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KICKING & STREAMING! ENHANCING DIGITALLY-BORN ORAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS IN DIGITAL COMMONS

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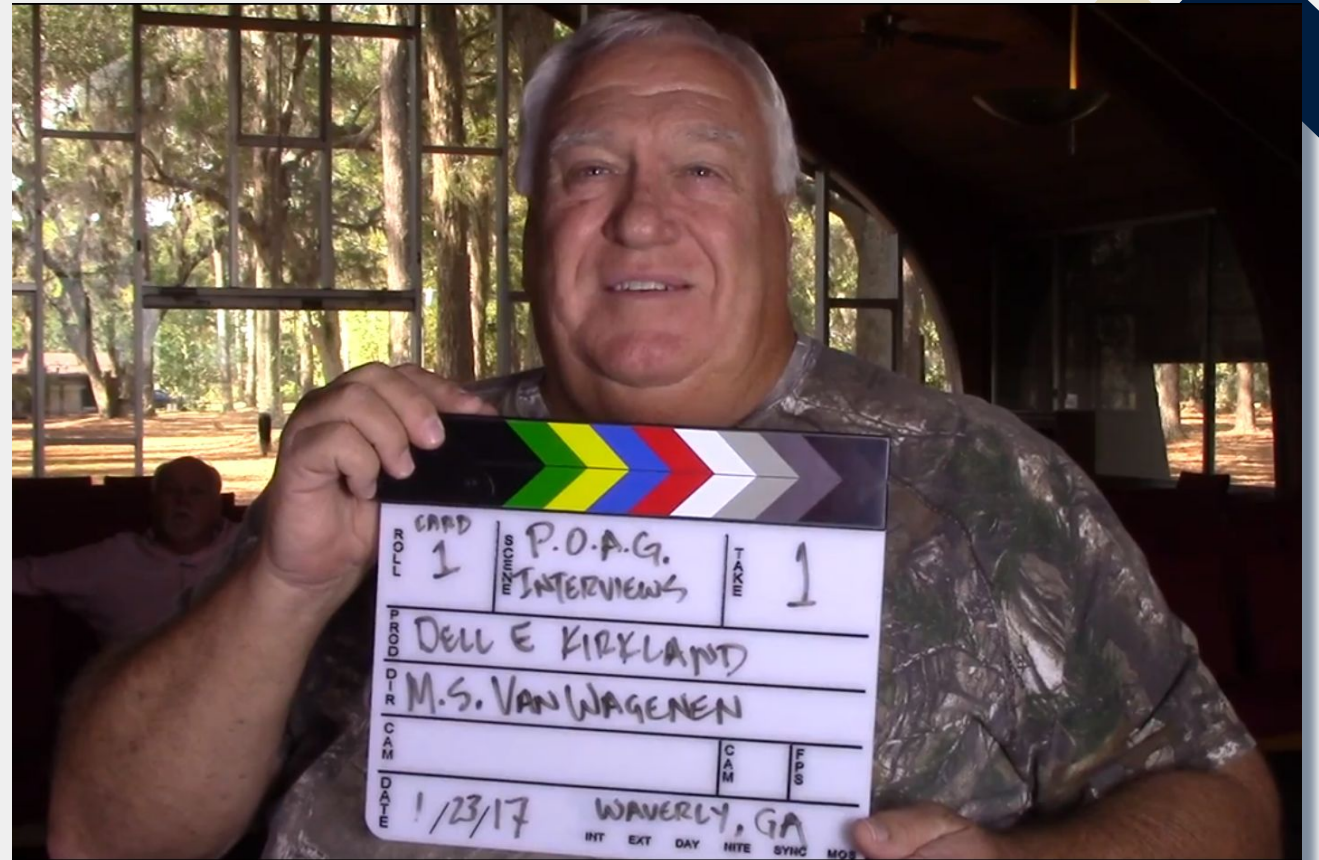
CHALLENGES WITH ORAL HISTORY COLLECTIONS

