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The Society Page

Even though there is no meeting scheduled for August, there's still plenty of genealogical goodness that you can enjoy without leaving the air-conditioned goodness of your home. Stop by the SAGS Facebook group (https://www.facebook.com/groups/StAuggens/) and get the latest genealogical news and deals. It's also a great place to get answers to your research questions from our staff and members.

This group was created and maintained by Sue Gill who passed away recently. The group will continue as a component of the research committee, but Sue's spirit will always be there too.

Are you receiving the Research Notes newsletter every Monday morning? If not, you are missing a lot of good tips, software updates, upcoming webinars and news from the archives. Fixing this problem is easy - just email your request for access to sags.publications@yahoo.com and we'll take care of the rest.

September's member meeting is our annual hands-on event where you can get real-time research help along with some genealogy tech support. All this genealogy goodness begins at 1:00pm on Saturday, September 16th at the Southeast Branch Library.

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Multiple Email Accounts

Why you need them and how to manage them

Research Toolbox

Email is an essential tool in family research. It does a lot more than send and deliver messages, photos and documents. An email address is required to open a user account at most online genealogical services, social networks and business platforms.

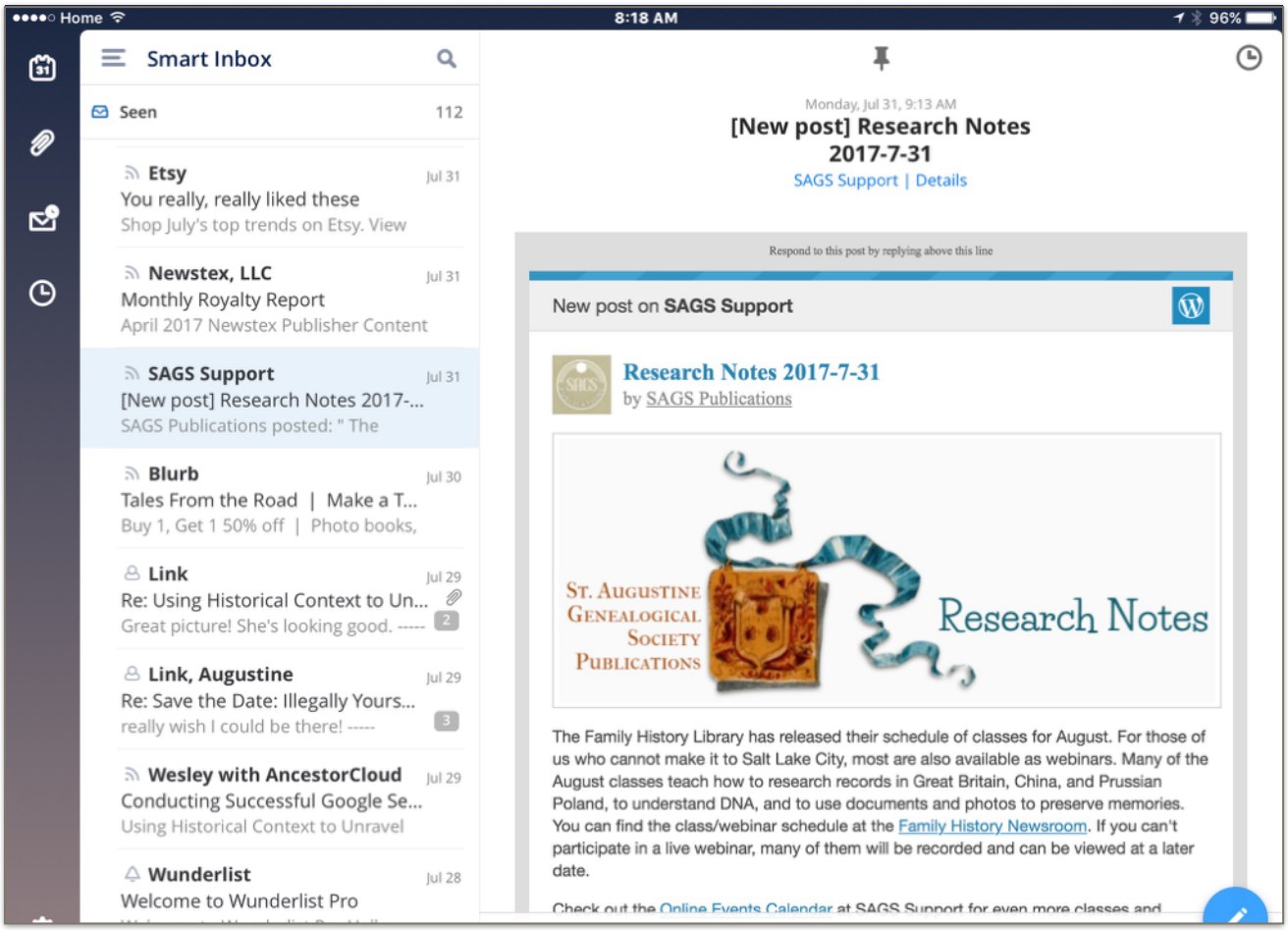
Many of us use the email account our internet service provider assigns us. This is not our best option for a number of reasons. The biggest concern is longevity. Service providers come and go and, when you move to a different location you will likely get a different provider.

