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A Priceless Partnership  
by W. Todd Groce, Ph.D.

IT IS A WELL KNOWN AXIOM THAT AN EDUCATED CITIZENRY is essential to the survival of a republic. Every political philosopher from Plato to Jefferson has stressed the need for the citizens of a free government to possess knowledge of literature, philosophy, and history. Only when people are educated is liberty secure. That's why education is an essential function of state government.

For almost 175 years, the Georgia Historical Society has been actively engaged in the process of creating educated citizens. As Georgia's oldest cultural institution, GHS has successfully promoted a better understanding of our past—and done it at considerably less cost than if the state carried the burden alone.

Since taking a voluntary privatization of its library and archives over ten years ago, GHS has shifted more than 75 percent of the expense for this vital service from the state to the private sector. In other words, if the state were paying today what it actually costs to operate the GHS library and archives—as it once did ten years ago—it would be spending nearly \$500,000 per year rather than the \$98,000 it annually appropriates for this purpose.

This is not the only area where GHS is saving taxpayer money. When the state privatized the historical marker program and turned its operation over to GHS, it cut its annual expenditure—approximately \$120,000—in half. Likewise, when GHS resumed editorial management of its *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, the state shifted an additional \$100,000 in expenses to the private sector.

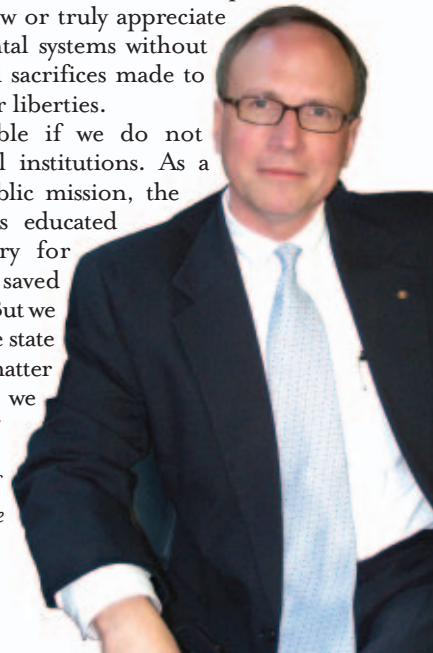
Through our private-public partnership, then, GHS saves the state annually nearly \$750,000. The government funds once spent on history are today redirected into other state services such as elections, licensing, and security regulation.

GHS is glad to shoulder this additional responsibility. But we can't go it alone—nor should we. Neither the private sector nor the state should be expected to singlehandedly undertake such a vital mission. It takes the resources, expertise, and commitment of both if we are to realize our common goal of creating an educated citizenry.

As the economy worsens and state budgets tighten, there is increased temptation to see history as expendable. But the state has a duty to preserve its past, if for no other reason than for self-preservation. Future generations cannot be expected to solve the problems of tomorrow or truly appreciate our economic and governmental systems without knowledge of the struggles and sacrifices made to secure, expand, and defend our liberties.

This republic will crumble if we do not continue to value our cultural institutions. As a private organization with a public mission, the Georgia Historical Society has educated Georgians about their history for nearly two centuries and saved taxpayer money in the process. But we need the ongoing support of the state if the job is to get done. No matter how expensive this may seem, we cannot afford the alternative. *G*

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On April 12, 2007, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources dedicated a new life-sized statue of Franklin D. Roosevelt at Dowdell's Knob, located in the FDR State Park atop Pine Mountain in Harris County. The ceremony coincided with the 62nd anniversary of Roosevelt's death. For more on FDR in Georgia, turn the page.  
Photo by Edwin L. Jackson.

