NGE On My Mind

by Merryll Penson - Executive Director, Library Services

The *New Georgia Encyclopedia (NGE)* is a groundbreaking project—it is the first state encyclopedia to be conceived and designed exclusively for publication on the Internet. The *New Georgia Encyclopedia* will be available as a part of the Digital Library of Georgia resources in GALILEO. *NGE* is a project of the Georgia Humanities Council in partnership with the Governor's Office, the University of Georgia Press, and the University System of Georgia/GALILEO. John Inscoe, Professor of History, UGA, is the editor; and Kelly Caudle is the managing editor. Mark Durant [see photo on page 6] is the GALILEO programmer.

The *New Georgia Encyclopedia* provides an authoritative, constantly updated source of information about Georgia's people, places, events, historical themes, institutions, and other topics. Some of the major subject categories are the Arts, Government and Politics, Religion, Business and Industry, History, Science and Medicine, Cities and Counties, Agriculture, Geography, Sports, Education, Literature, Folklife, and Media. Visitors to the site will find articles and images on virtually every aspect of Georgia. Each county will have an article with its vital statistics. Major writers, musicians, and visual artists have entries. An extensive history section begins with the archaeological periods and ends in the present. Readers can find articles on subjects ranging from peaches to kudzu; Jimmy Carter to James Brown; Sapelo Island to the Appalachian Trail. *Librarians please note*: Articles and images will continue to be added to the site. You will not find everything you think should be there immediately upon launch. Many articles are in the pipeline. The first phase is not expected to be completed until June 2005.

The *New Georgia Encyclopedia* offers more than just written articles. Not only do you enter the site to a beautiful rendition of "Georgia On My Mind" performed by Ray Charles, but audio and movie clips are incorporated into the site, including some archival footage as well as new multimedia clips made by NGE staff.

The site offers the user multiple ways to access information through its destinations, galleries, and features. This functionality will allow the user to see different aspects of Georgia literally each time you go to the site. The site also has convenient links to a multitude of other Web sites related to the history, culture, and life of the state.

Explore Georgia online now! Visit the *NGE* at http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org, or find it with the other DLG resources in GALILEO at http://www.galileo.usg.edu.

Library Day at the Capitol 2004

by Debbie Holmes - GALILEO Steering Committee

"Library Day at the Capitol 2004" is going to be held on February 12th, which is also Georgia Day. The day will begin in the Floyd Room at the Twin Towers where we will have a light breakfast and will honor six legislators who have promoted libraries over the years. Afterwards, we will have a briefing/coaching session, including highlights of library legislative issues and how to advocate for libraries.

After the coaching session, we will go to the Capitol to meet our legislators and visit library related displays inside the South wing of the Capitol. Box lunches for librarians and legislators will be available in Senate Room 450.

Pre-registration is required. The cost is $27.00 per attendee (an $11 reduction from last year). The registration fee pays for breakfast, box lunch for you and a legislator, and facility/equipment usage.

The registration deadline is February 3rd. Information on the event and an online registration form are available on the GLA web site at http://www.library.gsu.edu/gla/.

VANISHING GEORGIA: A Photographic History Online

by Toby Graham - Director, Digital Library of Georgia
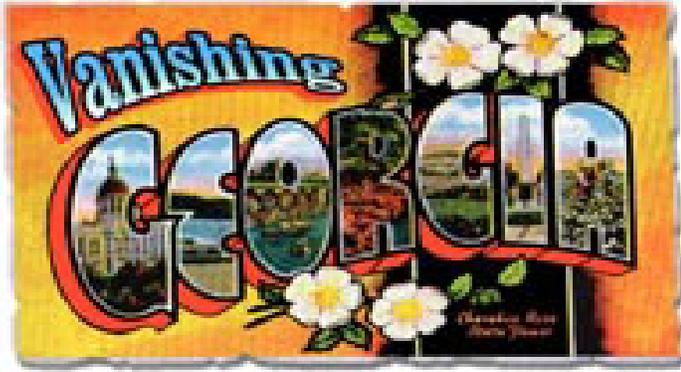
Beginning in the mid-1970s, employees of the Georgia Archives traveled the state in a converted school bus in an effort to save Georgia's photographic history. They located, selected, and duplicated historically significant images held by individuals and organizations across the state. The *Vanishing Georgia* project resulted in a collection of nearly 18,000 images spanning more than 100 years of Georgia history and life. These images now are available electronically through the DLG (Digital Library of Georgia) at http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu.