Beside the obvious concern - insuring everyone gets your change of address - there are a number of other issues. On the research front, many of us use message boards to get help and connect with others researching our families. How much effort will it take to chase down all those posts and update them?

One other concern is security. Many of the sites we use to get information on our ancestors may have only the basic username/password login to protect their data and their members' privacy. If one of those services is breached by hackers and their users' account information is stolen, the first thing the attackers will do is take all that login information and see if they can get into other online services - like your bank account.

How can you overcome these concerns? First you will need to set up an email account that will stay with you no matter where you are. Google, Yahoo and AOL offer email services nationwide - even worldwide. Not only that . . . each requires that you set up an email account with them in order to get access to their other services - like Yahoo!'s Flickr photo-sharing platform or Google's

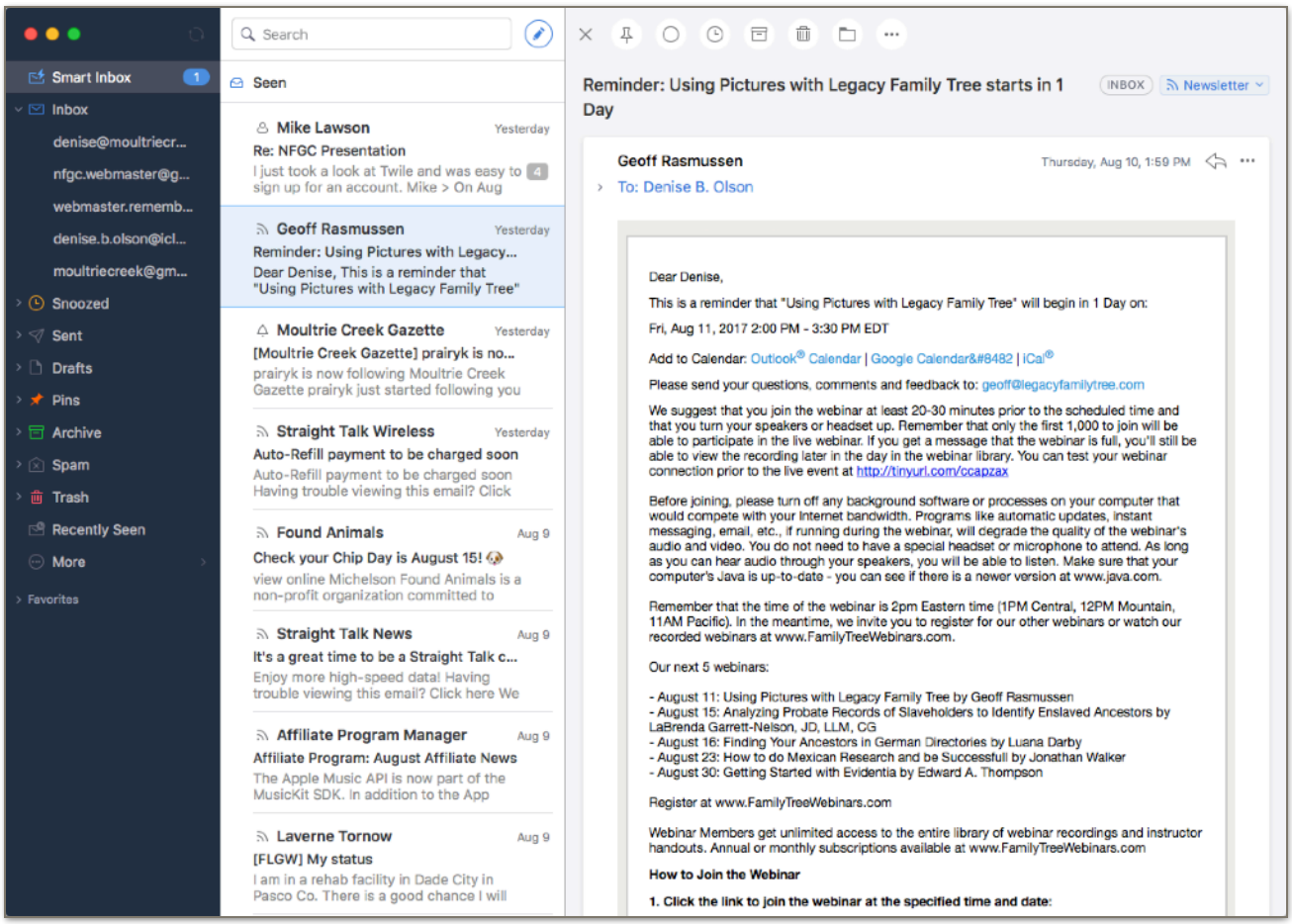
many useful resources. There is also Outlook Mail for Windows users and iCloud Mail for Mac/iOS users.



