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PRINT MATERIALS

A. STANDARD LOCAL HISTORIES

1. GARRETT, Franklin. *Atlanta and Environs*, 2 v. Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1954; rpt.: Athens, University of Georgia Press, 1969.
(REF.) F294 .A8 G2

Covers up to New Year's Eve, 1939, with an epilogue that gives a very brief survey of events to 1952. Continued in a third volume, by Harold H. MARTIN, *Atlanta and Environs: A Chronicle of Its People and Events, Years of Change and Challenge, 1940-1976* (Atlanta: Atlanta Historical Society; Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1987).
In the stacks there is a copy of each volume that may be checked out.

2. TEMPLE, Sarah Blackwell Gober. *The First Hundred Years: A Short History of Cobb County, Georgia*. Atlanta: Cherokee, 1980.
(REF.) F292 .C6 T4 1980

Originally published in 1935, covers through 1933.

3. SCOTT, Thomas Allen. *Cobb County, Georgia and the Origins of the Suburban South: A Twentieth-Century History*. 1st ed. Marietta, Ga.: Cobb Landmarks & Historical Society, Inc., 2003.
F292.C6 S382 2003 (1 copy in reference, 1 in circulating stacks)

Updates Temple (#2).

B. ENCYCLOPEDIAS OF THE SOUTH

1. ROLLER, David C., and Robert W. TWYMAN, eds. *The Encyclopedia of Southern History*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1979.
(REF.) F207.7 .E52

Designed "to answer those questions about the South most frequently asked by scholars, teachers, students, and laymen"--*Preface*. Features authoritative signed articles (most of them with select bibliographies) on events, terms, persons, places, etc., relevant to Southern history from earliest times to the present. "The South" is defined "as encompassing the District of Columbia and those states that accepted the practice of slavery in 1860." Articles on the region's 16 states are an important feature of the work. Indexed.

2. WILSON, Charles Reagan, and William FERRIS, eds. *Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1989.
(REF.) F209 .E53 1989

Sponsored by The Center for the Study of Southern Culture, University of Mississippi. Signed, short articles, with bibliographies, are arranged under broader topics (e.g., "We shall overcome" under Black life; Stoicism under Philanthropy; Northern under History and manners; Jonathan Daniels under Media). Cross-references; index of contributors; general index. An excellent, authoritative survey.

C. GEORGIA BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARIES

1. COLEMAN, Kenneth, and Charles Stephen GURR, eds. *Dictionary of Georgia Biography*, 2 v. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1983.
(REF.) CT230 .D53 1983

D. BIBLIOGRAPHIES OF GEORGIA HISTORY

1. DAVIS, Robert Scott, Jr. *Research in Georgia*. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1981.
(REF.) Z1273 .D3
2. DORSEY, James E., ed. *Georgia Genealogy and Local History: A Bibliography*. Spartanburg, SC: The Reprint Company, 1983.
(REF.) Z1273 .D67 1983
3. ROWLAND, Arthur Ray, and James E. DORSEY. *A Bibliography of the Writings on Georgia History 1900-1970*, rev. and enlarged ed. Spartanburg, SC: The Reprint Company, 1983.
(REF.) Z1273 .R6 1977

E. GEORGIA HISTORY INDEXES

1. *Georgia Historical Quarterly Index: Volumes I-LX 1917-1976*, 2 v.
(REF.) F281 .B46

F. U. S. HISTORY INDEXES

1. *America: History and Life* [: *A Guide to Periodical Literature*]
(REF.) Z1236 .A48

AND on computer, under Sturgis Library Electronic Resources.

Abstracts "articles on the history of the United States and Canada published throughout the world, and ... articles dealing with current American life and times."--*Note*. Some 2,200 serial publications are now surveyed, including annuals and festschriften. Arranged by broad geographical areas and chronological periods, subdivided by topic, then by format.

Initially, nos. 1-3 of each vol. contained abstracts, and no. 4 was the annual index. Beginning 1974, issued in 4 parts: A, Article abstracts and citations (Spring, Summer, Fall); B, Book reviews (Spring, Fall); C, American history bibliography (i.e., articles cited in pt. A, books cited in pt. B, and dissertations; annual); D, Annual index (title index added with v. 16 [1979]). Now issued in 5 parts: issues 1-4 contain abstracts and citations for articles, book reviews, and dissertations, while issue 5 is the annual index. Also cites reviews of films, videos, and nonprint media.

Reviews are drawn from 140 U.S. and Canadian journals, dissertations from *Dissertation Abstracts International*.

The index, called "SPIndex," is a rotated index of names and topics that refers to citation numbers in the bibliographic listing.

2. *Writings on American History*.
(REF.) Z1236 .L331

An excellent annual bibliography and index employing a classified arrangement, with author, title, and subject index. Includes many contents and descriptive notes.

The original series began in 1902. After a hiatus beginning in 1948 and ending in 1962, it was continued by *Writings on American History: A Subject Bibliography of Articles* (1962/73-1989/90), issued by the American Historical Assoc. and comp. by J. J. Dougherty (et al.).

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

G. USEFUL DATABASES

FIRST, A WORD ABOUT GALILEO!

GALILEO (GeorgiA Library Learning Online) is a gateway to many databases and other computerized sources of information. It is available in the Sturgis Library reference room and can also be accessed by students from anywhere with an Internet connection.

You will need a password to use the databases in GALILEO if you are off campus; the password will be given to you when you enter GALILEO. When in the library, feel free to ask a reference librarian for the address and the password, which changes every semester. Off-campus, you will find the current password through the library's home page. (Note that a dialogue box asking you for User ID and Password will appear: at that point you must supply your KSU ID number and your PIN (usually your date of birth)—not the GALILEO password.) Library personnel cannot give out the GALILEO password over the telephone. This system of User ID and Password is being phased out and is being replaced with the proxy server using NetID. Both methods of off-campus access are available through the library's home page. Things are always changing in cyberspace.