Vanishing Georgia documents the economic, social, cultural, and political history of the state. The resource covers topics ranging from rural life to railroads and industry. It includes family and business life, street scenes and architecture, school and civic activities, landscapes, and important individuals and events in Georgia history. Like a giant photograph album for the state, V*anishing Georgia* is where one would go to find images of the airships stationed in Glynn County during World War II or a large likeness of former President Jimmy Carter's face made entirely of camellia blossoms.

The *Vanishing Georgia* digital project is a collaboration among the Georgia Archives (Georgia Secretary of State's Office), the Georgia Public Library Service (University System of Georgia), and GALILEO (University System of Georgia). It is part of a joint digital initiative called Georgia Home-PLACE. A federal grant through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) to GALILEO and the Digital Library of Georgia provided support for the digitization.

Dr. Thomas C. Meredith, Chancellor of the University System of Georgia, said of the project, "*Vanishing Georgia* is an important example of what can be achieved when organizations and agencies combine their efforts and resources. Through the window of GALILEO, Georgians now have an electronic view of their state's history. The University System of Georgia is proud to have played a part in bringing *Vanishing Georgia* to life."

The Georgia Archives began to collect historical images for *Vanishing Georgia* in 1975 with a minimally-funded pilot project, which received additional funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1977. The Georgia Archives staff visited county seats and other locations around the state, traveling in a converted school bus, its sides repainted with the *Vanishing Georgia* logo. On board, the photographer would duplicate photographs, returning the originals to the donors. Field archivists interviewed the donors, collecting the stories behind the images. By the mid-1990s, the Georgia Archives had accumulated a collection of 18,000 photographs dating from the 1850s to the 1980s. Selected images appeared in *Vanishing Georgia,* a book published in 1982 by the University of Georgia Press.
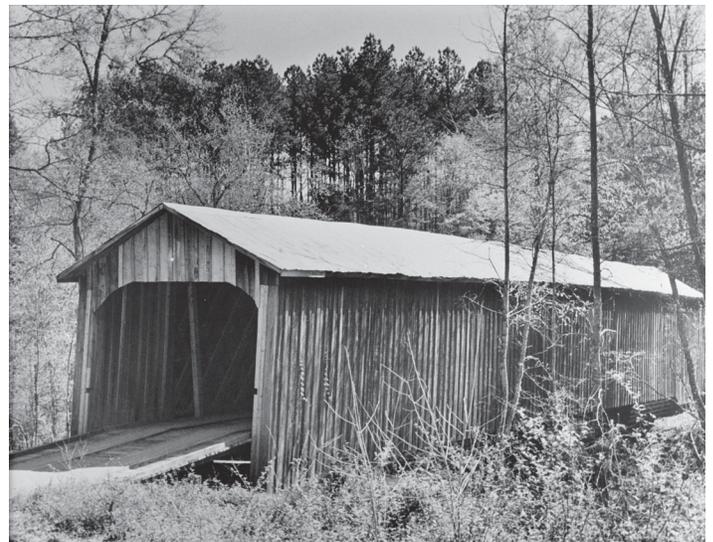
1874 covered bridge over the Apalachee River on the Barrow-Walton County line (Vanishing Georgia Collection)

Vanishing Georgia (Continued)

As a GALILEO database in the Digital Library of Georgia, *Vanishing Georgia* is accessible to computers in schools, libraries, and on desktops across Georgia and across the globe. No login or password is required.