The Spark email app on an iPad

This will take care of the mobility concern but what about security? The easiest way to handle that is multiple email accounts - one for research and one for personal use. All of the email services mentioned support creating multiple email accounts or you can use different providers for each account. You may even have a bit of both. For example I have two iCloud addresses - one for my personal mail and one for my research mail. I also have Yahoo mail so I can log into my Flickr account and other Yahoo services.

Sounds like quite a load of mailboxes doesn't? If you are using your mail service's webmail platform, having to visit four or five different sites just to check your mail is a real pain. Fortunately there are a number of delightful mail programs/apps designed to manage multiple mail providers in one place. I use Apple's Mail app on both my desktop computer and my iThings. Every message is delivered to my Inbox where I can save, delete or respond without worrying which service is which. When I reply to a message, Mail knows which service to send it through and includes the appropriate return address. It also has a search feature making it easy to find any email message quickly.



The same user's email in the Spark desktop app.

The Mail app included on Windows 10 computers also supports multiple email providers. And, if you have a Windows computer but one of Apple's mobile devices, don't worry. There's an Outlook mail app for both of them.

It will take some time and effort to get used to managing multiple email accounts. Spend some time learning the features you mail program offers. Once mastered, these tools will make managing your email accounts a whole lot easier.

In addition to the apps that come with your computer and/or mobile device, there are a number of third-party mail apps available too. Here's several options you may find interesting:

- [Opera] - free and available for Windows, Mac, Linux, Android and iOS
- [Mozilla Thunderbird] - free and available for Windows, Mac and Linux. No mobile version available.
- [Outlook] - free and available for Windows, Android and iOS
- [Spark] - free and available for Mac and iOS