History is not one of the major subject tabs on the GALILEO home page. It is listed, however, under Arts and Humanities. You may have to search more than one major subject area to find all the databases that cover your field of interest. You can usually get off to a good start by investigating Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences.

Note that there are now direct GALILEO links to websites related to your interest, and that these links can be accessed from the "databases" part of GALILEO.

In addition, you may now use the subject headings in GALILEO to access databases that are not even in GALILEO but that KSU subscribes to. The following are some of the GALILEO databases most often used by history students:

*Academic Search Premier (at
EBSCOHost)
ArchivesUSA*

*Dissertation Abstracts (at ProQuest)
MLA International Bibliography
Research Library GALILEO Edition*

In addition to GALILEO, Kennesaw State has other databases that you may find useful in your work. You can locate many of them through GALILEO, but if you want a complete listing of all databases available to KSU students, go through the Sturgis Library homepage (www.kennesaw.edu/library) and click first on Library Resources, then on Sturgis Library Electronic Resources. You can do a subject search for history and find the names of databases that may be helpful. Note that some of these databases may not be accessible off-campus.

Some useful databases include

America: History and Life (the electronic version)

Note: *Historical Abstracts* is a database for the history of the world OUTSIDE OF North America, since 1450.

Literature Resource Center (GaleNet) (for literary and biographical information)

JSTOR and *Project Muse* (excellent sources of articles (in full text) on historical subjects, among others)

Each of these databases has its own scope and its own rules for searching. It's a good idea to pick one to explore in depth, to find out what it is capable of doing for you. Many databases can now give you access to the full text of articles, but be aware that most of them are basically indexes. Their purpose is to tell you what articles have appeared, but there is no guarantee that Kennesaw State will have them all. Keep this in mind, because you may find a reference to what looks like the perfect article--and then discover that you will need to get it on interlibrary loan, which may take a few days.

It may be that the article (or book) you need is at some other library nearby. The catalogs of many libraries around the state (including some public libraries) are available through GALILEO, under the heading "Georgia Library Catalogs." You may want to investigate WorldCat, a GALILEO database, to find out which libraries (all over the world) have what you want.

GALILEO is constantly evolving, so don't be surprised to find new features or a new look the next time you use it.

H. WEBSITES

1. *Meta sites and directories*

a. **About.com Guides**

Access: <http://americanhistory.about.com/index.htm>

b. **WWW Virtual Library History: United States**

Access: <http://www.ukans.edu/history/VL/USA/index.html>

c. **American and British History Research Guides**

Access:

http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/rr_gateway/research_guides/history/history.shtml

2. Primary sources

a. American Memory: Historical Collections for the National Digital Library

Access: <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ammemhome.html>
or <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/amhome.html>

b. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)

Access: <http://www.nara.gov/>

c. Making of America (MOA)

Access: Cornell: <http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/moa>
Michigan: <http://moa.umdl.umich.edu>

d. The Avalon Project at the Yale Law School

Access: <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/avalon.htm>

e. History Channel: Speeches

Access: <http://www.historychannel.com/speeches/index.html>

f. Project Oyez: U.S. Supreme Court Multimedia Database

Access: <http://oyez.org>

g. Historical Picture Collections

Access: <http://history.acusd.edu/gen/documents/clipsources.html>

h. Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection: Historical Maps of the United States

Access: <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/histus.html>

i. United States Historical Census Data Browser

Access: <http://fisher.lib.virginia.edu/census>

j. NUCMC (National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections)

NUCMC, or the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections, is a free-of-charge cooperative cataloging program operated by the Library of Congress. Check out the resources to find out more about its program, about archives and manuscript repositories, and about topics of interest to archivists and their institutions' patrons.

ArchivesUSA, available through GALILEO, covers much of the same ground as this website, but notice that searching is different, and results will not be the same.

Access: <http://lcweb.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/nucmc.html>

3. Topics and chronological periods

a. H-NET: Humanities and Social Sciences Online

Access: <http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/>

b. The American Revolution: National Discussions of Our Revolutionary Origins.

Access: <http://revolution.h-net.msu.edu/intro.html>

c. The American Civil War Homepage

Access: <http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/warweb.html>

d. The United States Civil War Center

Access: <http://www.cwc.lsu.edu/cwc/index.htm>

e. H-SHGAPE Internet Resources

Access: <http://www.h-net.org/~shgape/internet/>

f. American Cultural History: The Twentieth Century

Access: <http://www.nhmccd.edu/contracts/lrc/kc/decades.html>

g. New Deal Network: A Guide to the Great Depression of the 1930s and the Roosevelt Administration

Access: <http://newdeal.feri.org/>

h. WWW Virtual Library: The Cold War

Access: <http://www.ukans.edu/history/VL/USA/coldwar.html>

i. Biography.Com

Access: <http://www.biography.com>

j. American Women's History: A Research Guide

Access: <http://frank.mtsu.edu/~kmiddlet/history/women.html>

k. People with a History: An Outline Guide to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans* History (LGBT)

Access: <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/pwh>

l. African-American History: A Guide to Resources & Research on the Web

Access: <http://web.uccs.edu/~history/index/afroam.html>

m. Latino American History: A Guide to Resources and Research on the Web

Access: <http://web.uccs.edu/~history/index/latino.html>

n. Ancestors in the Americas

Access: <http://www.pbs.org/ancestorsintheamericas>

o. H-AMINDIAN (American Indian History and Culture)

Access: <http://www.asu.edu/clas/history/h-amindian/index.html>