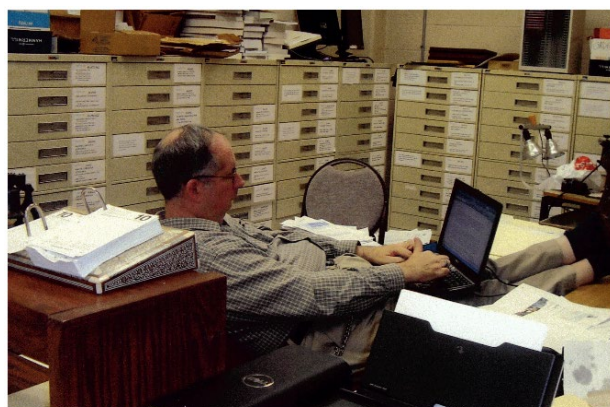


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# Biography & Bibliography

*After years of listening to other peoples' lies, you decided you've had enough. Now you're out to tell it like it is, with all the gory details and nothing left out. Instead of respecting leaders, you want to know what the common people have to offer. But this revolution still has a long way to go, and you're not against making a little profit while you wait. Honesty is your best policy.*

---The Blue Pyramid in comparing Robert Davis to Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States*.

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Robert Scott “Bob” Davis Jr. is the ultimate history geek. He created the genealogy assets of Wallace State Community College, Hanceville, Alabama, including an extensive genealogical collection and teaching genealogy as a college-level course. In 2006, his efforts received the Award for Outstanding Leadership in History from the American Association for State and Local History. He has retired.

Many scholars devote their work to one subject and a few historical interests. Professor Davis has over 2,000 publications in genealogy, history, and records, including numerous projects that would have been the sole work of one person. Bob has researched in archives and libraries throughout the United States, England, and Scotland. In addition to studying and writing on history, genealogy, and records, he has compiled books and articles on research methods and materials and spoken at hundreds of meetings nationwide, some of which are available on the Internet as Zoom presentations.

A retired senior professor of History, Bob does his genealogical and historical research and publication because he enjoys doing something valuable that few other people do. He is also a private-practice historian in the tradition of Sherlock Holmes, a consulting detective.

Bob was born on February 14 (St. Valentine's Day), 1954, to Robert S. Davis, Sr. of Atlanta, and his wife, Elizabeth Kathleen Holbert of Jasper, Georgia, at Fort Devens Army Hospital in Shirley, Middlesex County, Massachusetts. A massive winter storm's closing of the airports prevented him from being born at Fort McPherson near Atlanta or Fort Benning. He is married to Nancy Lynn Murphree. She has two children, Isaac and Erica, and five grandchildren, Alyssa, Braylee, Cheyenne, Iris, and Raelynn.

The professor's families descend from the Smith, Davis, Martin, Hudgins, Burton, Magwire, Ellison, Allred, Rodgers, and Faulkner families of Hall County and the Holbert, Haygood, Hammontree, Richards, Farriba, Honea, Nicholson, and Tomlin families of Pickens County. This ancestry includes moonshiners, Union and Confederate soldiers, a Georgia state senator who represented a Georgia county that was actually in another state, ministers, vigilantes, and supposedly Native Americans, Mayflower passengers, Plantagenet kings, as well as other interesting characters.

From his earliest memories, Bob was interested in local and family history. As a cadet colonel in his high school Junior Air Force ROTC unit, he buried a time capsule to be opened in 200 years, commemorating his favorite television program, *Star Trek*. This project brought him into contact with the Georgia Department of Archives and History for the first time (now the Georgia Archives; the GDAH handled the microfilming for his time capsule), leading to an interview on NBC television's *First Tuesday Program*. After graduation, Bob took a three-week tour of Europe and Israel alone.

While a cadet at North Georgia College (now the University of North Georgia), he became Georgia's first history intern, researching and writing a report on the Kettle Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield in cooperation with Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr. of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. (He still researches and writes on Kettle Creek to this day.) As president of the North Georgia College Social Science Club, he assembled his college's centennial museum while not skydiving, playing war games, and studying guerrilla warfare with the college ROTC's Aggressor platoon.