Long-term preservation of physical,
multimedia

Ownership and Rights Management

Description/Metadata

- Discoverability
- Accessibility



CHALLENGES WITH THIS ORAL HISTORY COLLECTION

Multiple Stakeholders

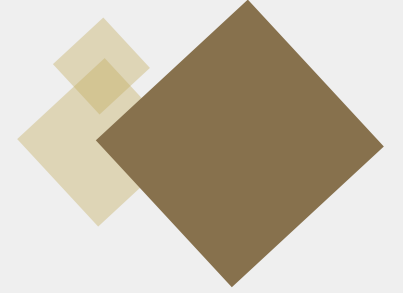
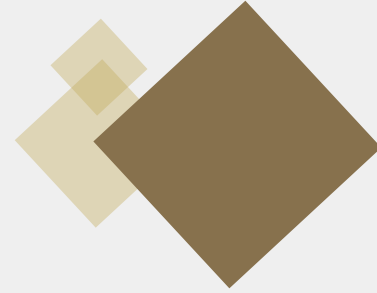
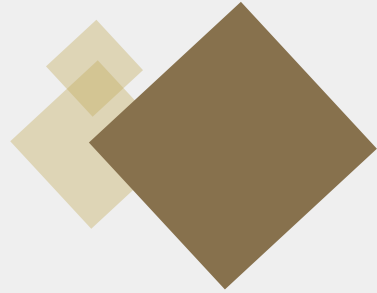
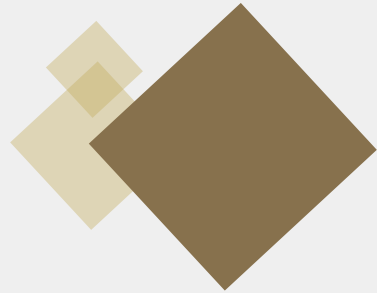
Acquisition and long-term preservation of
digitally born materials

Ownership and Rights Documentation

Description Challenges

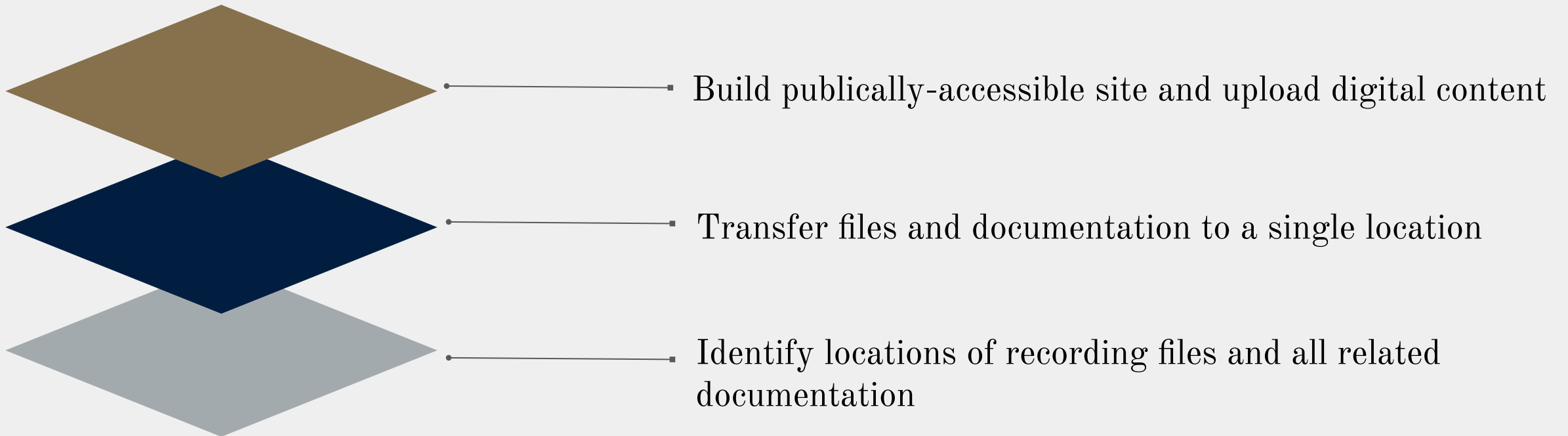


POAG ORAL HISTORIES TIMELINE



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between Special
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Graduate Assistant

OUTLINING A MANAGEABLE PLAN FOR THE COLLECTION



New

- Priority
- My Drive
- Shared with me
- Recent
- Starred
- Trash

Storage
56.6 GB used

My Dr... > Specolle Collection ... > Peace Officers Association of G... > Oral History Video Fil...