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# FEATURE 75 Years Later, Georgia Remembers FDR by Edwin L. Jackson

Statue of Franklin D. Roosevelt at Dowdell's Knob, located in the FDR State Park atop Pine Mountain in Harris County. Photos by Edwin L. Jackson

AS 2008 MARKS THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRANKLIN DELANO Roosevelt's inauguration as president and his launching of the New Deal, it is appropriate to look at FDR's ties to Georgia and how his adopted state has remembered him. After his initial visit to Warm Springs, Georgia, in October 1924, FDR always considered Georgia his second home. He visited Warm Springs on forty different occasions and it was there that he died in 1945.

With the most notable exception of Georgia's new governor, Eugene Talmadge, most Georgians felt a special relationship with FDR that predated his election and New Deal. Roosevelt's first visit to Georgia was in 1913 as assistant secretary of the Navy examining Brunswick as a potential site for a new naval station.

At age 39, Roosevelt was stricken with polio while vacationing in Maine. Three years later, he met George Foster Peabody, a prominent Wall Street banker from Columbus, Georgia, at the 1924 National Democratic Convention. Peabody told FDR of a resort near Columbus that had healing mineral waters.

In October 1924, Roosevelt—then governor of New York—made his initial visit to Warm Springs in Meriwether County. Excited and convinced of the therapeutic and curative value of the waters, FDR would become a frequent visitor, and in 1927 he created the Warm Springs Foundation to develop the resort into a treatment facility for those who suffered from the crippling disease of polio.

In addition to swimming and exercising in the warm water, Roosevelt enjoyed meeting many of the young patients being treated at the Foundation. He also delighted in using one of his

specially equipped cars to drive around the countryside in Meriwether and Harris counties. A particularly favored spot was Dowdell's Knob, which provided a panoramic view of Pine Mountain Valley. This site now features the most recent FDR monument in Georgia.

Through his Georgia visits, FDR learned firsthand of the problems facing farmers and others living in rural areas, and many of the things he witnessed directly influenced some New Deal initiatives. For example, astonished that the few residents of Meriwether County fortunate enough to have electricity had to pay

four times the price he was charged in New York, Roosevelt proposed his Rural Electrification Administration and the Tennessee Valley Authority to bring affordable electricity to rural America.

Memorials, plaques, and markers scattered throughout Georgia honor FDR, while Social Security and other programs of public assistance make up perhaps the most extensive legacy of the New Deal. Meanwhile, across Georgia, hundreds of courthouses, post offices, city halls, schools, parks, and

other public facilities built directly as a result of Roosevelt's New Deal continue in use to this day. The work of the Warm Springs Foundation continues as well. Ultimately, no part of Georgia was left untouched by FDR's presidency. *J*

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## FDR STATUE

The new bronze FDR statue atop Pine Mountain, sculpted by Martin Dawe of Atlanta, is unique—it is the only statue of FDR in Georgia and is the only statue anywhere that openly depicts him wearing leg braces. Atop Dowdell's Knob, secret service agents lifted FDR from his car and then removed the front seat cushion and placed it on the ground for him to sit on. From here, Roosevelt had a wonderful view of the valley below and enjoyed many hours with friends or by himself.



## OTHER STATUES AND BUSTS

This plaster or concrete bust of FDR (left) is at the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation, near the center of the facility.

In the courtyard of Roosevelt Hall at Warm Springs, Edmond R. Amateis created a brick bas-relief showing a sitting Roosevelt with a young boy afflicted with polio.



## FDR Historical Markers

Eleven historical markers related to FDR have been erected in Meriwether and Harris counties, with one additional marker in Lamar County.

The most numerous and widespread memorials to FDR in Georgia are the many brass plaques in courthouses, post offices, and other buildings attesting they were built as part of the New Deal.



## Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park

This park in the northeastern corner of Harris County was built in 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps camp in Chipley, Georgia. Originally known as Pine Mountain Park, the park was renamed in FDR's honor after his death. With almost 10,000 acres, this is the largest state park administered by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.



