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

From the August 1970 Newsletter:

The Society of Georgia Archivists was organized last fall to provide an effective means of communication and cooperation among individuals employed in archives and manuscript repositories, to promote the preservation and use of manuscripts and archival resources, to increase the knowledge of archival theories and practices, and to cooperate with professionals in related disciplines.

Our first year [was] a good beginning in fulfilling these purposes. . . .

1970 - Annual dues, \$5 for individuals (and still a bargain today).

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

1971 - David B. Gracy, II appointed chair of publications committee.

From the November 1971 Newsletter:

Although new in the Atlanta area as Archivist of the Georgia State University Library, Dave has taken on the job of coordinating our project of publishing a Guide to the Archives of Georgia and to assist in the production of our monthly Newsletter. He has several years experience in editorial and publication work and as you can tell. . .we are on our way.

September 1972 - "The now traditional gala September meeting to open the Society of Georgia Archivists' year will be hosted by the Atlanta Historical Society."

January 1973 - Announced effort to attract new membership:

"We welcome anyone concerned to promote the preservation and utilization of Georgia's documentary heritage."

February 1973 - "The response to our Society journal, *Georgia Archive*, the first scholarly publication attempted by any of the regional archival associations, has been gratifyingly warm."

May 16, 1973 - "Archives Day in Georgia" proclaimed by Governor Jimmy Carter. A special banquet was held at the Top of the Mart Restaurant in Atlanta.

Fall 1975 - *Georgia Archive* received the Society of American Archivists Award of Merit.

July 1976 - The Georgia Archives Institute celebrated its tenth year of service to the archival profession.

December 1976 - SGA announced receipt of a 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 for contributing members. Published a membership brochure.

1982 - SGA administered NHPRC grant received by State Historical Records Advisory Board to do a needs assessment of Georgia's historical records.

Spring 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.

Summer 1983 - State Historical Records Advisory Board published "Inventory of Georgia Archives and Manuscripts Repositories." Prepared by Glen McAninch and distributed by SGA.

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

June 1986 - Twentieth annual session of Georgia Archives Institute held.

Summer 1987 - GDAH published a directory of Georgia's Historical Organizations and Resources.

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

September 29 - October 2, 1988 - Society of American Archivists met in Atlanta.

Dues for individuals \$15 annually.

Winter 1989 - SGA President appointed Tony Dees to chair Twentieth Anniversary Committee.

May and September 1989 - Meetings held in celebration of twenty years of "setting the record straight."

August 1989 - 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.