Local Histories at the Internet Archive

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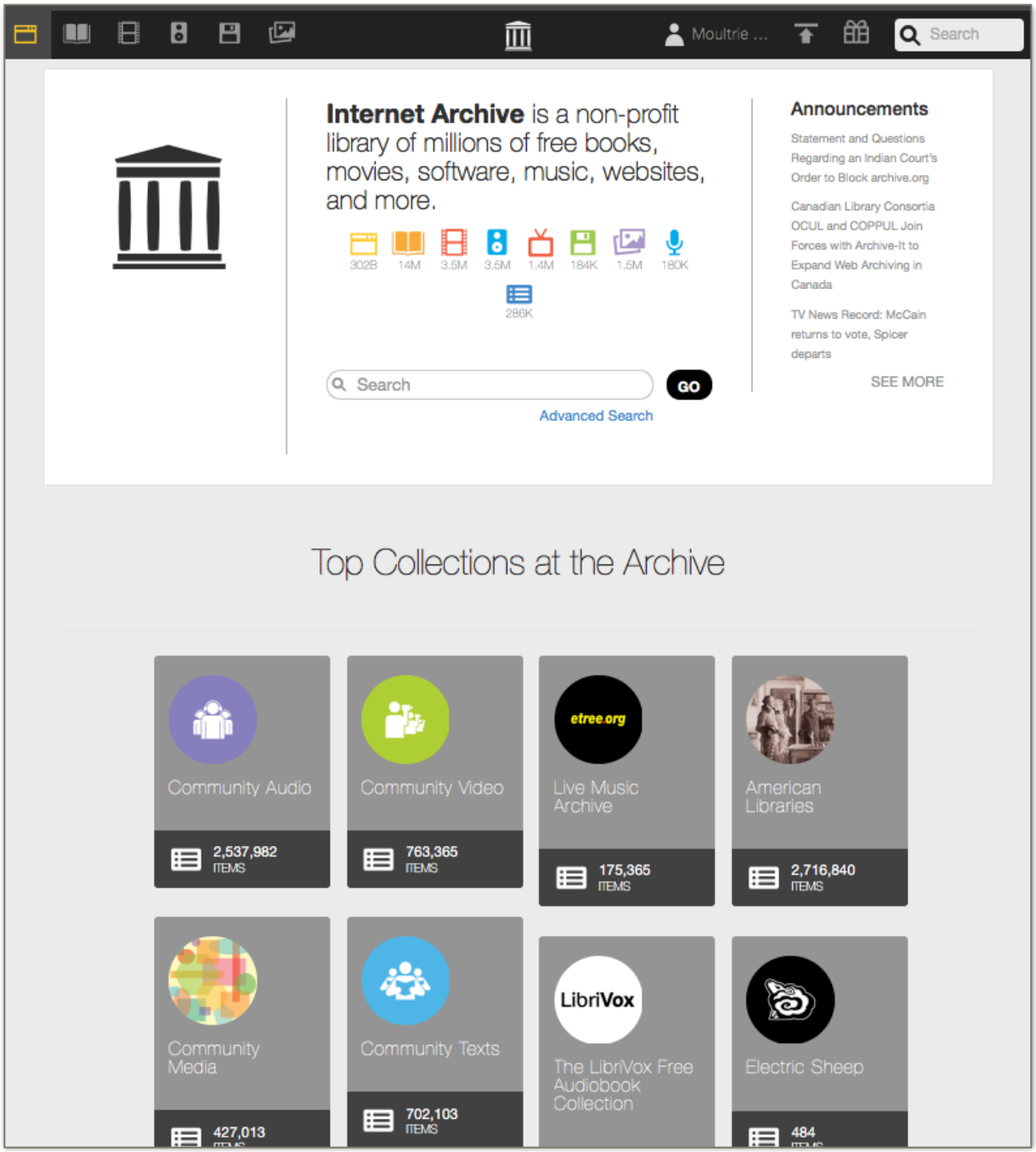


The Internet Archive (https://archive.org) has a treasure trove of information for the family historian. Earlier issues of the Bulletin have discussed the basics for searching and navigating the archive and finding city directories. This month's focus is finding local histories and regimental histories.