Visitors to the *Vanishing Georgia* database can search for images by topic, city, county, date, or other characteristics of the photographs. Visitors may also browse through a list of all of the images from a given county or city or on a specific topic. Advanced viewing features, such as the ability to enlarge portions of an image for close-up examination, also are available.

"Thanks to generous donations by individuals and organizations from across Georgia and the meticulous work of our archivists, an extensive pictorial history capturing the unique character of our state is now available to scholars, students, and anyone interested in our state's rich history," said Cathy Cox, Georgia Secretary of State. "Through the use of technology, our partners in this project have made it possible for all Georgians to

Dairy truck, Valdosta, 1922 (Vanishing Georgia Collection)

easily access this valuable information online," Cox added.

The *Vanishing Georgia* web site includes links and suggested readings on Georgia history and photography, information on how DLG digitized the collection, and an essay on issues of cultural sensitivity.

Other resources coming soon to the Digital Library of Georgia include the *Georgia Aerial Photographs:* 48,000 images from the University of Georgia's Map Library. Also, the *Cyrus F. Jenkins Civil War Diary* will appear in the Digital Library of Georgia as a result of a partnership with the Troup County Archives and as a part of the Georgia HomePLACE initiative.

A digital version of the diary of Americus railroad entrepreneur Samuel Hugh Hawkins also is in development in collaboration with the Lake Blackshear Regional Library.

The Samuel Hugh Hawkins Diary project also is sponsored through Georgia HomePLACE.

The Digital Library of Georgia is a GALILEO initiative based at the University of Georgia. Its mission is to collaborate with libraries, archives, and other agencies of education and culture to digitize key resources related to Georgia history and life.

Visit the Digital Library of Georgia at http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu.
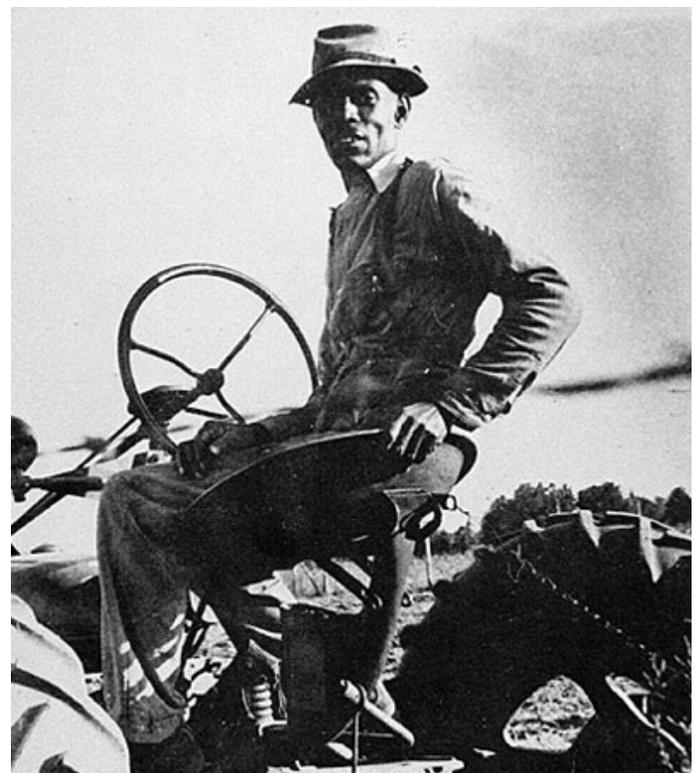
Man on tractor purchased by the Farmers' Union, Liberty County, 1940s (Vanishing Georgia Collection)

Georgia HomePLACE: Update

by Ed Johnson - Project Director, Georgia HomePLACE

Georgia HomePLACE
Providing Library and Archives
Collections Electronically

In its ongoing effort to encourage public library participation in the Digital Library of Georgia and GALILEO, the Georgia HomePLACE supports the digitization of local/family history in various ways at different levels. HomePLACE is funded through the Georgia Public Library Service with a LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) grant.

