgeville, Gainesville, Griffin, Harlem, LaGrange, Lawrenceville, Lumpkin, Macon, Newnan, Norcross, Rome, Savannah, Thomasville, Valdosta, and Winterville.

Titles of interest include:

- [Miners Recorder and Spy in the West](#): A newspaper published in the north Georgia mining town of Auraria during the Georgia Gold Rush in the 1830s.
- [The Progressive Era](#): An African American newspaper published in Athens, Georgia, in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
- [The Soldier's Friend](#): A Christian newspaper published out of Atlanta for Confederate soldiers during the Civil War.
- [The Kennesaw Route Gazette](#): A newspaper published by the Western & Atlantic Railroad Company for its train passengers.

For a full list of titles, visit the DLG blog at <https://blog.dlg.galileo.usg.edu/?p=8167>

Paul Crater, vice president of collections and research at the Atlanta History Center, emphasizes the impact that the digitization of these newspapers will have on researchers of Georgia history: “Composed of over 4,600 newspapers, the collection was assembled by William Grisham, a North Georgia resident who served as clerk of court for Cherokee county and postmaster for his community.”

The collection was donated to the Atlanta History Center in 2001 by Nell Galt Magruder, a descendant of Mr. Grisham. The collection includes essential regional publications from Atlanta, Milledgeville, Marietta, Rome, and Augusta. It also has rare editions of the [Cherokee Intelligencer](#), [Miners Recorder and Spy in the West](#), and [The Southern Whig](#).

The collection is a valuable source for those interested in pre-Civil War Georgia, the Cherokee Removal, the North Georgia Gold Rush, the Civil War, Southern agriculture, and genealogy.

View the collections online at <https://gahistoricnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu>



Miners Recorder and Spy in the West. (Auraria, Lumpkin County, Georgia) March 29, 1834.

Image courtesy of Georgia Historic Newspapers

Delta Air Lines Documents Are Available Online Through the Digital Library of Georgia

Historical records detailing the growth of one of the world’s largest airlines are available to the public online through the Digital Library of Georgia, thanks to a partnership between the Delta Flight Museum, the University of Georgia Libraries, and GALILEO.

The collection contains Delta Air Lines’ digitized timetables, flight maps, and annual reports for the past century through its expansions, moves, and mergers with other airlines to become the aviation industry leader in the United States.

According to John Boatright, president of Delta Flight Museum, a nonprofit museum housed in the

original 1940s hangars at Delta’s Atlanta headquarters:

Sharing our collection of digitized annual reports and timetables of Delta and family member airlines provides wider access to this rich resource of materials documenting the nearly 100 years of Delta's history and the development of commercial aviation both locally and globally. This partnership with DLG allows us to enhance our engagement with educators, researchers, and aviation enthusiasts.

Delta Air Lines traces its history to the world's first crop dusting company in Macon in 1925, and the company has been headquartered in Atlanta since 1941. For Toby Graham, university librarian and

associate provost at UGA, those connections to the state align the digital archive with the mission of the Digital Library of Georgia, a GALILEO initiative based at UGA's Main Library dedicated to the digital preservation and open access of historic materials that reflect the state's history and culture. According to Graham:

As one of Atlanta's largest employers, Delta and its business history are fully integrated with the story of our state. We are proud to partner with the Delta Flight Museum to preserve and share these historical documents with the community and with researchers interested in aviation, business, travel, and other fields.

In addition to historical items directly related to the airline, the Delta Flight Museum's online archive contains business publications from many of the

more than 40 affiliated airlines that make up the "Delta family tree." These include:

- Chicago and Southern Air Lines, which brought Delta's first international routes to the Caribbean and Venezuela in 1953;
- Boston-based Northeast Airlines, which extended Delta's East Coast services from Canada to Florida and Bermuda in 1972;
- Los Angeles-based Western Airlines, the oldest continuously operating airline in the United States before Delta acquired it in 1987;
- and Minnesota-based Northwest Airlines, which carried the most passengers across the Pacific Ocean and was a top domestic cargo carrier until its merger with Delta in 2008.

View the collections online at:

<https://dlg.usg.edu/institutions/delta>

Nearly a Century of Georgia Newspapers Now Freely Available Online

Georgia Public Library Service and the Digital Library of Georgia are pleased to announce the addition of over 53,000 pages of newspapers dating from 1877–1967 to the Georgia Historic Newspapers (GHN) [portal](#). The portal is the largest provider of free online access to digitized licensed and public domain Georgia newspapers and currently includes titles dating from 1763–2021.

Consisting of 15 titles and nearly 8,000 issues covering [Gilmer](#), [Glynn](#), [Mitchell](#), [Newton](#), and [White](#) counties, these latest digital collections expand geographic inclusion within the portal to include previously underrepresented counties. Digitization of newspaper content from Georgia's rural, agricultural, and unrepresented geographic areas remains a top priority.

Researchers, genealogists, historians, and those just curious about history can use an internet connection to freely access the newspapers that are both [full-text searchable](#) or browsable by [date](#), [city](#), [county](#), and [type](#).

"As part of genealogical research, I, and many others, have spent countless hours in our Gilmer County Library going through the *Ellijay Times-Courier's* microfilm to find articles about ancestors to add to their lives' stories," said Barbara Dover, a Gilmer County Library patron. She continued:

Even finding out what was going on in their piece of the world at certain points of their lives often provided blossoms and leaves to the branches of our family trees. Having free access to digitized editions of the *Times-Courier* through the Georgia Historic Newspapers portal will now make it possible for people like me to research from home. This is one of the many varied ways that our library serves as an integral part of our community.

Historic newspapers document a wide variety of information of interest to researchers, including local, national, and international news and events, business development, society announcements, and genealogical information like births, deaths, marriages, and estate dealings. Since 2006, Georgia's public libraries have funded over 1.1 million of the 2.4 million pages of digitized content in the Georgia Historic Newspapers portal.

“These digitized newspapers are a history book waiting to be read,” said Newton County Library Board member Frank B. Turner, Sr.

All issues are freely available online through [Georgia Historic Newspapers](#), which utilizes the Library of Congress’ open-source tool, Chronicling America, for online delivery. Annually, the Digital Library of Georgia digitizes over 100,000 historic newspaper pages in accordance with technical guidelines developed by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress for the [National Digital Newspaper Program](#).

Funding for digitization was provided by Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS). Project selection was conducted by GPLS in consultation with the Marshes of Glynn Libraries, the Newton County Library System, the Northeast Georgia Regional Library System, the Sequoyah Regional Library System, and the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System.

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