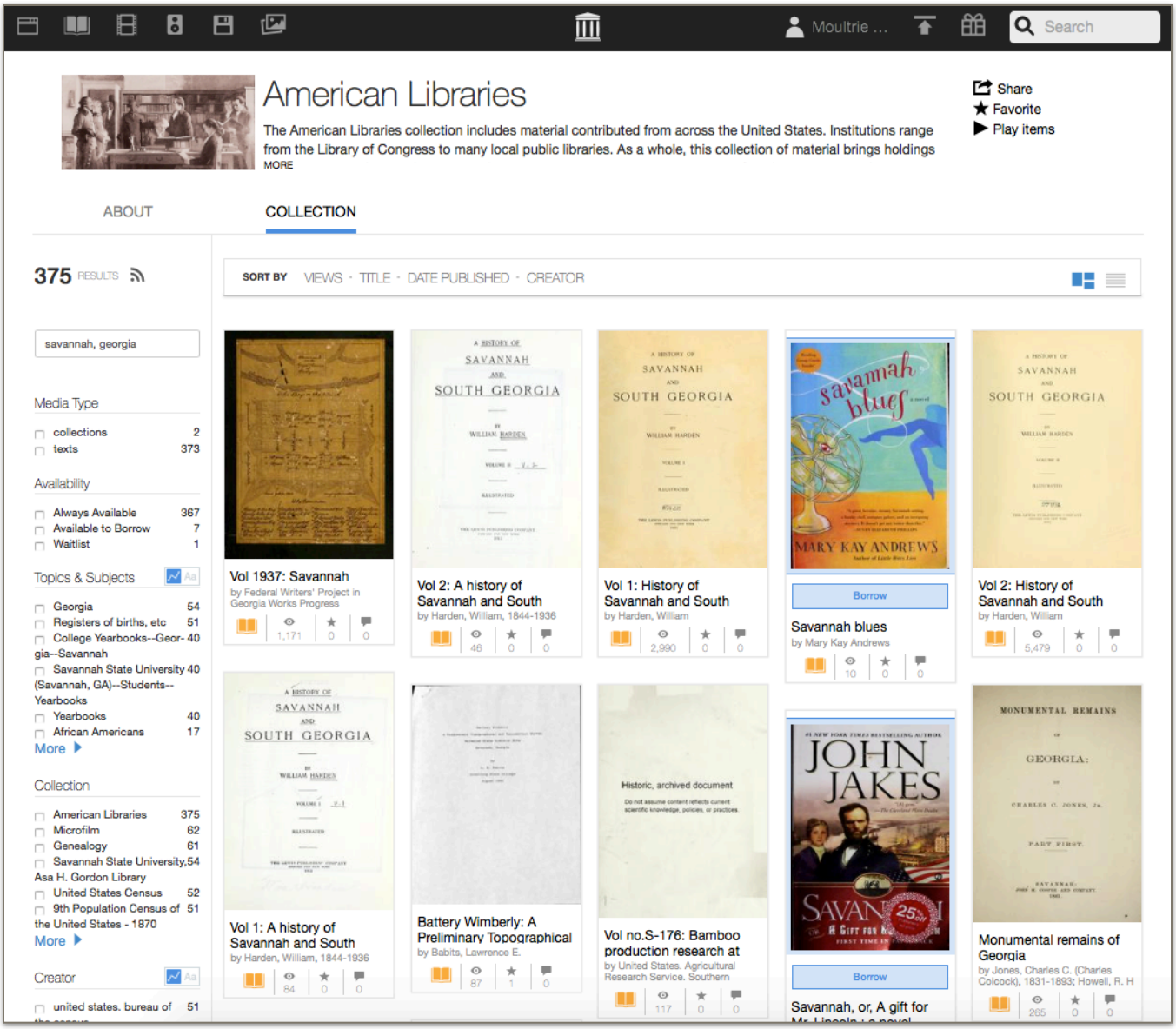
After the Civil War many military associations were formed and a large number of them published histories of their regiments. These histories describe their unit's efforts in campaigns and battles in detail and include lists of officers and enlisted men. Often these books provide a more detailed account than you will find in the official reports of the war.

The post-war period also saw an impressive number of published county and local histories. In addition to the area's history, these books often document area churches, schools and community leaders. Even if your ancestors aren't mentioned, you will find plenty of information to help your research.