## ROOSEVELT SQUARE AND MEMORIAL

Roosevelt has a special place in the history of Gainesville, Georgia. FDR personally inspected the damage after the April 6, 1936, deadly tornado destroyed much of downtown Gainesville, and he promised the full resources of the federal government to help the city recover. In 1937, the Hall County Commission and Gainesville City Council passed a joint resolution providing for this 3-foot-diameter bronze plaque memorial and designated the outdoor area between the new courthouse and city hall as Roosevelt Square.







## INSIDE GHS

# Historical Markers: 150 and Counting

by Jim Battin

HOW IMPORTANT IS THE GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S historical marker program to the state of Georgia?

GHS President and CEO Dr. W. Todd Groce answers that question with another: "How do you measure the value of an educated Georgia citizenry or the importance of an informed, satisfying experience for tourists who visit our state?"

More than 2,000 markers have been erected since the program was launched in 1951 by the now-defunct Georgia Historical Commission and then run by the Department of Natural Resources. In 1998, the state privatized the program and turned it over to the Georgia Historical Society, which operates it now under a state contract with the Department of Economic Development. Since then, the Society has approved 150 of the free-standing, instantly recognizable markers.

Today's silver and black, cast aluminum markers bear the GHS seal and are not monuments, commemorative devices, memorials, or celebratory plaques. They are unassailably factual presentations about significant people, events, buildings, and locations in Georgia history.

The marker program is not without occasional controversy. "From the beginning, the marker program has focused on 'hard,' not 'soft' history," Dr. Groce says. "The first marker we ever approved was about the Moore's Ford Lynching in Walton County, and one of the most recent was about the Leo Frank Lynching in Cobb County. We've not been afraid to look at our past unflinchingly, or to tell all of Georgia's story, even when some people would rather forget about the parts of our past that make us uncomfortable. If we don't, we aren't being true to our mission, or honest about who we are as Georgians."

"Applications submitted for review by the independent, seven-member selection committee must be sponsored by qualifying organizations, such as local historical societies, city or county governments, and churches in the communities in which proposed markers are to be erected," explains Christy Crisp, manager of the Georgia Historical Marker Program at GHS.

Noting that Georgians take their history seriously, sometimes personally, Christy says that the committee is charged with selecting markers that rise above local importance to the level of statewide or national significance. Detailed documentation supporting historical relevance and significance must accompany each

application, and the committee also strives to achieve both subject and geographical diversity in its selections.

"The program is an acknowledged success precisely because people care so much," she says, "and because the committee is very focused on selecting markers that present only the most important, historically relevant stories."

Each marker costs about \$3,000, split between the Georgia Historical Society and the sponsoring organization, and the program has become increasingly popular and competitive in recent years—at a time when state funding has generally declined, is perennially at risk and, on occasion, frozen.

Early in its involvement the Georgia Historical Society was able to erect as many as twenty markers annually, a number that since 2004 has declined to just twelve per year due to reductions in state funding. Only about 30 percent of applications are approved in any given year. Applications with insufficient or inappropriate supporting documentation are returned to sponsors and may be modified and resubmitted for review during another of the committee's two annual judging cycles.

How does one value the Georgia Historical Marker Program? How does one value education? Or libraries? Or the heritage of a people?

"Our markers are the most democratic form of history," says Todd Groce. "They reach large numbers of residents and visitors. Some have specific interests in the stories told. Some use the markers to supplement their educational or travel experience. Still others simply happen upon a marker, and end up learning something about Georgia that is important and valuable."

One of the Society's most unique and mission-appropriate programs, the markers reach a broad and diverse audience in ways that none of its many other programs can. Through the marker program the Society preserves Georgia's history, educates Georgia's citizens and visitors, and ensures a future for Georgia's rich past.

"The marker program is just an extraordinarily valuable endeavor for the state, for its residents and visitors, and for the Georgia Historical Society," says Dr. Groce.

For more information about the Georgia Historical Society's historical marker program, call 912.651.2125 or visit [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com).

