The Library & Archives' website, accessible at www.savannahga.gov/MunicipalArchives, provides valuable information about using the records housed in the City Records Center, as well as access to on-line archival collection finding aids, historical research documents and links to digitized City records available on-line. You may also make on-line reference requests through this website.

Historical Research Documents, including:
- "A History of the City Government of Savannah, Ga., 1790-1901"
- "Index of Mayors & Aldermen, 1790-present"
- "History & Highlights of the Council-Manager Form of Government, 1954-2004"

Digitized Collections
(available through www.savannahga.gov/DigitalCollections)
- City Digital Image Catalog (over 1,850 images and growing)
- Digital Library of Georgia (annual reports, oral histories, & more)
- Ancestry.com (genealogical resources from 1790-1995)
- Savannah City Codes, 1854, 1858, 1871, 1888, 1907, 1918, 1936, 1945

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Research Appointments
Office appointments are recommended for on-site research visits. Please call ahead and make an appointment before visiting, to ensure that staff will be available to assist you with archival resources appropriate to your research.

Major Archival Collections in the City Records Center
The Library & Archives preserves and provides access to several important collections of historical City records, including:
- City Council Meeting Papers
- Savannah Area Local Government Documents Collection
- Engineering Department Maps, Plans and Surveys

Like the U. S. Bicentennial Time Capsule in City Hall's foyer, holding mementos of Savannah's residents, the City of Savannah Research Library & Municipal Archives is a time capsule of City history dating back to the incorporation of the City of Savannah municipal government in 1789. But you don't have to wait until 2076 for this time capsule to be opened; you can start discovering the City's rich history today!
The City of Savannah, Georgia Records (RG 5600; 1790-1979) includes over 1,000 cubic feet of the City’s oldest extant archival records, most of 19th to mid-20th century vintage. This collection includes the records of the Municipal Airport, Bacon Park Commission, City Attorney, City Court, City Marshal, City Treasurer, Clerk of City Council, Committee on River and Harbor Improvements, Drainage Commission, Engineering Department, Fire Department, Board of Health, Health Department, Inspections Department, Mayor’s Office, Municipal Auditorium, Park and Tree Commission, Police Department, Recorder’s Court and Water Operations Department.

City government and those of other non-City local governmental entities. The collection also includes publications of state and federal governmental agencies, when those documents have content which deals in major part with the Savannah area.

The Engineering Department Map Collections (RG 3121; 1752-2012; bulk 1870-1939) include over 4,690 maps and surveys documenting the urban development of Savannah, including land subdivision, street openings, water and sewer lines, and right-of-ways.

Learn more about these collections at www.savannahga.gov/Collections, where you can find collection finding aids and inventories for all our archival holdings.

The City Council Meeting Papers (RG 0115; 1817-1957) include almost 470 cubic feet of records representing the work of City Council prior to the adoption of the council-manager form of government. Included among this major collection are records related to assessments and licenses, building permits, zoning, public health, the City Court, public works, engineering, finance and accounts, fire safety, harbor and wharves, jitney bonds, the City Market, the City Marshal, deeds, contracts, near beer licenses, pensions and charities, the police, the powder magazine, drainage, street railways and water resources.

The Savannah Area Local Government Documents Collection (RS 1121-027; 1905-present; bulk 1970s-present) includes over 4,640 archival reference (non-circulating) local documents published by and for units of the Savannah area.

The Engineering Department Retrospective Plans & Designs Collection (RS 3121-010; 1902-2015) includes over 481 plans and designs of City properties and buildings, including City Hall, and the municipal abattoir, airport, auditorium, jail, stadium, and wharf.