

What is Georgia's Virtual Vault?

The Georgia Archives houses many different types of documents from Georgia state government records to local government records, it also has an archive that includes maps, manuscript collections of family letters and papers, business records, etc. Some of these are on microfilm, others are original documents.

This is an on-going project. Documents in the Georgia Archives are scanned for many reasons. Most items are selected systematically as part of a long-term digitization plan: county maps or district plat maps, for instance, are selected and scanned as a group. In other cases the digitization is random and ad hoc: a patron orders a digital copy of a photograph, or documents are scanned before being placed on exhibit. Whether created systematically or ad hoc, all of these images are stored on the Archives' servers and constitute a rich visual resource of Georgia history. The Virtual Vault was created to provide access to this wealth.

Some of the things included in Georgia's Virtual Vault are Colonial will books, Colonial wills, Chatham County Deed Books, Confederate Enlistment Oaths and Discharges, Confederate pension applications, county records from microfilm, Georgia Power photograph collection, headright and bounty plats, historic postcard collection, and more. Don't skip the Original Virtual Vault or the Ad Hoc collection, or the two sites listed under Offsite Collections

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Accessing Georgia's Virtual Vault

- Go to <http://content.sos.state.ga.us/index.php>

Searching Georgia's Virtual Vault

- There are many ways to search the collection. The quickest is to use the **Search** box at the top-right side of the window in the blue band.
- Type in the search word(s) and press **<enter>** or click on **Search**.
- If documents are found, a list will appear in the window with a thumbnail of the image similar to the one below.



- Click on the image or on the blue description link.
- This will open the image record and, at the bottom is a listing such as appears below.

Title	Bonds, Bills of Sale, and Deeds of Gift, Colony of Georgia
Description	Certification of Governor Henry Ellis that Harry is a free man, and deed of gift for personal property from James McCary to his daughter Margaret McCary.
Begin Date	1758
Date Type	Circa
Image Scope	Sample page(s)
Time Period	(1732-1763) Colonial
Record ID	ah00008
Record Type	Document
Cite as	Bonds, Assembly, Colony of Georgia, RG 49-1-9, Georgia Archives
Digital Collection	Ad Hoc Collection
Filesize	481.609 KB
Width	1534
Height	1200
File Extension	JPG
Filename	vol1-3082p192-3.jpg

For a very detailed and helpful description on how to use the other search options, click on the Help link at the bottom of the main window.