Bob holds a corporate doctorate from Mellen University (2024). He graduated from Piedmont University with a straight "A" average, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts in History in 1978. With almost as high an average, he received a Master of Education degree in history from North Georgia College (now the University of North Georgia) (1980) and a certificate in computer programming from Pickens Area Technical School (now Appalachian Technical College). He also has a Master of Arts degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (1996) and has done additional graduate work at the University of Alabama at Huntsville. In 1995, he attended the Institute of Documentary Editing conducted by the National Historical Records Publication Commission of the National Archives.

For fourteen years, Bob worked as a freelance historical researcher until working for Wallace State Community College in 1991. Most of his clients were family researchers seeking genealogical data, although they and their research problems varied widely. He even worked for a Texas billionaire.

Bob also compiled many books on Georgia research and records during that time. Among the most popular genealogical sources books for Georgia are his *Research in Georgia With a Special Emphasis on the Georgia Department of Archives and History* (one of the first state-specific research guides); *The Georgia Black Book: Morbid, Macabre, and Sometimes Disgusting Records of Genealogical Value*; *The Wilkes County Papers*; and *Georgia Citizens and Soldiers of the American Revolution*.

Now retired from teaching, Bob still writes articles and books, usually on Georgia records and history. No one else has ever had articles simultaneously in all of Georgia's state-wide genealogy, history, library, and archivist journals (Winter 1993).

In 1988, the professor also simultaneously published work in many of the most important nationwide genealogical periodicals. He has been a contributing editor to five Georgia genealogical periodicals and *Heritage Quest*. His hundreds of columns over the years have included more than 120 pieces for the *Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly*. Because of his background in Georgia research, Bob was called upon to write the introduction for the index to the 1870 federal census of Georgia and to revise the Georgia chapter of the 1991 and the Alabama and Georgia chapters of the 2004 editions of *Redbook*. He has also published books on how to research in both states.

Bob has conducted genealogical programs and workshops in Alabama, Arizona, California, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas. He delivered papers before the National Genealogical Society in Biloxi, Mississippi, in 1988; in Arlington, Virginia, in 1990; Jacksonville, Florida, in 1992; and Houston, Texas, in 1994. Bob taught genealogy at the Senior College of Emory University, the Genealogical Institute of (Dallas) Texas, and twice at the Summer Genealogical Institute of Samford University. He has lectured on genealogy at Beville State College, Emory University, Georgia State University, and Clayton State University.

The "professor" has also given hundreds of talks to historical organizations, including as a "Roads Scholar" for both the Alabama and Mississippi Humanities Councils. Special venues where Professor Davis has given presentations include the Salzberger Jerusalem Church in Ebenezer, Georgia; The Old Wrightsboro Church near Thomson, Georgia; Andersonville National Historic Site; James E. Carter Presidential Library; George H. W. Bush Presidential Library; Elijah Clark State Park; Cyclorama of the Battle of Atlanta; Museum of the American Revolution, Yorktown, Virginia; Old Mississippi State Capital building, Jackson; the Redstone Arsenal; the Columbus, Georgia Civil War Arsenal; the 1850s Tishomingo County courthouse; and the Monroe County Alabama Court House (used in *To Kill a Mocking Bird*).

Bob has also written for historical and librarian journals, more than 100 articles so far, including for *Prologue: The Quarterly of the National Archives*, *Journal of Military History*, *Journal for British Military History*, *Agricultural History*, and the *Journal of African American History*. No one except his friend and mentor, Dr. E. Merton Coulter, has made a greater contribution to the *Georgia Historical Society Quarterly*.

Professor Davis has also reviewed several manuscripts for later publication as books. He has reviewed books for the *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Harvard Business History Review*, *Journal of African American History*, *The Historian*, *North Carolina Historical Review*, *Technology & Culture*, *Journal of Archival Organization*, and *Gulf States Historical Review*, among many others. Bob has also done over 150 reviews for the *New York Journal of Books*.

As a historian, Bob Davis has been quoted on National Public Radio's program *All Things Considered* and in *Smithsonian* magazine, the *Washington Post*, the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, *AL.com*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, the television series *Aerial America*, and *Time* magazine. In May 2013, the Associated Press published excerpts from an interview he gave on the efforts to locate the site of the battle of Robert Carr's fort on February 10, 1779. The *Wall Street Journal* and *New York Times Magazine* have interviewed him.