Sheffield, Carl.mp4



Akins, Eddie_5.MP4



Akins, Eddie_4.MP4



Akins, Eddie_3.MP4



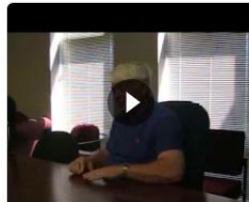
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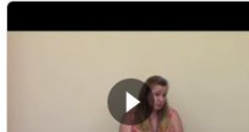
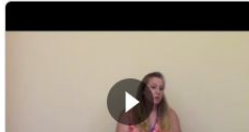
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Sikes, Bobby_1.MP4



Hitchens, Bill_2



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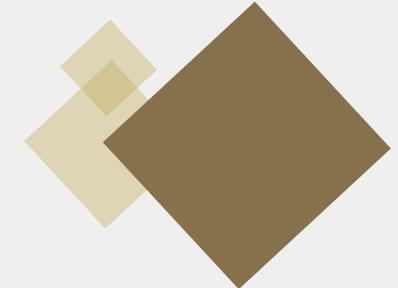
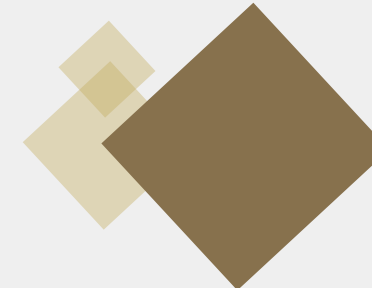
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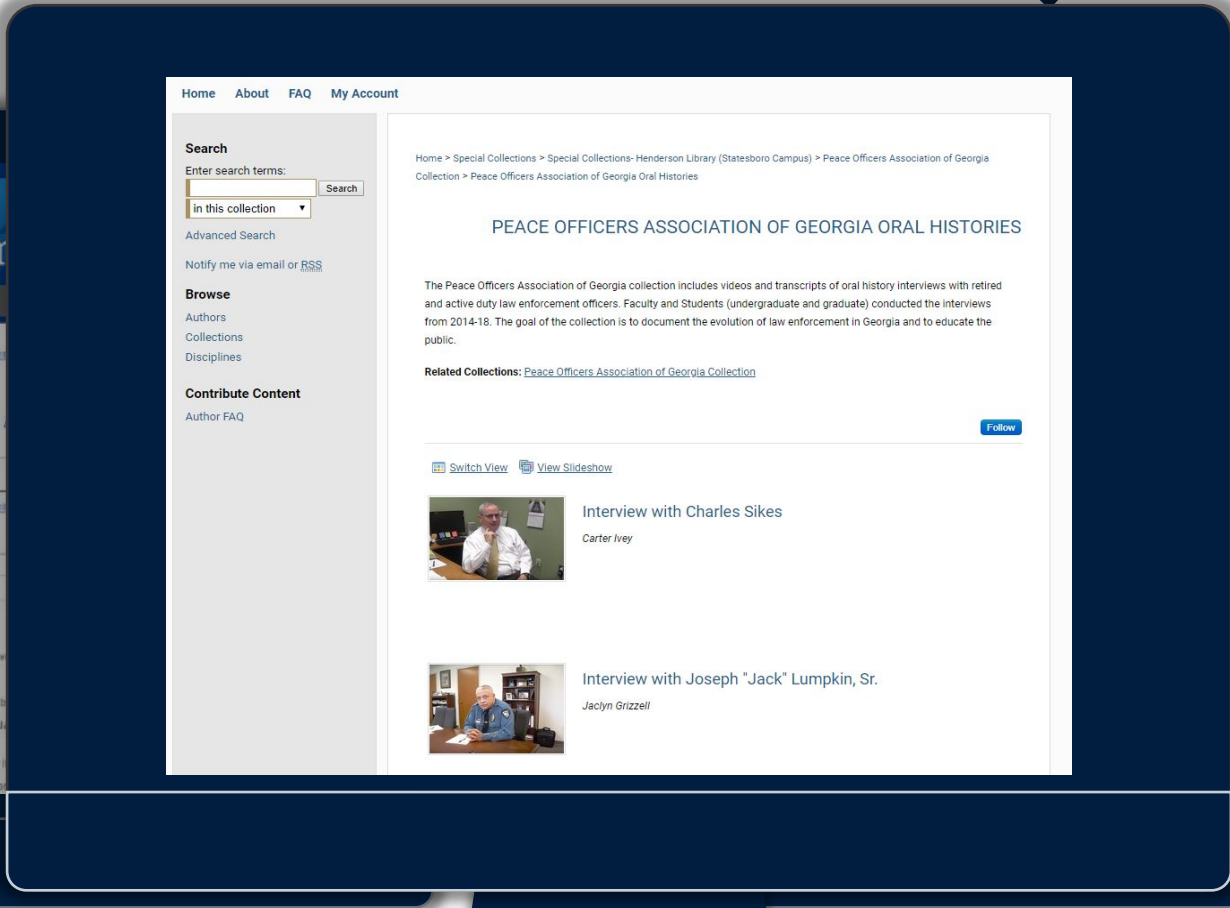