## GHS Markers: By the Numbers

150 Total Markers Approved:

30% on African-American history ■ 14% about Women ■ 5% on Native American history ■ 51% on Twentieth-Century history





# Georgia Gems

By Robert K. Weber

GEORGIA HAS A LONG HISTORY OF PRODUCING AND SHAPING LEADERS WHO HAVE LEFT THEIR MARK on the nation and the world. Two such individuals—one a native and the other a frequent visitor to Georgia—enjoyed a strong association and emerged as leaders on the international stage during the first half of the twentieth century. Their correspondence is preserved in the Georgia Historical Society's collections.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, though not a native Georgian, developed a strong and well-known connection to Warm Springs, Georgia, where he helped establish the Warm Springs Foundation in 1927 for the study and treatment of polio. Locals saw Roosevelt driving the countryside in his touring car, mingling with poor farmers, observing their plight and sometimes offering them much-needed cash from his own pocket. There can be little doubt that Roosevelt's experiences in rural Georgia made the suffering caused by the Depression very real for the aristocratic New Yorker and provided a driving force behind the principles of his New Deal. Roosevelt died at Warm Springs in 1945.

Roosevelt's friend and associate, Pleasant A. Stovall, though not widely known beyond Georgia, was nonetheless a key figure in Woodrow Wilson's administration and in a Europe devastated by World War I. Stovall, born in Augusta in 1857, was a journalist and an ardent Democrat. He moved to Savannah in 1891, established the *Savannah Press*, and served as editor of the newspaper, which became the *Savannah Morning News*, until his death in 1935. Stovall was also deeply involved in politics, serving as chairman of the Georgia Democratic Convention in 1892 and of the Georgia delegation to the Democratic National Convention in 1920. He was also a delegate to the national convention in 1924. Stovall was an early and enthusiastic supporter of his childhood friend and schoolmate Woodrow Wilson's presidential candidacy in 1912 (Wilson also spent his childhood in Augusta). As President, Wilson appointed Stovall minister to Switzerland, a post he held through the tumultuous years of the Great War. It was there that Stovall earned his greatest renown. His tireless efforts on behalf of war refugees won him medals from the Swiss and Belgian governments. He resigned and returned to Georgia in 1920, having stayed on through the negotiation of the Treaty of Versailles.

The Roosevelt - Stovall relationship is revealed in a number of letters held by the Georgia Historical Society as part of the Pleasant Alexander Stovall Papers (MS 1021). These ten letters, written by the President to Stovall and, later, his widow, between March 1927 and November 1938, provide insight into Roosevelt's political career and strategy, Stovall's desire to serve on behalf of Roosevelt and the Democratic party, and the personal relationship between FDR and the Stovalls. Several of these letters are written on Roosevelt's Warm Springs letterhead and discuss the development of the resort and facilities there. Others were written while Roosevelt was governor of New York and focus on politics.

In a letter dated June 3, 1932, FDR thanks Stovall for offering to serve on his personal staff at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago opening just 24 days later. As a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, Roosevelt remarked that he was "practically certain that I should not attend the Convention in Chicago." He did attend, of course, received the nomination, and in his acceptance speech pledged a "new deal for the American people," no doubt picturing in his mind's eye his desperately poor neighbors near the small resort village of Warm Springs, Georgia.

Robert Weber is now Director of Library Services at the Lancaster County Historical Society in Pennsylvania.

Pen and ink drawing of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt by Frank S. Cheatham, Sr., and signed by President and Mrs. Roosevelt at a special audience with the Cheathams at Warm Springs, Georgia, on November 29, 1933. Copy print in the Frank S. Cheatham, Jr. Collection, Georgia Historical Society, used by permission.





Photo by Jim Battin

Profiles [ *BRADLEY HALE*  
“Successes and Stories”  
By Jim Battin

ASK BRADLEY HALE TO TELL YOU ABOUT HIMSELF AND HE will likely pass quickly over his long and extraordinarily impressive list of personal and professional achievements.

He might mention that he was a high school Latin student and president of his senior class; that he finished undergraduate and law degrees at the University of Alabama in just five years; and that he is a Phi Beta Kappa with a Harvard MBA.

