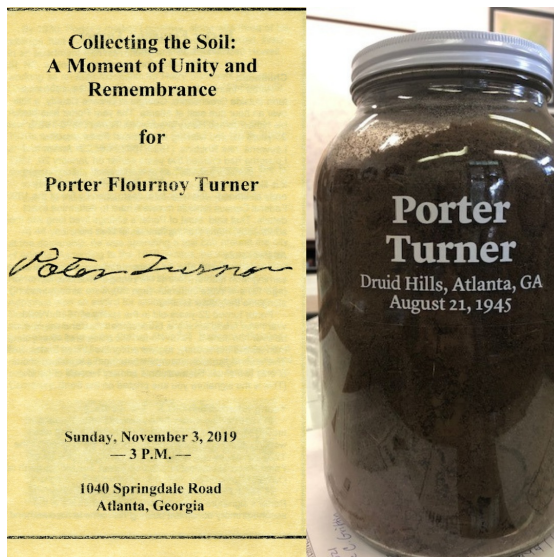


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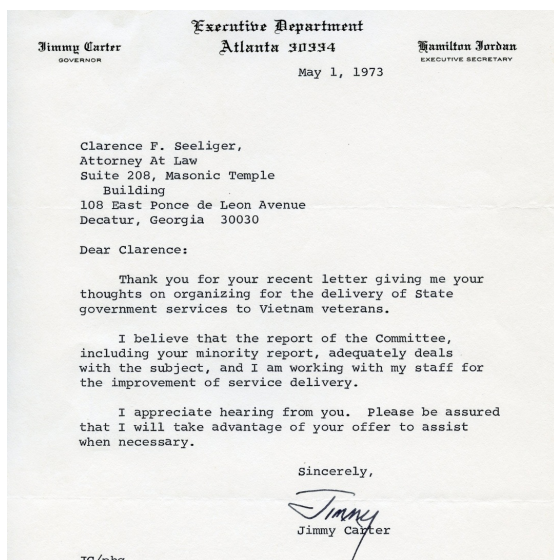
## New Collections to Explore

We've been busy processing archival collections – make an appointment to see these new archival holdings:



**DeKalb Grand Jurors' Association collection** – a collection of meeting minutes, presentments, news articles, and more, highlighting the association's tenure from the 1950s to the 2000s. Josiah Benator served as longtime president.

**DeKalb County NAACP Remembrance Project collection** – a collection of notes, flyers, and correspondence related to remembering and honoring DeKalb residents who were lynched, including the memorial and recent soil collection in honor of Porter Turner in Druid Hills. This is part of an ongoing collection from the NAACP Remembrance Project.



**Judge Clarence Seeliger collection** – a collection of letters, court papers, photos, scrapbooks and more, showcasing his career as an attorney, advocate for domestic violence victims and veterans, and as a judge.

Contact Jennifer Blomqvist for an appointment to view the materials.  
[blomqvist@dekalbhistory.org](mailto:blomqvist@dekalbhistory.org)  
 404-373-1088, ext 1005

## From the Blog



## Mailbox Drama and the Decatur Post Office

by Marissa Howard

Have you ever thought about your mailbox? I didn't until I came across a letter in the DHC Archives that piqued my interest. In urban areas, mailboxes were generally located directly on the house, requiring postal workers to walk door to door. For postal workers, delivering mail was a tiring, difficult, and slow process. But by the late 1950s, the United States Postal Service was modernizing.

In a letter from Decatur Postmaster, W. C. Lovejoy, Jr., to patrons on March 1, 1957, he urged patrons to order a new mailbox and place it at the curb. His letter included an order form and instructions on how and where to place your new mailbox...

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## Back to the "Office"?

By J Blomqvist



## WWII Newsletters From DeKalb County – DeKalb History Center

New York magazine recently featured a story entitled "Remember the Office?" It was a retrospective on office life with pictures from New York from the 1950s to the present. It got me thinking about office life in DeKalb County.