How do you get started? On the Internet Archive home page you will find a SIGN IN button in the toolbar at the top of the screen. You don't have to have an account to use Internet Archive, but you will need it to build your own library and to borrow books that are still under copyright. In the example above, my account has been created with the username Moultrie.

The Internet Archive is so huge that it is organized into collections. Since I am looking for information about Savannah, Georgia, I'm going to search only the American Collection.

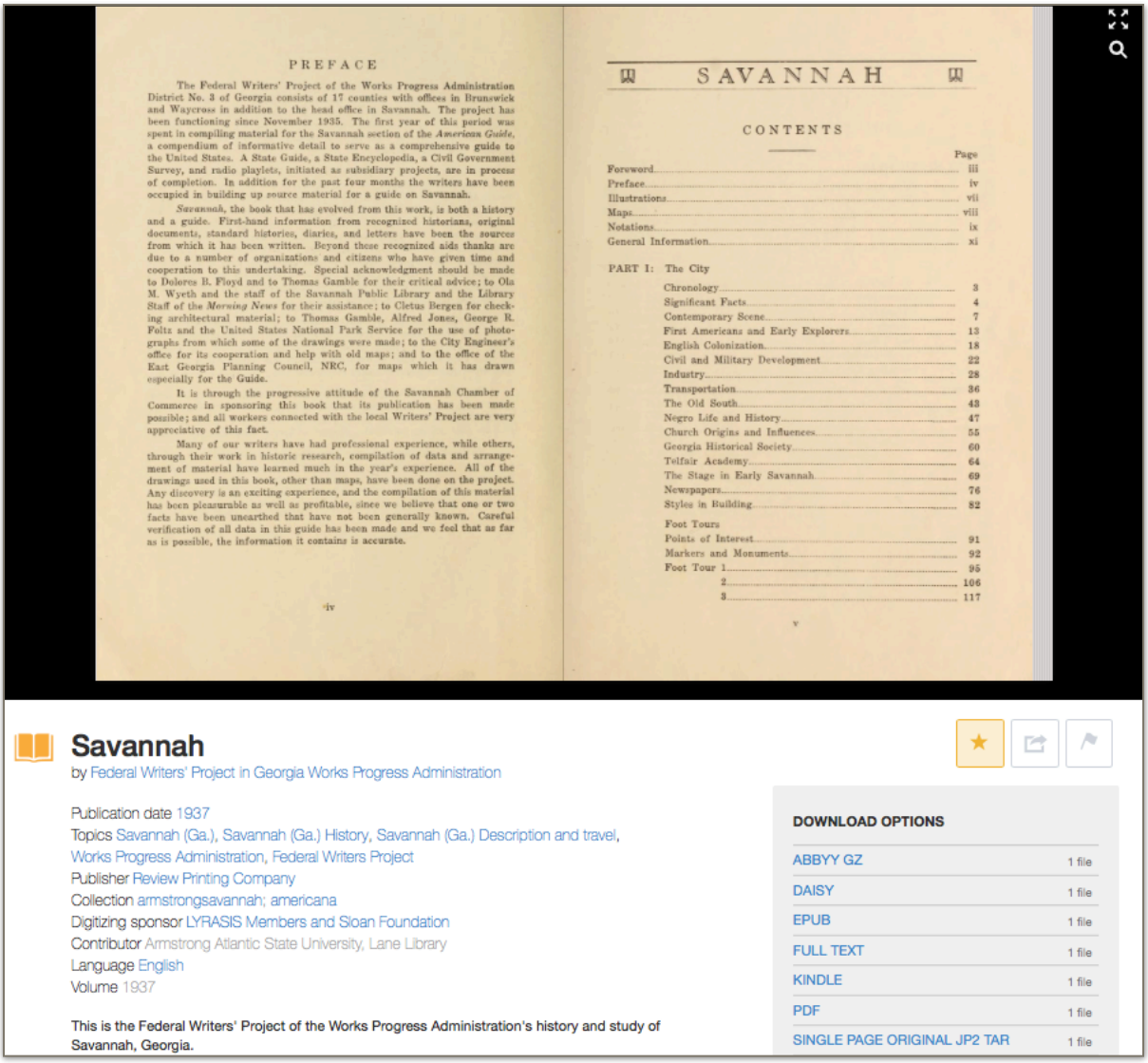
On the home screen, tap the Texts icon in the toolbar then choose American Libraries from the list of collections displayed further down the screen. You will be taken to the American Libraries page. Browse through the collections or take advantage of the search feature in the left sidebar.