He will probably touch on a 30-year career with prestigious Atlanta law firm King & Spalding, board service on some of Georgia’s most successful public companies, leadership of the regional Southern Federal Tax Institute, and a term as vice-chairman of Sweet Briar College.

He will certainly tell you about his family: his wife, the former Anne Sheffield of Americus, their son, Sheffield, daughter Ellen (Mrs. Raymond A. Jones III), and five grandsons. About his father, E.E. Hale, a farmer and landowner who once was a vice president of the Alabama Farm Bureau and, later, the first director of the state’s timber and paper producers’ trade organization, and his mother, Kathleen, a one-time supervisor of education in Marengo County, Alabama. And of Anne’s families, the Sheffields and Harrolds, both with deep Georgia roots.

Ask about his passion for history and historic preservation and Mr. Hale will cite his nine-year term on the board of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and his service as chairman of the Atlanta History Center and the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation. He will surely mention the restoration and endowment campaign he co-chaired for Macon’s 1858 Hay House—the campaign exceeded its \$7 million goal by a healthy margin, after all—and that he conceived and chaired, along with friend and Honorary Chairman Griffin Bell, the Advisory Board of the Georgia Historical Society.

Mostly, though, he will tell you stories—humorous, often laugh-out-loud tales told in an easy, comfortable manner that make his many achievements seem rather like simple, fortuitous coincidences in a life comprised of happy ironies.

He might relate how before they were married, his father alleged that his mother conspired to learn where his father would travel on daily business so she could flatten one of her tires along a Marengo County, Alabama, thoroughfare to make him stop.

He may tell you how he and two other students attended a holiday dinner given by his Harvard classmate and former director emeritus of the National Gallery of Art, J. Carter Brown, at the Brown family home in Providence, Rhode Island. There was a tradition of including some “foreign” students; the guests at that memorable gathering were from far-away and exotic France, Japan, and, of course, Alabama!

He could recall the time, representing an Alabama Howard Hughes heiress, that he visited the Desert Inn in Las Vegas, owned by the Hughes Estate. He and a fellow Alabama attorney “were seated in the bar and no one

waited on us,” he says. “It was August and each of us had on a seersucker suit. I went over and spoke to a waitress and told her that we would like some bar service. She replied, ‘Oh, I thought you two were with the band!’”

And he will probably note that his long legal career began when Griffin Bell hired him as the nineteenth King & Spalding lawyer; that the firm served blue-chip clients like Coca Cola and the Woodruff family; and that Atlanta was then at the very beginning of a decades-long period of phenomenal growth.

“I have just been lucky all along,” he notes, almost as an aside. “Somehow my timing has always been wonderful.”

Not surprisingly, timing—and a story or two—also figure in his substantial contributions to Georgia history and preservation.

“I’ve always been interested in history,” he says, “and I once heard historic preservation described as a ‘genetic defect,’ which just about says it for me, I think. My son Sheffield has followed my path as a Curator of the Georgia Historical Society and as Chairman of both the Georgia Trust and the Atlanta History Center.”

Bradley joined the Georgia Trust years ago when a small group of influential Georgians organized to expand the Trust statewide, an effort Mr. Hale calls a great success even as he irreverently describes the work involved as “mostly going around looking at old houses and drinking whiskey.”

Notably, it was the success of the Georgia Trust that led him to suggest a similar approach—an Advisory Board—to GHS President and CEO Dr. W. Todd Groce. “I was on the Board of Curators of the Society prior to Todd’s arrival,” he says. “Back then the Society was clearly seen as serving a very narrow Savannah audience. Todd had a vision for broader impact and expanded participation, but, in order to achieve that, the Society had to change.”

Thanks to Bradley Hale, Griffin Bell, and all the members of the Advisory Board, it has.