Davis has also presented on television. In 2010, he appeared on Brad Meltzer's *Decoded* television show on the History Channel. He has since appeared in documentaries on the History Channel and the Investigation Discovery Channel. Georgia Public Television used excerpts from his book *Requiem for a Lost City* in the television series *Georgia's Civil War*.

The most important work of Robert S. Davis has been in trying to save Georgia's recorded heritage. He wrote the original draft of the 1980 Georgia Records Act, which extends legal protection to all of Georgia's state and local records. He conducted campaigns to win public support for restoring the various programs for saving our records that the administration of the Georgia Archives had shut down. While that administration tried to discourage using Georgia's records and archives, Bob published articles and workbooks to make the archives more accessible. In 2012, he helped in the effort to save the Georgia Archives from being closed for good.

The many collections and materials he has obtained, include, for the Georgia Archives, hundreds of reels of microfilm of the colonial Georgia records in the National Archives of the United Kingdom; the Georgia Loyalist claims; the Sheftall Collection of records of Georgia Revolutionary War soldiers; the North Carolina Revolutionary War pay vouchers; the Georgia government records at Duke University, and much more. He was also responsible for the Georgia Archives obtaining the new addition to the Joseph M. Toomey Collection of Wilkes County records (some 15,000 items) and helped arrange for the opening of the personal research files of genealogist Leon Hollingsworth to the public. The R. J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation sent him to Great Britain for a month in 1990 to identify early Georgia records for microfilming for use by American researchers at the Georgia Archives. He used the microfilm laboratory at Wallace State Community College to copy the historic site reports of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to be microfilmed for donation to the Georgia Archives.

Bob has donated original manuscripts, notes, and microfilm to the Georgia Archives, Georgia Historical Society, the Atlanta History Center, the South Carolina Historical Society, and the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library of the University of Georgia. Carl A. Anderson's Collection of histories of Georgia institutions that issued currency, 1802-1866, became his donation to the Georgia Archives. He was responsible for the donation of the Clarke/Mounger Family files of genealogist Robert Wilson to the Hargrett Library and the Dr. George F. Walker



Collection donated to the Washington Memorial Library in Macon, Georgia. The final decisions to open the indexes to Georgia and Alabama vital records to the general public came mainly from his efforts.

For his work, Robert Davis received an Outstanding Young Man in America award from the Jaycees in 1976 and the National Award of Merit from the National Genealogical Society in 1986 (and again in 2013 for winning the national writing competition). He has received an award from the Georgia Genealogical Society four times for his contributions to Georgia research. In 2014, the Dallas Genealogical Society awarded him the Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck Award of Distinguished Service in Genealogy.

In history awards, Davis has received the American Association for State and Local History honored his book *Ghosts and Shadows of Andersonville* with the Award of Merit in History in 2007, the same award it bestowed upon his program in 2006. The book was twice considered for a television documentary. In 2014, Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution, the fourth oldest roundtable devoted to the American Revolution, gave him a lifetime achievement award for scholarship. The Sons of the American Revolution gave him a bronze good citizenship medal for his thirty years of research into the Battle of Kettle Creek (1974-2004) and, in 2014, the silver medal for his work on Robert Carr's fort. Macmillan Publishing gave him its runner-up award in its first Black Stories Contest in 2021 for his essay on Austin Dabney. The South Carolina Historical Association awarded him its 2015 Daniel Hollis Award for the best article by a professional historian in its journal for the last three years.

In 1990, Bob was an alternate delegate to the Georgia Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services. In 1991, he was elected a trustee of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and in December 1994, Governor James Folsom appointed him to the Alabama Historical Records Advisory Board. He is included in various "Who's Who" volumes, including both editions of the *Who's Who of American Genealogy and Heraldry*. He has received full-page stories in the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Birmingham News*, *Birmingham Post Herald*, and *Cullman Times*.