In this example, I searched for Savannah, Georgia and have 375 results. In the Topics & Subjects section, there is a collection of topics with the number of texts associated with that topic. You can check boxes in this section to narrow your search.

Notice there are several recent books included in this display. These books are still under copyright so you cannot download them but you can borrow them. You will need an Internet Archive account to borrow them. There may be other restrictions too.

The Federal Writer's Project publication on Savannah looks interesting. Click on it to open the publication in your browser.



PREFACE

The Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration District No. 3 of Georgia consists of 17 counties with offices in Brunswick and Waycross in addition to the head office in Savannah. The project has been functioning since November 1935. The first year of this period was spent in compiling material for the Savannah section of the *American Guide*, a compendium of informative detail to serve as a comprehensive guide to the United States. A State Guide, a State Encyclopedia, a Civil Government Survey, and radio playlets, initiated as subsidiary projects, are in process of completion. In addition for the past four months the writers have been occupied in building up source material for a guide on Savannah.

Savannah, the book that has evolved from this work, is both a history and a guide. First-hand information from recognized historians, original documents, standard histories, diaries, and letters have been the sources from which it has been written. Beyond these recognized aids thanks are due to a number of organizations and citizens who have given time and cooperation to this undertaking. Special acknowledgment should be made to Dolores B. Floyd and to Thomas Gamble for their critical advice; to Ola M. Wyeth and the staff of the Savannah Public Library and the Library Staff of the *Morning News* for their assistance; to Cletus Bergen for checking architectural material; to Thomas Gamble, Alfred Jones, George R. Foltz and the United States National Park Service for the use of photographs from which some of the drawings were made; to the City Engineer's office for its cooperation and help with old maps; and to the office of the East Georgia Planning Council, NRC, for maps which it has drawn especially for the Guide.

It is through the progressive attitude of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring this book that its publication has been made possible; and all workers connected with the local Writers' Project are very appreciative of this fact.

Many of our writers have had professional experience, while others, through their work in historic research, compilation of data and arrangement of material have learned much in the year's experience. All of the drawings used in this book, other than maps, have been done on the project. Any discovery is an exciting experience, and the compilation of this material has been pleasurable as well as profitable, since we believe that one or two facts have been unearthed that have not been generally known. Careful verification of all data in this guide has been made and we feel that as far as is possible, the information it contains is accurate.