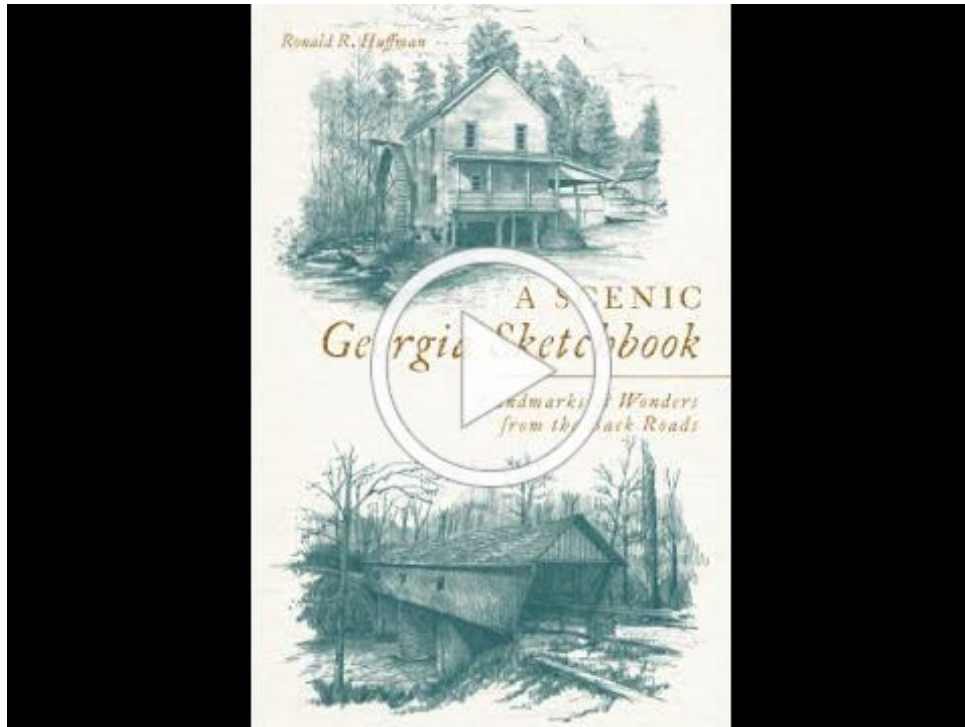
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During Word War II, two communities in DeKalb produced monthly newsletters for their soldiers fighting overseas. These newsletters boosted morale but also provided valuable updates on those at war.

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## Latest Video



Hops at the History Center – July 12 (Livestream recording)

*A Scenic Georgia Sketchbook: Landmarks and Wonders from the Back Roads*, presented by Ronald R. Huffman.

## Upcoming Programs





**Historic Courthouse Tours**  
Every Tuesday and Thursday in August  
(except Aug 17)  
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Get  
Tickets



**Avondale Estates Exhibit Reception**  
Aug 5  
6:00 – 8:00 pm  
*\*Open only to DHC Members\**

How do I become a  
member?

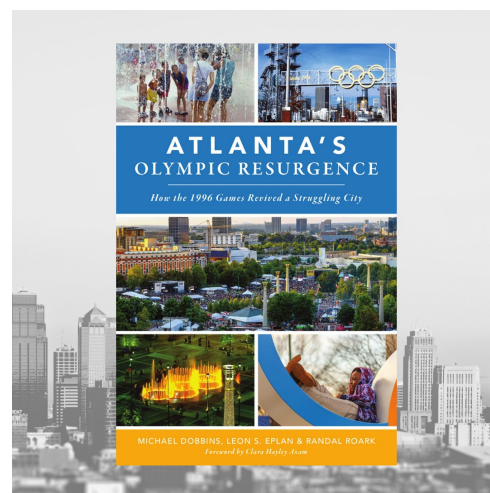


**DECATUR ARCHITECTURAL  
WALKING TOURS**

**Decatur Architectural Walking Tours**  
Aug 17  
9:00 – 10:15 am

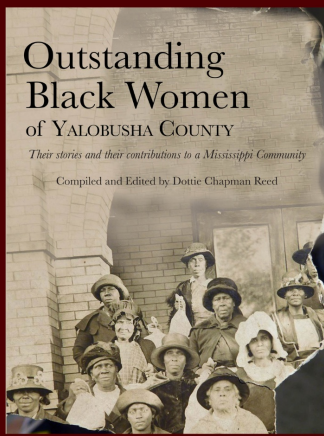
Sep 21  
9:00 – 10:15 am  
5:30 – 6:45 pm

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**Hops: Atlanta's Olympic Resurgence**  
Aug 24  
6:00 – 7:00 pm

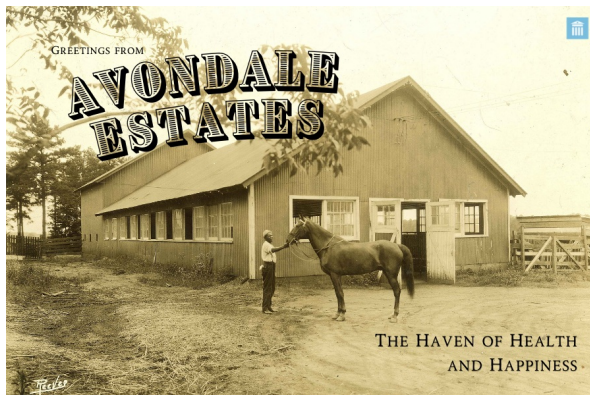
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**Lunch & Learn: A Journey from Column  
to Book**  
Aug 31  
12:00 – 1:00 pm  
Free to attend!