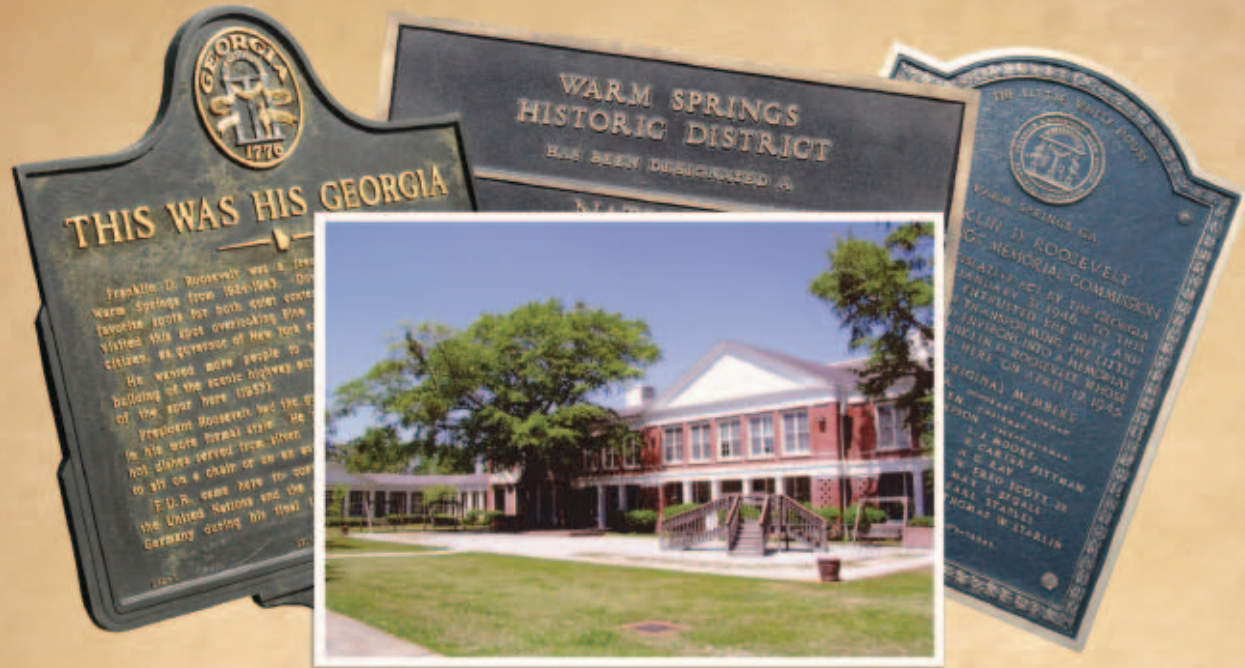
“Bradley has been a true leader in helping us become a statewide organization,” Todd says. “In addition to stewardship of the Advisory Board he has served on two strategic planning committees, and he and Anne are generous supporters of the Society’s endowment campaign.”

Fortuitous coincidence? Happy irony? It doesn’t matter. As usual, Bradley Hale was at the right place at the right time.

“Nobody has made a bigger contribution to the growth and success of the Georgia Historical Society over the last few years than Bradley has,” says Todd. *g*

*Bradley Hale was honored in February with the Georgia Historical Society’s 2008 John Macpherson Berrien Award for Lifetime Achievement.*





## THE STATE OF HISTORY

### The Roosevelt Warm Springs Archive Documents the “Spirit of Warm Springs”

By Mike Shadix

BEFORE FDR LAUNCHED THE NEW DEAL IN AMERICA HE OFFERED A NEW DEAL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN Warm Springs.

Polio survivors from across the country came to the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation to receive top quality rehabilitation but also to experience an environment created specifically for them, an environment in which barriers were minimized and everyone was encouraged to reach their goals. The “Spirit of Warm Springs,” the positive attitude, inclusion, and fun fostered at the Foundation became famous as the nation rallied to prevent polio and care for everyone permanently paralyzed by the disease.