Bob is a charter member and past Marble Valley (Pickens County) Historical Society president. He served on his regional historic preservation board as half of the Pickens County Georgia Sesquicentennial Committee. He organized Pickens County's local library's history room, collected the area's historical photographs, and arranged for the microfilming of his county's newspapers (which he located) and loose original county records. He was also the town's historic preservation committee co-chairman in Blountsville, Alabama. He helped his local historical society earn the Local Historical Society Award of the Alabama Historical Association in 2006, and he is a past officer of the Georgia Genealogical Society.

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Professor Davis' successes in uncovering what would remain lost matter most to him. In high school, he discovered the true name of an Indian chief in 1500s Fort Caroline, his first research project. While Georgia's first history intern, he uncovered the real location of Robert Carr's Revolutionary War fort, which helped archaeologists locate the actual site decades later. As a

private researcher, Bob uncovered the story of the mysterious Robert R. Henry Papers, the truth about the house at Carter's quarters, the lost 1833 state land lottery of Georgia, and the secret history of Blood Mountain. His research uncovered that the early records believed to have been lost to Washington County in Alabama and Mississippi, respectively, were each in the other's courthouse. Bob learned the secrets of Georgia's colonial communities of Augusta, Briar Creek, Ebenezer, and Wrightsborough.

Some of these treasures turned up hidden in plain sight. Through encounters in his travels, Professor Davis brought to light lost colonial Georgia court records, the Magruder collection of unique surviving historical newspapers, and the truth about the George Corn Tassels murder case, which resulted in the historical Cherokee Court cases before the United States Supreme Court.

Among the projects he has worked on, with the help of rare Georgiana collector David M. Sherman, was acquiring the nationally significant William Few letters collection for the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Collection. Bob also arranged for the Kollock Family Papers, 1797-1900, to be microfilmed and donated to various archives. This material is, arguably, the most critical private correspondence of a Southern family that is still in private hands. He did the Alabama research for the Hulu documentary for the 1619 Project.

Much of the above came from Professor Davis recognizing important documents when he happened upon them during his research. Other findings took years of inquiry, persistence, and research. He has even published articles on misidentified and missing records ("ghosts").

Bob still hunts for lost manuscripts, such as the 1813 diary of George R. Gilmer's recruitment efforts at Wrightsborough. Among his finds are John Dooly's account of the battle of Kettle Creek, written two days after the battle, the diary of early Georgia Baptist minister John Newton, and the letters of Georgia Loyalist Dr. Thomas Taylor.

In 1975, he published his first article on failing to identify the anonymous author of letters from the 1775 Georgia frontier. In 2015, he identified the author and that the plantation was actually in South Carolina. The South Carolina Historical Association awarded him its 2015 Daniel Hollis Award for the best article by a professional historian in its journal for the last three years for that article on Richard Oswald as the author of *American Husbandry* by identifying anonymous letters reproduced in the book as written by John Lewis Gervais.

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***Brad Meltzer's Decoded*** television show on the History Channel, interviewed on the fate of Confederate gold. Appearances on documentaries ***Blood and Glory: The Civil War in Color*** and ***Deadly Women*** ("Girl on Girl" episode); ***Cullman County Before John Cullmann*** program for Cullman cable network

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Interface '83 Conference, 1983, Atlanta.

Colonial Records of Georgia, Fort Augusta Conference, 1983, Augusta. Introduction on the need for a new colonial records publication.

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Robert R. Henry and political activism in the early republic, Georgia Association of Historians, 1987, Milledgeville.

Researching Colonial Records and the Diaries of Rev. John Newton, Georgia Baptist Historical Society, 1988, Jasper.

Georgia Research, Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research, Samford University, 1988.

Kettle Creek Battlefield, Georgia Association of Historians, 1988, Atlanta.

Various lectures, National Genealogical Society, 1989, Biloxi. (Tapes made of lectures.)

Amicalola Electrical Co-op, Appalachian Studies Symposium, 1990, Unicoi.

Georgia Research, Southeastern Archives and Records Conference, 1990, Savannah.

Georgia Buhr Stones, Society for Industrial Archaeology, Philadelphia, 1990.

National Genealogical Society, Alexandria, 1990. (Tapes made of lectures.)

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The Americans Discover Columbus and the New World, International Columbus Symposium, Atlanta, 1992.

