

# Research Resources

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[1892 Atlanta Aerial](#)



[Atlanta History Center](#)  
[The City Builder - Archives](#)

There is a mixture of online and tangible resources available. Most towns have something similar. While often staffed by volunteers, they are very helpful.



[Atlanta Public Library/Fulton County Library System](#)

As long as you have a library card, online resources are available. You can access different databases, including the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the Atlanta Daily World. The search is not always user-friendly. There is free access to Ancestry at the library. It is not accessible offsite.



[DeKalb Public Library](#)  
Similar to Fulton above



[City of Atlanta Property Information](#)

This is a GIS system provided by the City of Atlanta. This information should be readily available for all states.



[Digital Library of Georgia](#)

A great resource of information about the state of Georgia. Most states in the US have public resources like this.

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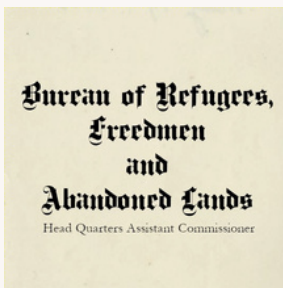
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## Find-A-Grave

Information is free, but in the hands of volunteers and only as strong as the researcher who provided it. Biographies, genealogy links, and other information can be wrong, but they are helpful. Users can create virtual cemeteries to save people in different cemeteries as a collection. Users can buy a memorial and own it for life.

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## Freedmen's Bureau Records

The Freedmen's Bureau, established by Congress in 1865, aimed to support post-Civil War reconstruction in the Southern states and aid formerly enslaved African Americans in transitioning to freedom and citizenship. The Bureau compiled extensive records documenting the lives of hundreds of thousands newly freed men, women, and children. Most records are tied to Black men, but not all new freedmen and women were documented after the Civil War. Consequently, information is incomplete.



## Georgia's Natural, Archaeological, and Historic Resources GIS

This is a statewide resource that provides information on historic physical resources. Other states have similar databases. Google "state name" and "natural and historic resources" and the links should be publicly available. Some of these databases are more user-friendly than others.



## HathiTrust

The site is a consortium of university libraries and other places that have digitized items in the public domain and made them accessible to the general public. Items range from books to reports. Search can be clunky.

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	<p><a href="https://archive.org">Internet Archive aka Archive.org</a> The site is a non-profit library of millions of free texts, movies, software, music, websites, and more. Search results can range widely. Account creation is free, and users can favorite items to save them.</p>
	<p><a href="https://www.jstor.org">JStor</a> A site that collects a mixture of journal articles, images, etc. It is free to view.</p>
	<p><a href="https://www.loc.gov">Library of Congress</a> Everything here is in the public domain.  Public Library: There are virtual and in-person resources available. 1911 Sanborn Fire Maps</p>
	<p><a href="https://www.qpublic.net">QPublic</a> Many states use this system to manage tax records.</p>
	<p><a href="https://www.nps.gov">National Register Database</a> The National Register of Historic Places is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation. Authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.</p>

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## SUBSCRIPTION



### [Ancestry](#)

The site contains census records, directory information, and other publicly available items. It also allows users to upload photos and other information on people.

Death Certificates



### [Historic Aerials](#)

Historic aerials offer a limited complimentary view with a watermark. Unmarked images require a fee.



### [Newspapers.com](#)

The site is easy to search, but not all newspapers are here.