When the Salk and Sabin vaccines brought an end to the polio era in the U. S., the Foundation began offering rehabilitation services to people with a variety of disabilities. The State of Georgia Department of Labor Rehabilitation Services Division now operates the Georgia Warm Springs Hospital as Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation. The Roosevelt Warm Springs complex includes an inpatient rehabilitation hospital, a long-term acute care hospital, a residential vocational rehabilitation center, and a camp for people with disabilities.

The Roosevelt Warm Springs Archive, an affiliate chapter of the Georgia Historical Society, possesses a collection of papers, photographs, and films that document the history of the organization.

One of the best items in the collection is “The Polio Chronicle,” a newsletter created by the patients to share news of Warm Springs and polio and to encourage contributions to the Foundation. No other item in the collection does a better job showing the community spirit, pride, humor, and enthusiasm of the patients in the early 1930s. Through the pages of the “Polio Chronicle” one can celebrate FDR’s election to the presidency and join patients and friends of the Foundation on the “Warm Springs Special” to attend his inauguration and a tea at the White House. Readers can also follow the fundraising campaign for and construction of Georgia Hall, one of the first results of an overall plan to develop Warm Springs created by FDR and architect Henry Toombs. Georgia Hall was so named because it was built mainly from contributions of Georgia citizens throughout the state.

The collection also contains a set of home movies of Warm Springs created by Elizabeth Pierson, a wealthy patient from Detroit. Pierson became a close friend of FDR and played a key role in the development of the Foundation by inviting Edsel Ford to visit Warm Springs. A major donation from Ford allowed for the remodeling of the treatment pools and the enclosure of one pool so treatment could be offered year round. The films include several scenes of FDR relaxing at the pool and sharing picnics on Dowdell’s Knob.

The film and photo collection also documents the physical therapy treatments given at Warm Springs and the multitude of assistive devices, braces, and crutches proscribed to make the patients as independent as possible.

“Whatever Happened to Polio?” an exhibit developed by the Smithsonian National Museum of American History may also be seen at Warm Springs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The exhibit examines the history of polio and its effects on twentieth-century America. *G*

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GHS'S GEORGIA DAYS: GHS'S SIGNATURE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM WAS ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS. THIS YEAR'S honoree, James Edward Oglethorpe, was ably portrayed by professional reenactor Scott Hodges (as profiled in our last issue), and thousands of school children participated in the annual Georgia Day Parade (pictured here above, left and center) and other educational events. This year's Black History Month Essay & Public Speaking Contest winner was Deep Patel, pictured here (above, right) with Contest sponsor Roger Moss, emcee Kim Gusby from WSAV-TV, and GHS President & CEO Dr. Todd Groce. With your help over \$350,000 was raised to preserve and teach Georgia history.

GHS RECEIVES GRANT: THE GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY HAS BEEN AWARDED A \$65,000 GRANT FROM THE Frances and Beverly DuBose Foundation to support the conservation, preservation, arrangement, description, and cataloging of the Ossabaw Island and Torrey-West Family Papers Collection. This collection includes significant archival resources that offer glimpses into the stories of people, places, and events that, together, help to make up the history of Ossabaw Island. From the earliest royal grant of the colonial era, through the slaves and masters of the plantation system, and on to the students and scholars of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, many diverse cultures and individuals are represented in this exceptional collection.

IN MEMORIAM: GHS NOTES WITH SADNESS THE DEATH OF ROY LAMBERT OF MADISON, GEORGIA, ON FEBRUARY 22, 2008. Mr. Lambert was a member of GHS's Advisory Board. He was a staunch supporter of GHS, and his leadership will be missed.



FOOTNOTES  
A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR  
BY STAN DEATON

ALL OF THE PROGRAMS YOU READ ABOUT in this space in the last issue are behind us now, and all were great successes. Spring and summer bring our annual book sale, newly acquired and recently processed manuscript collections and rare books available for research, NEH Landmarks Workshops for Community College Faculty, new programs, teacher training, marker dedications, and preparations for upcoming events. As always, you can find out more by treating yourself to a visit to our new website at [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com). Check it out and browse around--and come back often. You'll find something new every time.