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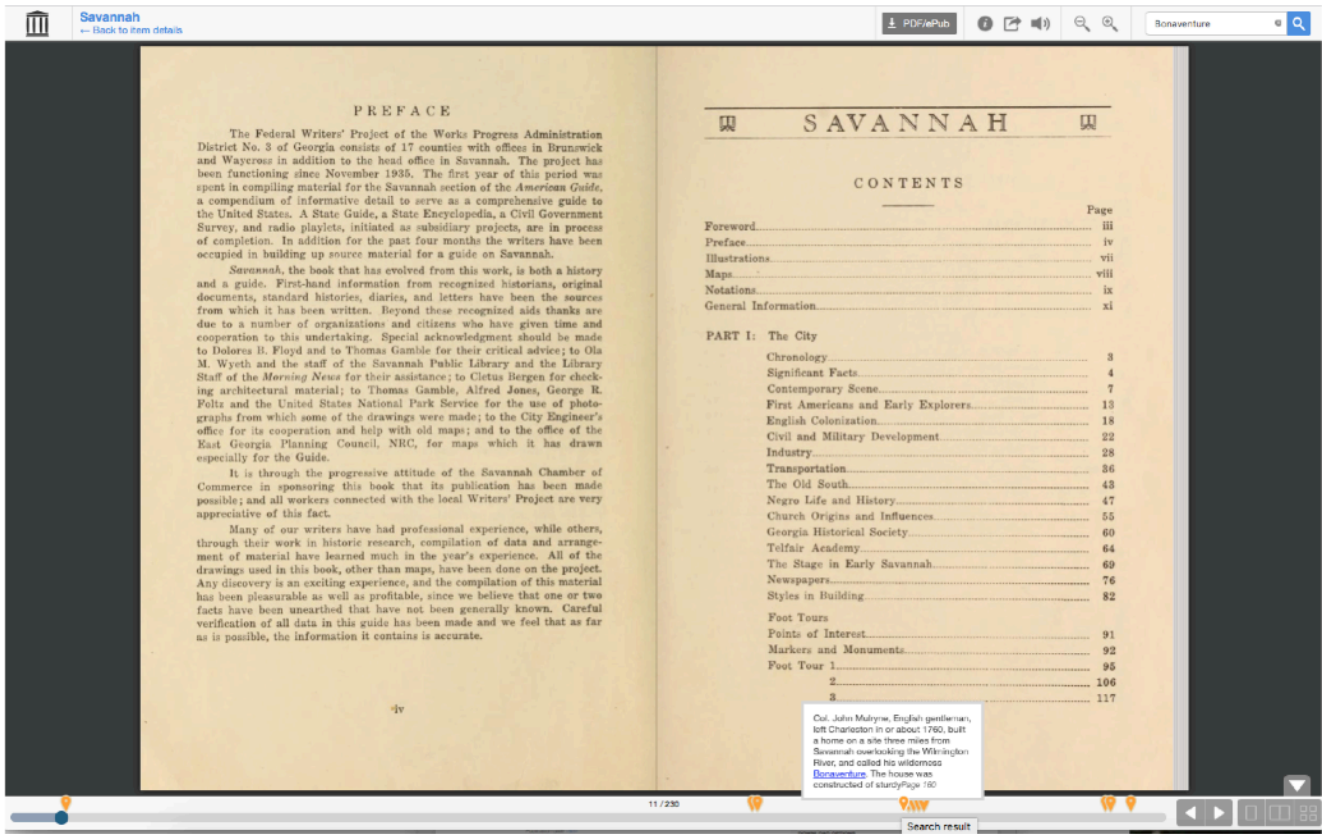

In addition to viewing publications online, you can also download a copy. Just below the reader window you will find the download options available for this publication. Click the format you want to download that file.

It’s not unusual to find an ancestor mentioned in a local or regimental history but even if you don’t, these publications provide a view of your ancestors’ world that no amount of vital records ever can.

Society Services

The Research Help Desk supports our members with research assistance either at meetings or via email addressed to **sags.research@yahoo.com**. The Research Chair will respond with suggestions on search options and sources.

Members with research experience are encouraged to volunteer on the Research Committee.

There are a number of ways SAGS members can connect online. These include:

- SAGS Online - The society's public web site and records archive.
- SAGS Support - The society's members-only site offers weekly news updates, research support, 24/7 access to our publications library along with social networking features making it easy for members to stay connected between meetings.
- SAGS Facebook Group - This is a public group and once you join, you can set it to notify you when items are posted to the group. It's a great place to share useful research resources, ask questions or share a success story.

Publishing Guidelines

We accept articles related to genealogy, family history and research methodology from our members for publication in the Ancient City Bulletin.

Submissions should be sent as an electronic file in either rich text format (.rtf) or MS Word (.docx) format via email to sags.publications@gmail.com. Please keep formatting to a minimum as the article will need to be styled to match the Bulletin's design. The article title should be on a separate line at the top of the page with the author's name listed immediately below. Photos included as part of the article are welcome, but please also send a copy of each photo as a separate file. Captions are always welcome and please include the photographer's name for proper credit. Including a list of sources is also encouraged.

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