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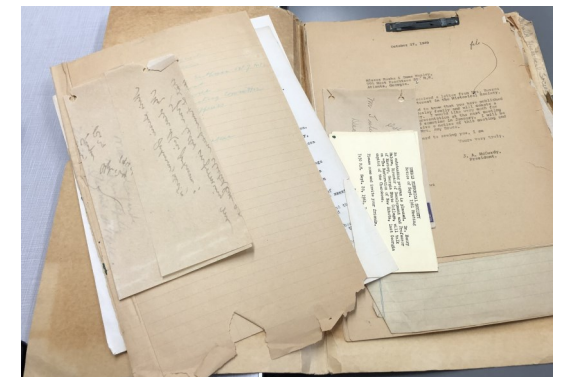
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## Volunteer Highlight and the DHC Collection

*By Jennifer Blomqvist, Archivist & Volunteer Coordinator*

I started as the archivist in November 2018. Dave Stanhope had just started as a volunteer with us, after retiring as an archivist and director at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library. Being new to the archives profession presented many challenges and Dave has been here to help me in so many ways. He currently serves on the DHC Board of Directors, but his biggest contribution is the work he has done on the DeKalb History Center/DeKalb Historical Society collection. This collection is enormous - boxes and boxes and boxes of paper materials, photos, and other items, as well as two full filing cabinets, collected by and for the organization since 1947. Dave has been responsible for going through every single piece of paper, removing staples or paper clips and the like, putting the papers into folders and labeling the folders (current count is 840) and storing those folders in archival boxes. The material will be available for use by the public once it is completed. We are very grateful to Dave for his years-long commitment to this project! †



*Some of the items from the DHS/DHC collection.*

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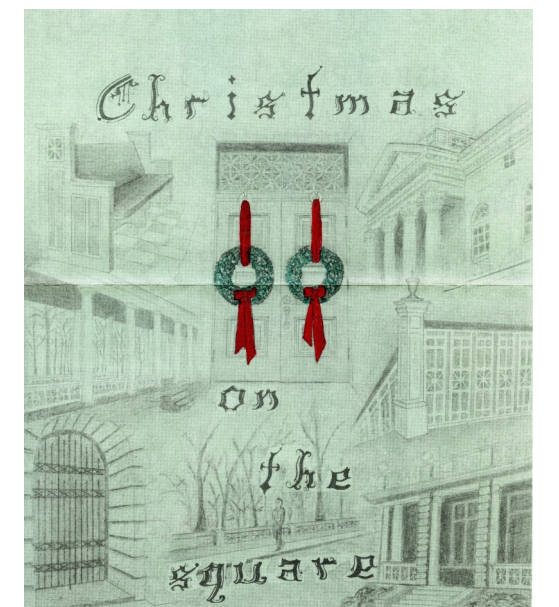
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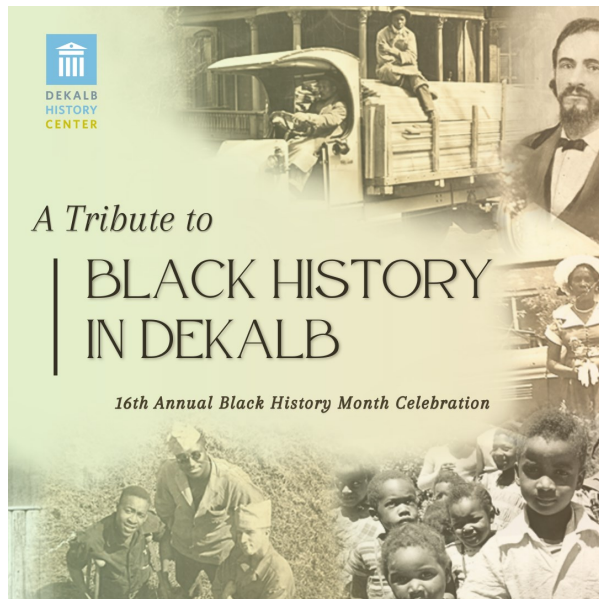


*Dave and I attended Archives Proclamation Day in October 2019 with Governor Brian Kemp.*



*Christmas on the Square, 1979.*

# Black History Month Celebration



Join the DeKalb History Center for our 16th Annual Black History Month Celebration. This year's program feature Dr. Herman "Skip" Mason, Jr., sharing insights about DeKalb County's African American heritage, with exceptional presenters, live music, dance, and soul food.

**Thursday, February 22**  
**11:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
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Tickets are \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members, and both include lunch. Find out more at [www.dekalbhistory.org](http://www.dekalbhistory.org)

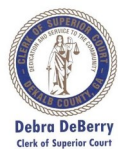
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Sharon Hester

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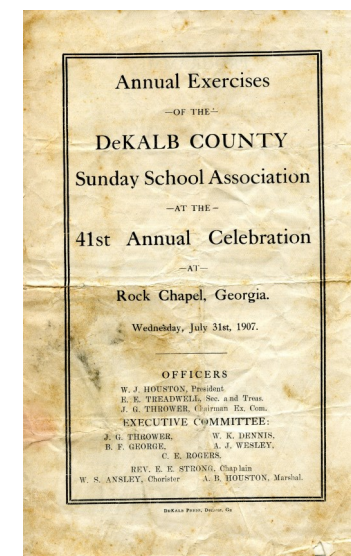
<b>FEB 1</b>	<b>Hops at the History Center: Architecture of the Last Colony with Mark C. McDonald</b> 6:30—7:30 pm Learn about the most important extant buildings in the state of Georgia. \$5 for Members, \$10 for Non-members
<b>FEB 22</b>	<b>2024 Black History Month Celebration</b> 11:00 am—1:00 pm More info on page 2.
<b>FEB 26</b>	<b>Hops at the History Center: James Oglethorpe, Father of Georgia with Michael L. Thurmond</b> 6:30—7:30 pm Join Michael L. Thurmond, DeKalb County CEO, as he discusses his new book <i>James Oglethorpe, Father of Georgia</i> . Program sponsored by Arabia Mountain Heritage Area Alliance and the DeKalb Library Foundation. \$5 for Members, \$10 for Non-members
<b>MAR 19</b>	<b>Lecture: Birds of Kirkwood with Michael Ayling</b> 6:30—7:30 pm Learn about the untold history and legacy of Kirkwood’s ornithologist, Robert Windsor Smith. Free to attend

For more information on these events and how to attend, please visit [dekalbhistory.org/programs](http://dekalbhistory.org/programs)

## New to the Archives

- ◆ A collection from Rock Chapel Methodist, featuring paper material about the church and Lithonia.
- ◆ DeKalb Historical Society/DeKalb History Center collection - COMING SOON!
- ◆ Photos from Tau Pi Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha; we received a large collection of scrapbooks from the organization last fall.
- ◆ We received a collection of Decatur Civitan club scrapbooks from Paul Sharian of Decatur’s Sharian Rugs.

This material is available for viewing in the archives by appointment. Check out the Research and Archives section of the website for more information. We thank these donors for their contributions to the DHC archives!



From the Rock Chapel Methodist Collection.

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