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Jan 2019

Audits of collection performed by Special Collections staff.

Initial enhancements are made to site in order to increase ease of use by researchers and make improvements to overall appearance.

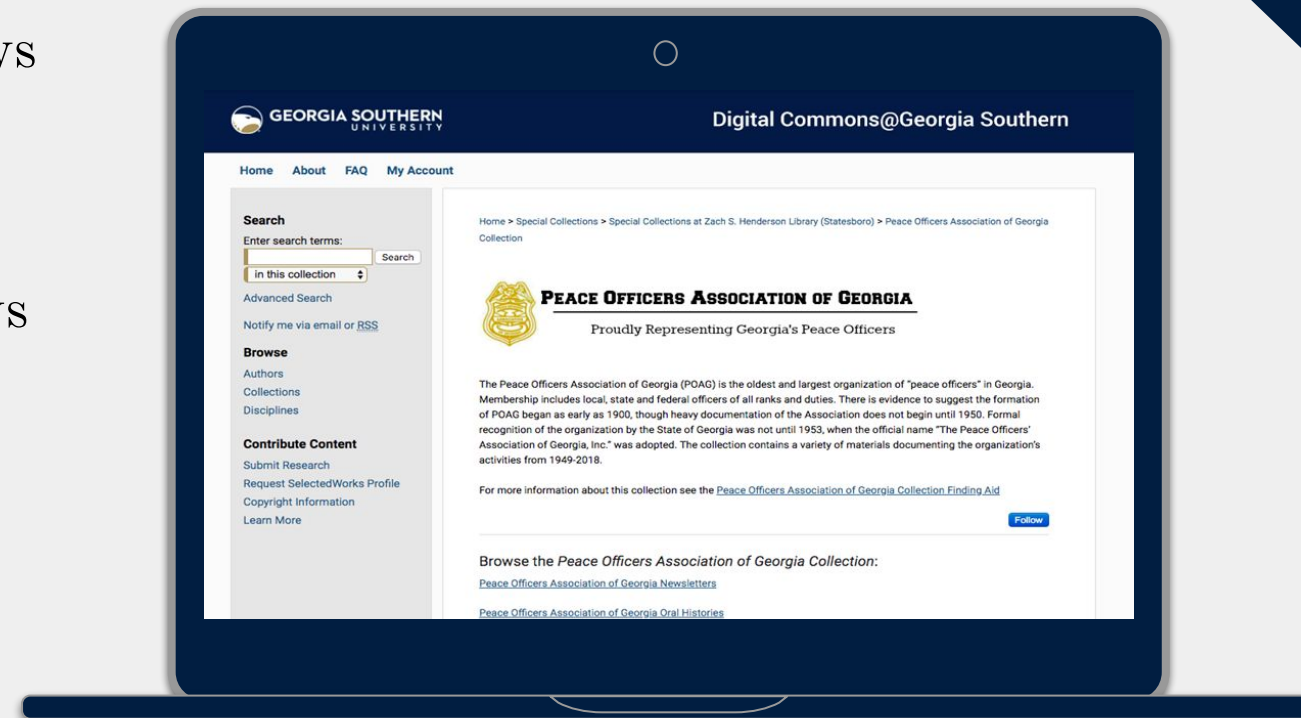
INITIAL ENHANCEMENTS MADE TO THE COLLECTION