Several online digital projects are ready for public release or are under development. The largest project, *Vanishing Georgia,* provides access to about 18,000 historic images from the Georgia Archives. Two smaller projects include the Civil War-related Cyrus F, Jenkins diary and the later 19th century Samuel Hugh Hawkins diary. Additional small digitization projects are now in early development stages. [See related *Vanishing Georgia* article, page 2.]

To help support the technical infrastructure needed for these, as well as future projects, HomePLACE recently provided a new high-capacity archival master storage computer system to the Digital Library of Georgia.

To promote individual library participation in digitization work, HomePLACE sponsored workshops in Savannah, Atlanta, and Macon that were designed to train public library decision makers about the management of the digitization process.

Even as these digitization efforts continue, strategic planning efforts are underway. HomePLACE staff conducted an extensive survey of local/family history materials in public libraries, including follow-up site visits to glean additional information and has provided results of the survey to aid in the planning effort. HomePLACE continues to work with the public libraries, the Digital Library of Georgia, and other partners in pursuing Georgia's digitization initiative.

Saving Your Work Using My EBSCOhost

by Katie Gohn - GALILEO Support Specialist

Let's face it. Most of us do not finish online research in a single session. We either take our time trying different search methods until we find exactly what we need; or, we wait until the very last minute, staying up until 4 am, to complete that all important research project. If either of these scenarios represents your work habit, then My EBSCOhost may be just the thing you are looking for. Building on the capability of the "folder," the mechanism used for managing searches and records during a single session, EBSCO has created My EBSCOhost as a means of allowing users to save their data from one EBSCOhost session to the next. Within the My EBSCOhost folder, users can save searches and results, create journal alerts, save search histories, and create persistent links to articles and searches.

So, next time you are ready to call it quits, but you just found the perfect search string—don't worry! Save your search results to your My EBSCOhost folder; and the next time you login to an EBSCO-host database, you can pick up where you left off.

To set up a My EBSCOhost folder, visit any EBSCOhost database and click on the link to "sign in to My EBSCOhost" located in the top left of any EBSCOhost search screen. Select "I'm a new user," and create your My EBSCOhost profile. The next time you visit any EBSCOhost database and select "sign into My EBSCOhost," use your newly created User Name and Password to login to your persistent My EBSCOhost folder.

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The GALILEO Statistics Project: Update

by Philip McArdle - GALILEO Services Coordinator

In the article "Coming Attraction: The GALILEO Statistics Project" published in the last issue of the *GALILEO Planet*, we announced that monthly usage reports retrieved from the GALILEO usage statistics page include keyword searches, citations displayed, and full-text articles viewed in all EBSCOhost databases from July 2002 onward.

Now, we are glad to announce that these same statistics are also available for ProQuest databases, and the past months' materials available for both vendors' databases, have been extended to January 2002. With these additions, detailed monthly usage statistics for GALILEO's two most-used groups of databases are available for all institutions for the past twenty-four months. These statistics are available to all GALILEO users at any time through the GALILEO usage statistics page at http://dbs.galib.uga.edu/stats/html/stats.html.

The GALILEO Statistics Project team met recently to discuss changes to the GALILEO usage statistics page. The team is constructing a prototype that incorporates recommendations made by the Vendor Performance Assessment Committee as well as other potential improvements identified by the project team. The new GALILEO usage report generator, which we hope to make available in early 2004, will be a multi-page site that includes a quick reporting feature to provide more easily the most popular types of reports. Other new features will include e-mail report delivery options, easier-to-use institution and database menus, and more options for customized usage reports.

The members of the project team are continuing to work with additional database vendors to incorporate their statistics into GALILEO usage reports. Watch the *GALILEO Planet* for future project developments.

