

POSTCARD COLLECTING AND USING POSTCARDS TO ILLUSTRATE/AUGMENT YOUR BIOGRAPHY AND YOUR FAMILY HISTORY **Nov. 13, 2024**

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POSTCARD COLLECTING IN GENERAL

1. Postcard Collecting- a Google or similar search on a subject will pull up plenty of reference info about the history of postcards, books about them, and where to buy.
2. Postcards can be purchased at many flea markets, antique malls, etc., but many of those vendors do not have the cards organized by topic or location, although many do.
3. Online you can search and purchase via eBay, and many individual dealers, but don't pay more than they are worth, check around.
4. Many people have published books of postcards from their home town or state, so check www.arcadiapublishing.com in South Carolina to see what you might want to purchase about your home area or favorite topic. You can get a small preview online. They have published books on postcards and local history from every state and major city in the USA and other places.

USING POSTCARDS IN YOUR GENEALOGY/FAMILY HISTORY

1. You can document many segments in your life or the life of your ancestors, especially those living in the 20th century and later.
2. Postcards should exist for your home area of the following: hospital, courthouse, business block, aerial view of the city, schools, at least high school and colleges, church, military bases (in another place perhaps), sporting venues, museums, etc. It may take some looking, but you can find a lot. The smaller the place, there are less cards that were published, so harder to find. That is where the Internet comes in.
3. You can find many ways to illustrate aspects of some of your ancestors' lives, especially if you can go to a larger sales venue, such as a postcard show, or a place where dealers might appear, such as Scott's Antiques in the Atlanta area.

The Georgia Postcard Club meets in Decatur, Georgia, at the First Baptist Church of Decatur, 308 Clairemont Ave. monthly, on the third Saturday of the Month from 11 a. m. until 2 p.m. We invite new members and we have a Facebook page. We would welcome any prospective members. We do not have a collection of cards, but thousands of cards that are not organized and all are for sale for 25 cents each. You are welcome to get in touch via the address above, and when we can resume having meeting, we hope to see you. We can put you on our email list, that way you will be notified when our meetings resume. If you like us enough, you can join. Annual membership, is \$20 a year (effective January 2025). With membership, you get 10 free cards each meeting, if you choose. Contact Ken Thomas, at the above email, for more.