Added thumbnails using screenshots of interviews

Resorted order of interviews (Chronological)

Adopted consistent naming schema for interviews

Linked to collection Finding Aid



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PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA ORAL HISTORIES

The Peace Officers Association of Georgia collection includes videos and transcripts of oral history interviews with retired and active duty law enforcement officers. Faculty and Students (undergraduate and graduate) conducted the interviews from 2014-18. The goal of the collection is to document the evolution of law enforcement in Georgia and to educate the public.

Related Collections: [Peace Officers Association of Georgia Collection](#)



Interview with Charles Sikes
Carter Ivey



Interview with Joseph "Jack" Lumpkin, Sr.
Jaclyn Grizzell

Interviewee	# Posted	# Parts	Txp	PDF/Name	Txp Posted	Summary Posted	Notes
Akins, Eddie	5	5	LH&RB	Done	Yes	Yes	
Ayers, Mike	2	2	JW	Done	Yes	Yes	
Baker, Dennis	1	1	JW	Done	Yes	Yes	"initial"
Bell, Dennis	1	1	JW	Done	Yes	Yes	
Bolton, Willie	1	1	JW	Done	Yes	Yes	
Brown, Ken	1	1	JW	Done		Yes	
Bryson, Homer	1	1	JW	Done	Yes	Yes	
Cannady, John	1	1	JW	Done	Yes	Yes	
Car, Roger	1	1	JW			Yes	
Carter, Paul	2	2	JW			Yes	
Chaffin, Doyte	1	1	JW	Done	Yes	Yes	
Chapman, Joe	2	2	JW	Done	Yes	Yes	
Cline, William "Bill"	6	6	JW	Done	Yes	Yes	
Conley, John	3	3	JW			Yes	part three pending legal issue
Conley, Marian	3	3	JW			Yes	
Countryman, Greg	2	2	JW	Done	Yes	Yes	
Coursey, Harry		3	NP	Done			conversion
Covington, Jim	2	2	JW			Yes	
Davis, Tom	2	2	JW	Done	Yes	Yes	
Dixon, Johnny		1	JW	Done			conversion
Eason, Robert	3	3	UNK	Done		Yes	streaming
Edmondson, Harold	1	1	JW			Yes	
Ellis, George	2	2	JW	Done	Yes	Yes	
Elrod, Stan	1	1	JW	Done	Yes	Yes	
Fordham, Mike	2	2	JW			Yes	
Friedman, Robert	2	2	JW			Yes	