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by Philip McArdle

GALILEO's latest marketing strategy.

GALILEO to Offer On Site and Online Training

by Karen Minton - GALILEO Virtual Services Librarian

GALILEO is off to a strong start this year with training opportunities, both live and online. Response to the online LexisNexis training last December was great, and we are happy to continue online offerings with sessions for the ProQuest and EBSCOhost databases. GALILEO users who have participated have expressed satisfaction with the cost and time savings online training offers.

For those who are able to travel for training, we are offering LexisNexis Academic training in the Macon and Atlanta areas later this spring. Lexis-Nexis Academic is currently available to technical colleges, USG, AMPALS, and GPALS institutions. Lynn Smith, from LexisNexis, will present this two-hour hands-on training.

To register for online training sessions or for the LexisNexis Academic training, visit http://www.usg.edu/oiit/training/register.phtml.

GALILEO presentations will also be held at the GaETC conference in Macon. Join us for sessions on the Digital Library of Georgia and an overview of GALILEO. Also, be sure to stop by the GALILEO booth in the exhibit hall.

Upcoming Training Sessions

Online Research Library and Literature Online Reference Edition (ProQuest)
    January 27, 2004, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
    January 28, 2004, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
    January 29, 2004, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

ABI/INFORM Complete and Hoover's Company Capsules & Profiles Online(ProQuest)
    January 27, 2004, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
    January 28, 2004, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
    January 29, 2004, 11:00am – 12:00 pm

EBSCOhost Databases
    Dates to be announced

Live LexisNexis Academic
    April 1, 2004, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
      Macon State College
    April 2, 2004, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
      Mercer University-Atlanta

GALILEO Staff Profile - Meet Mark Durant

Welcome Mark Durant to the GALILEO family! Mark is an Information Analyst based at the University of Georgia working primarily with the *New Georgia Encyclopedia (NGE).* Mark handles project management and programming for *NGE.* Before joining the GALILEO team, Mark owned his own consulting company. Prior to that he was the lead programmer on a massive e-commerce catalog and portal for Dimemens Energy and Automation. Mark also has experience with web-based programming. Once upon a time, Mark did some programming for Online Athens, and even worked as a graphic designer for the *Athens Banner Herald-Daily News.*

Mark likes working with GALILEO because "it's very satisfying to me to be working on projects that are driven more by the desire to make knowledge and information more accessible to people than to sell more and more widgets. The people are great to work with, too.

Both the *NGE* and the GALILEO staff are friendly, knowledgeable folk.

Mark Durant

For Your Information

• To subscribe to the GALILEO listserv, go to http://www.usg.edu/galileo/listserv/.

• To subscribe to the *GALILEO Planet,* send your email address to *galileo.planet@usg.edu.*

• For a complete list of GALILEO Subcommittee, see *http://www.usg.edu/galileo/comm/subcomm.phtml.*

• To learn more about tthe GALILEO initiative, go to *http://www.usg.edu/galileo/.*

• For GALILEO questions and technical support, call 1-888-897-3697 or email *helpdesk@usg.edu.*

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Two New EBSCO Databases Added to GALILEO

by Katie Gohn - GALILEO Support Specialist

Two new EBSCO databases, the *American Humanities Index* and *Communication & Mass Media Complete,* are now available to all GALILEO institutions.

The *American Humanities Index* (*AHI*), produced by Whitson Publishing, is a valuable source of indexing for humanities journals. The over 750 journals indexed in *AHI* date back as far as1975 and are indexed in their entirety (cover to cover). Bibliographic citations from a variety of literary, scholarly, and creative journals published in the United States and Canada are available. Aside from the traditional literary publications such as fiction, poetry, and essays, the *American Humanities Index* offers citations for photographs, paintings, and illustrations. Because the *AHI* covers a large variety of publications, it is a good compliment to other EBSCO databases including *Academic Search Premier* and *MLA International Bibliography*. *MLA International Bibliography* is available to AMPALS, GPALS, and USG institutions.