In Person and [Virtual Here](#)

## NEW Exhibit

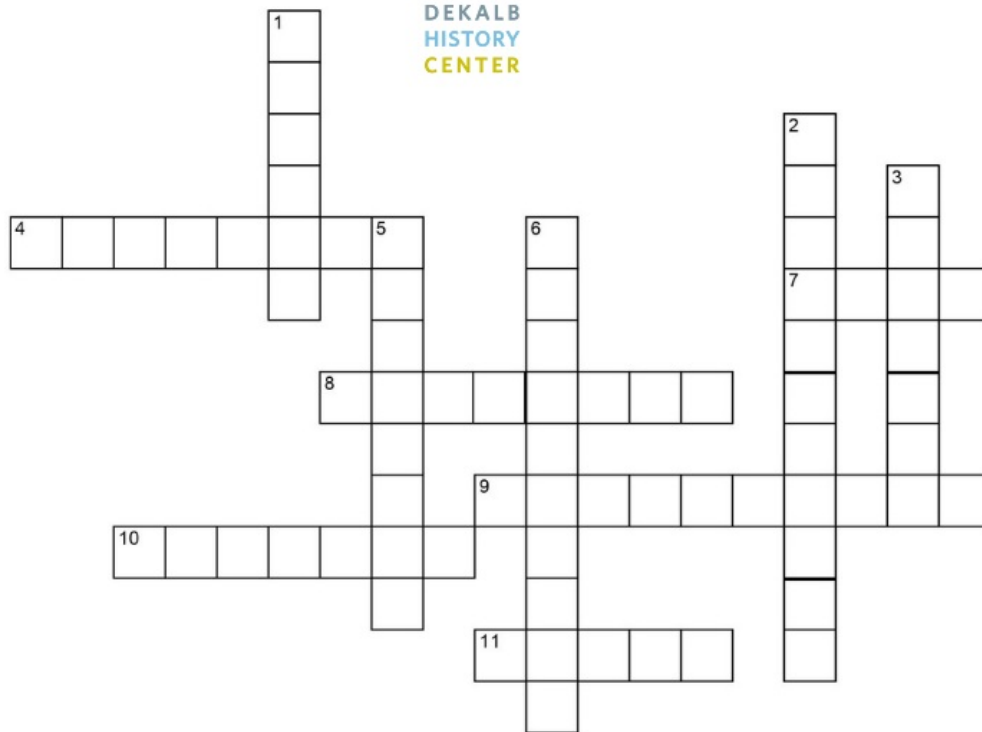


### *Avondale Estates: The Haven of Health and Happiness*

This exhibit dives into the history of Avondale Estates and brings to light details and people who have nearly been lost to time.

**Opening August 6, 2021**

**Test your DeKalb County knowledge with a crossword puzzle!**



#### ACROSS

- 4 Decatur High School mascot
- 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Rock is considered one of the oldest continuously-inhabited African-American communities in Georgia.
- 8 Major sporting event held in Atlanta/metro area, 1996.
- 9 Golfer buried at Oakland Cemetery; got his start at East Lake Golf Club
- 10 Stone Mountain High School mascot
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Williams was elected to the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners in 1990.

#### DOWN

- 1 Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ was Decatur's first African-American mayor.
- 2 "Good Food Fast" restaurant; first one in Avondale Estates
- 3 Historic courthouse made from local \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Confederate obelisk in Decatur was removed by Judge \_\_\_\_\_ in June 2020.
- 6 site of infantry and artillery training during WWI; now PDK airport

## In Memoriam

Katherine O'Connor

### Charles Turner

Charles Turner was an archives intern, as well as a volunteer, and a member of DHC. He had such enthusiasm for history, and for life! He knew everyone and had wonderful stories. It was always a joy to see him in the building. We will miss him greatly!

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