Key

Good
Check
Fault
Pending

Oral History Master Metadata

Interviewee	Date of Interview	Consent Form	Transfer to Shared Drive	Transferred By	File Type	Number of Files	Uploaded to Digital Commons	Live?	Unloaded By
Donald Stafford	Aug 21, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/10/18 ALL		Checked
Homer Bryson	Aug 21, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/10/18 ALL		Checked
Marsen & John Conley	Aug 21, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	3	12/10/18 ALL		Checked
William "Bill" Cline	Aug 21, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/10/18 ALL		Checked
Eddie Akins	Apr 19, 2015	Yes	10/12/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/11/18 ALL		Checked
Lamon Glibb	Apr 13, 2015	No	11/03/2018 AM		MP4	3	12/10/18 ALL		Checked
Harvey Holloway	Nov 9, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	5	12/11/18 ALL		Checked
Ryan Powell	Aug 25, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	3	12/10/18 ALL		Checked
Butch Rozzel	Aug 24, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	2	12/10/18 ALL		Checked
Carl (Shuff) Tackett	Aug 24, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/11/18 ALL		Checked
Danna Robertson	Aug 24, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/10/18 ALL		Checked
Elko Wood	Aug 24, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/11/18 ALL		Checked
Gary Hill	Aug 24, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/11/18 ALL		Checked
Harold Edmondson	Aug 24, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/10/18 ALL		Checked
Harry Edmondson	Aug 24, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	2	12/11/18 ALL		Checked
Henry Smith	Aug 24, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/10/18 ALL		Checked
John (Lumpkin) Sr.	Aug 21, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/11/18 ALL		Checked
John (Lumpkin) Jr.	Aug 24, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/11/18 ALL		Checked
Marvin Mason	Aug 24, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	2	12/11/18 ALL		Checked
Paul (Lumpkin) Sr.	Aug 24, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/11/18 ALL		Checked
Ronnie Gay	Aug 24, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/11/18 ALL		Checked
Roger Car	Aug 24, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/11/18 ALL		Checked
Cpt. John Laskowski	Aug 24, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/11/18 ALL		Checked
LE White	Aug 24, 2015	No	10/02/2018 AM		MP4	1	12/11/18 ALL		Checked

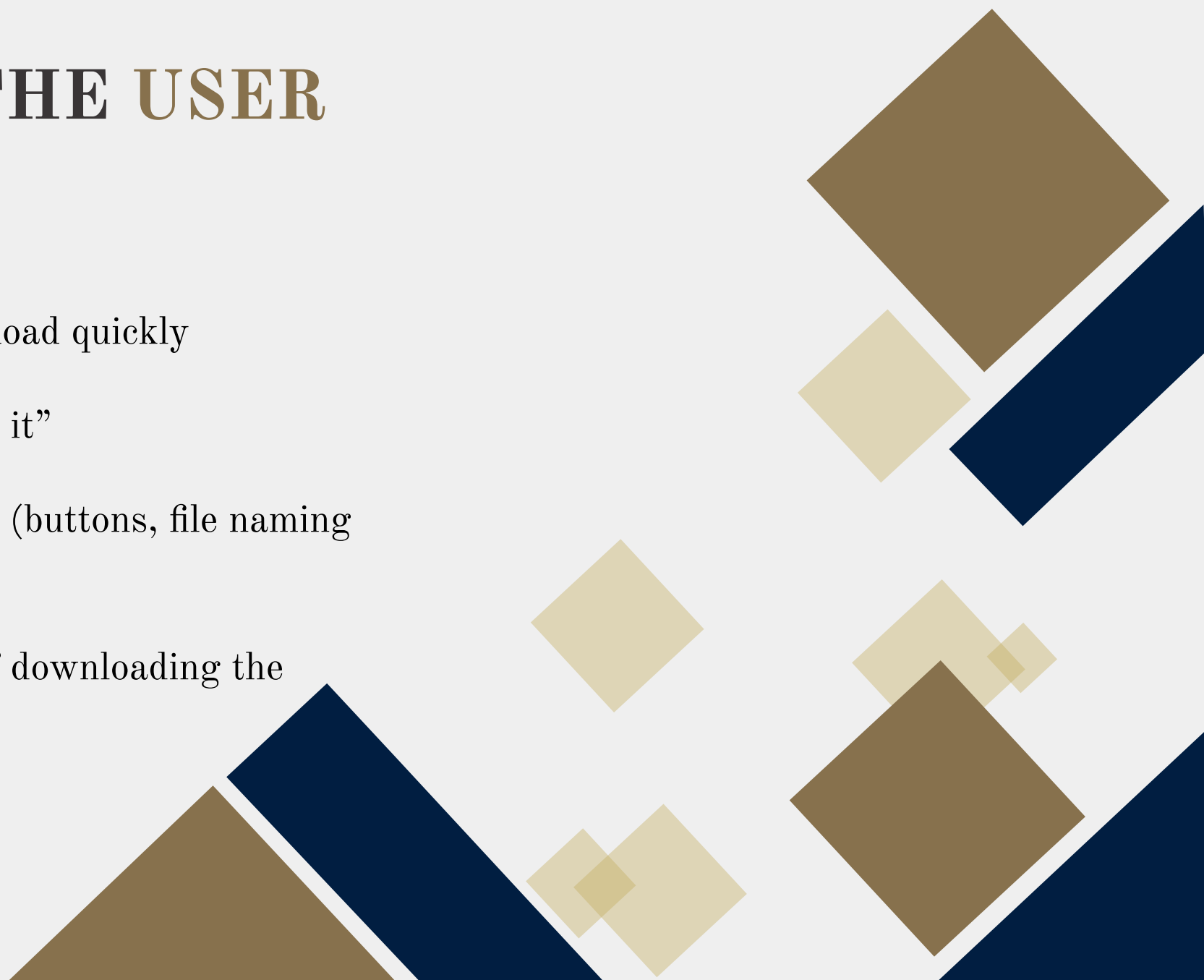
WHAT ABOUT THE USER EXPERIENCE?