Communication & Mass Media Complete (CMMC) is the result of the merging of two popular communications databases, *CommSearch* and *Mass Media Articles Index*. *CMMC* contains the entire *Communication & Mass Media Index (CMMI)*, plus a robust full-text collection of more than 160 communication and mass media journals. This database will be the main source of communications full text available via EBSCOhost.

The *American Humanities Index* and *Communication & Mass Media Complete* are wonderful additions to the database collection already offered through EBSCOhost.

We hope that you will find these databases valuable resources. Direct access to these databases is available via the following GALILEO Express Links.

American Humanities Index: http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zbam

Communication & Mass Media Complete: http://www.galileo.usg.edu/express?link=zbcm

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Budget Update FY05

It is difficult to know what the budget will be for FY05 until the legislative session of the Georgia General Assembly has ended, the Governor has signed the appropriations bill, and funds have been distributed to the various agencies. Currently the Governor's budget is recommending three and a half million dollars for GALILEO in state funds. Two million dollars replace the $1.939 million which had been allocated for the University System through lottery funds. One and a half million dollars is for K-12 to allow for additional resources, such as an encyclopedia and addition of SIRS for the upper grades. At this time, we do not know the recommendations for the Georgia Public Library Service, nor the recommendations for the Department of Technical and Adult Education.

Even with additional resources, we will not be able to purchase all of the resources that we would love to have. Costs of databases are continuing to increase and enrollments are increasing. However, these recommendations signify a vote of confidence in GALILEO, particularly at a time when so many agency budgets are being cut and programs eliminated.

GALILEO will continue to facilitate cost sharing among GALILEO participants for additional resources not purchased by GALILEO communities.

GALILEO Open URL Open House

by Lauren Fancher - Director, GALILEO Support Services

GALILEO hosted an Open URL Open House on January 30, 2004 at the Georgia Tech Global Learning Center. The Open URL Open House was a daylong event consisting of presentations and discussions about how the SFX Open URL full-text linking solution had been implemented in a pilot project with four GALILEO institutions (Emory University, University of Georgia, Georgia State University, and Georgia Institute of Technology) and GALILEO. Possible models for expanded participation in the project were also presented.

For more information about the SFX GETS/GALILEO Pilot Project, go to http://www.usg.edu/galileo/projects/sfx/index.phtml.

GALILEO's New Look

by Lauren Fancher - Director, GALILEO Support Services

Over time, GALILEO has had several different versions of the familiar globe logo. In recent years, the original service marked logo has been used only on the lower left corner of the homepage. This year, a legal process necessary to reaffirm the GALILEO trademark has required that GALILEO develop and present a single logo for trademark purposes. This new logo is now in the top banner frame of the homepage and will be the only logo that is used in the future, serving as the registered trademark for the GALILEO initiative.

While this change did not affect functionality of the system, it did require minor adjustments to the GALILEO interface in order to address design and size constraints. In addition, several changes that had been requested by GALILEO users were incorporated into the banner, including an optional link to the library homepage and a link to the Kids page. During December 2003, a prototype was provided to the GALILEO Reference and Steering Committees for review, followed by review in the GALILEO demonstration system by GALILEO librarians and library staff. The feedback received during the review process was overwhelmingly positive, and the changes went into production on January 6, 2004.

GALILEO at the Georgia Educational Technology Consortium Conference (GaETC)

Look for GALILEO at the upcoming Georgia Educational Technology Consortium Conference in Macon, Georgia February 11-13, 2004

GALILEO is pleased to offer the following presentations at GaETC:

Introduction to Digital Library of Georgia Wednesday, February 11, 1:15-2:15

Introduction to GALILEO Thursday, February 12, 3:15-4:15

Be sure to visit the GALILEO Booth (Booth 1302) located in the Arena at the Macon Centreplex.