**May Lecture at GHS:** Jason Phillips from Mississippi State University will be in Savannah on Thursday, May 8, to talk about his new book, *Diehard Rebels: The Confederate Culture of Invincibility*, just out from the University of Georgia Press. Phillips examined a wealth of sources (including many right here at GHS) to answer the intriguing question of what kept Confederate soldiers in the field fighting in the face of looming defeat. The result is a tragic and moving story that Phillips tells well. And...

**Summer Lecture:** As part of a promotional book tour, author and historian Noah Andre Trudeau will be in Savannah on Thursday, August 14, to talk about his new book, *Southern Storm: Sherman's March to the Sea*. Trudeau is a former executive producer for National Public Radio and the author of the recent and critically acclaimed *Gettysburg: A Testing of Courage*. Check out [www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com) for more info.

**Profiles in Leadership:** Mark your calendars now for GHS's premier educational program in Atlanta. On Friday, October 10, we'll gather once again at the studios of Georgia Public Broadcasting for *Profiles in Leadership*, which

this year will focus on "Abraham Lincoln: Leadership and Legacy for a New Generation," as part of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial. Our panelists this year are two of the foremost national authorities on Lincoln and are both Lincoln Prize winners: David Blight of Yale University and Lincoln scholar Harold Holzer, co-chairman of the United States Lincoln Bicentennial. Keep watching [georgiahistory.com](http://georgiahistory.com) for more details.

**Georgia History Around the State:** Georgia Public Broadcasting has recently re-launched "Cover to Cover," a half-hour show dedicated to Georgia authors and books about Georgia. We are delighted to report that GPB asked the Georgia Historical Society to provide the history content as part of their "Southern Lit Cadre," and we eagerly agreed. You can hear the first history broadcast in May, featuring an interview with historian and University of West Georgia professor John Ferling, author of *Almost a Miracle: The American Victory in the War of Independence*. The program airs Sunday nights at 8 p.m. Check out GPB's website at [www.gpb.org](http://www.gpb.org) for a station in your listening area and for future programs.

**Latest Good Read:** *Every Book Its Reader: The Power of the Printed Word to Stir the World*, and *A Splendor of Letters: The Permanence of Books in an Impermanent World*, two books about books by Nicholas Basbanes, and two excellent entrées into the discussion about the future of the book in the digital age. All those even mildly afflicted with the "gentle madness" of book collecting will relish these and Basbanes' other books. *G*

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Mossy Creek Campground & Rock Springs Campground  
Sunday, May 4, 4 p.m.  
Mossy Creek Campground  
GA Hwy 254 South, Cleveland GA

### GEORGIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

DIEHARD REBELS: THE CONFEDERATE CULTURE OF INVINCIBILITY  
JASON PHILLIPS, MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY  
Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m.  
Georgia Historical Society

### HISTORICAL MARKER DEDICATION

Point Peter Battery and the War of 1812  
Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.  
Spring House Pavilion, Cumberland Harbor  
Point Peter Road, St. Mary's GA

### "COVER TO COVER" ON GEORGIA PUBLIC BROADCASTING

Stan Deaton of GHS interviews John Ferling,  
State University of West GA  
Sunday, May 18, 8 p.m.  
Georgia Public Radio

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### NATION AMONG NATIONS: WORLD WARS AND AFTER

Lisa Lindquist Dorr, University of Alabama  
March 7, 2008

### ALEXANDER HAMILTON

Carol Berkin, Baruch College  
March 17, 2008

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Michael Searles, Augusta State University  
May 14, 2008

### LEAPS FOR MANKIND: COLD WAR, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND TECHNOLOGY

Jeff Gall, Truman State University  
May 19, 2008

### THURGOOD MARSHALL

Charles Robinson, University of Arkansas  
May 21, 2008