Files too large and did not download quickly

User could not simply “just view it”

User behavior was unpredictable (buttons, file naming conventions)

“... is there any way the speed of downloading the interviews... can be sped up?”



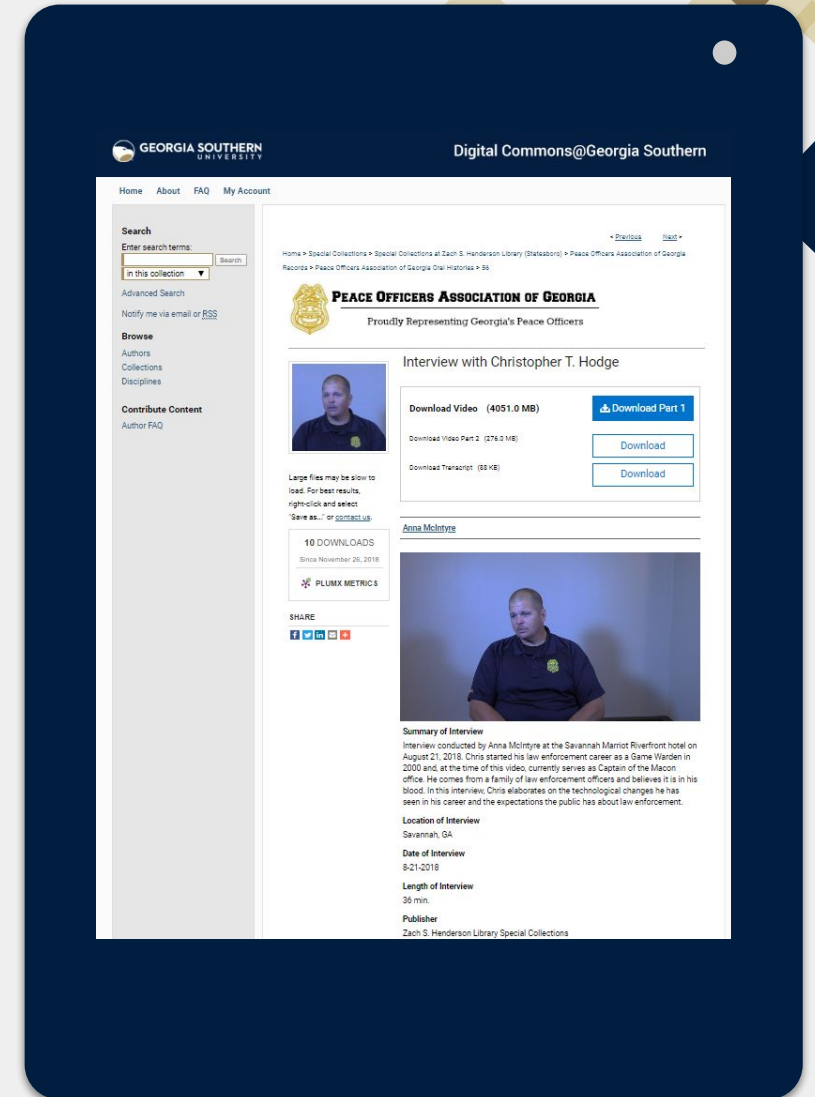
ADDITIONAL ENHANCEMENTS MADE TO THE COLLECTION