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Alabama Research, Genealogical Institute of Texas, Dallas, 2002.

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Lost Pickens County newspapers and loose court records, found buried in the courthouse basement

Picture of First Baptist Church in Jasper, Georgia torn down in the 1920s

Andrew McLean account book of sales made to people in Augusta in the 1770s

Washington County, Alabama Territory records divided between the states of Alabama and Mississippi

Only twenty percent of the Wrightsborough "Quaker" settlement were Quakers

Thomas Waters and the restored colonial Georgia militia were defeated at the battle of Hammond's Store

The anonymous author of *American Husbandry* (1775) was Richard Oswald

Misfiled court case file of train robber Bill Miner case file in the Hall County Superior Court

R. R. Henry manuscripts across the country about his efforts to remove Archibald Clark as St. Mary's postmaster

Secrets of maps associated with Archibald Campbell and the British invasion of Georgia in 1778-1779

Records of deceased winners in the 1805 land lottery

letters of Georgia Loyalist Thomas Taylor

identities of the five Tories of Kettle Creek hanged at Ninety Six, SC in 1779

George Corntassel's crime that resulted in the Supreme Court Cherokee cases

Identity and biography of Orrin Smith Baker who represented Henry Wirz in the Andersonville Trial

The birth year of 1742 for Revolutionary War hero Elijah Clark

The correct location of Revolutionary War Robert Carr's fort on Beaverdam Creek of Little River

The correct identity of the Cherokee mansions at Carter's Quarters, Georgia

The secret history of the name of Blood and Slaughter mountains in Georgia

The 1833 land lot lottery of Georgia

The Magruder collection of Georgia newspapers

The Colonial Georgia court docket

John Dooly letter of battle of Kettle Creek, February 16, 1779

The John Dooly letter of 1777 to Lachlan McIntosh on the death of his brother Thomas Dooly

The John Newton diary, 1781-1790

The Kollock Family Papers

The secret history behind Henry Grady and saving Kate Southern from hanging in 1877

The identity of the author of John Wilson's 1779 Revolutionary War journal

The history of Fenda Lawrence and her family of free Africans in Georgia

All or nearly all of the men who successfully escaped from Andersonville Confederate prison

The pamphlets on the stolen Richmond banks gold, 1865

Martha Allred deposition on her ancestors

Photograph of Jacob Rogers is actually Jonas B. Davis

Joe Ritchey, Tennessee gunfighter



Robert Davis being interviewed for *Brad Meltzer's Decoded* for a documentary on the History Channel on gold that traveled with Jefferson Davis in the last days of the Civil War. He will appear this April in a History Channel documentary on the Civil War.

### **CURRENT AND FUTURE RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Thomas Davis, a counterfeiter in early Georgia and Alabama

John Mitchell Dooly, Georgia judge in the early republic

Robert S. M. Hunter, Civil War spy from Randolph County

Robert A. Crawford, Addison Frazer, Thomas Frazer & Co. slave market of Atlanta. Crawford may have been born William Adulston Rogers Crawford.

The d'Estaing land grants in Jackson County, Georgia

Alleged Tennessee counterfeiters tried in Huntsville in 1876 who murder their witnesses across the state of Alabama. Henry M. Neil, Wallace W. Gordon, James R. Neil, and Andrew J.

Edwards, brought to justice by Secret Service Agent Charles E. Anchisi with the help of Jesse J. Mabry, Joseph J. Davis, and an agent named Dodson.

African American Revolutionary War hero former slave Austin Dabney of Georgia

Milton Malone, Alabama and Georgia gambler and killer

The ethnic settlement of Cullman County Colonel John Dooly of Georgia

The Georgia and South Carolina letters of Revolutionary War General Benjamin Lincoln

Reconciliation in post-Revolutionary War Georgia

Alabama and Georgia soldiers in the United States Colored Troops

Thomas Sims or Tom Simms, the escaped slave arrested in Boston in 1851 under the Fugitive Slave Act

Kettle Creek Revolutionary War Battlefield

Politics of Over Mountain Men of Tennessee, 1775-1783

Statistics from State Censuses of Georgia, 1786-1859

