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### Georgia Historical Society Awarded \$100,172 Institute of Museum and Library Services Grant

SAVANNAH - July 31, 2009. The Georgia Historical Society is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a Museums for America grant by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to assist GHS in its ongoing efforts to provide access to GHS collections online, thereby expanding audiences for history.

The Georgia Historical Society will use the IMLS award to carry out its project, *Expanding Audiences for History: Access for a New Century*, a technology initiative. The grant funds will be used for electronically cataloging artifacts, portraits, and maps. Once complete, these collection items will be searchable through the GHS online catalog, and images of the artifacts will be visible through the World Wide Web.

The amount awarded to the Society is \$100,172 and will require that GHS raise a matching amount of \$100,183.

The Society has been fortunate in the past to receive awards from federal and foundation grants that help to demonstrate the widespread commitment of both public and private sectors to the preservation and sharing of Georgia and American history. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's libraries and museums. Its mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. For more information about IMLS, go to <http://www.imls.gov>.

To learn more about the Georgia Historical Society, the new grant, or about upcoming events please visit [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com).

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