Worked with vendor to customize primary download button to “Download Part 1”

Added a video length field and transcript length fields

Concise, uniform descriptions for each interview

Investigated and implemented streaming capabilities



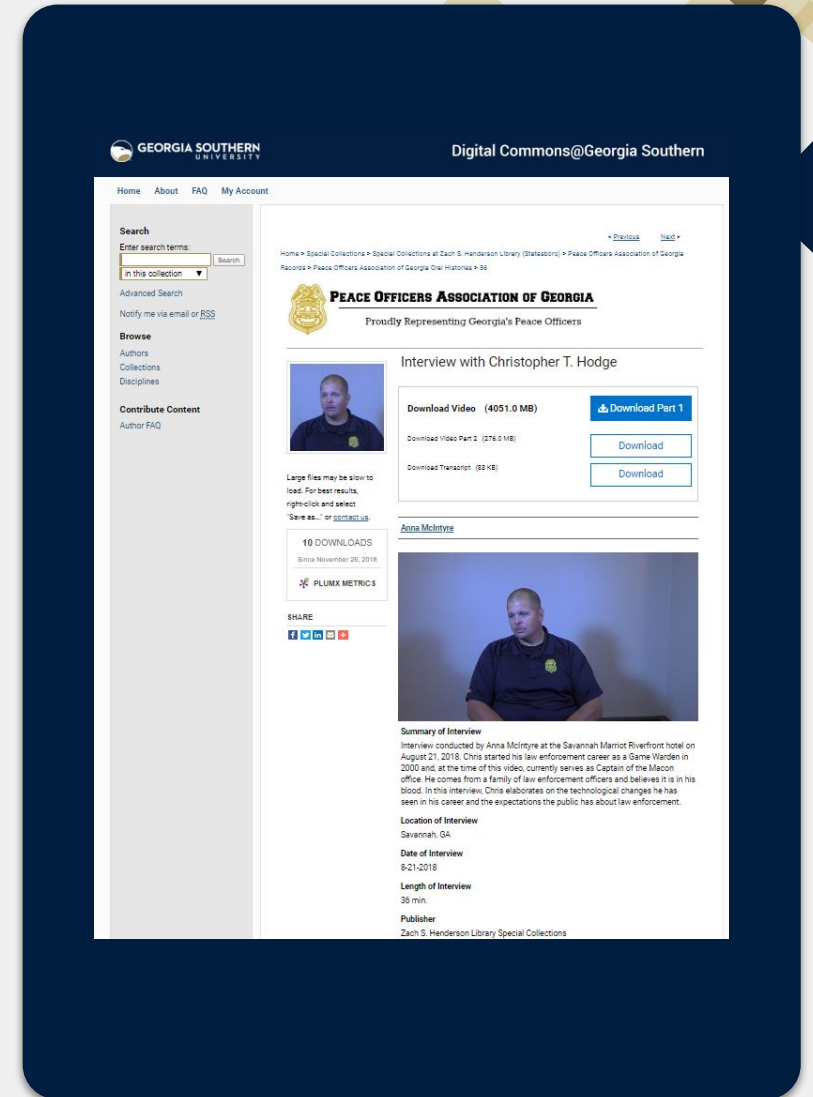
ADDITIONAL ENHANCEMENTS MADE TO THE COLLECTION

Adoption of Bepress' Native Streaming

February 2019- Work with vendor to utilize beta streaming capabilities with “Interview with John White”

April 11, 2019- Bepress officially announces native streaming

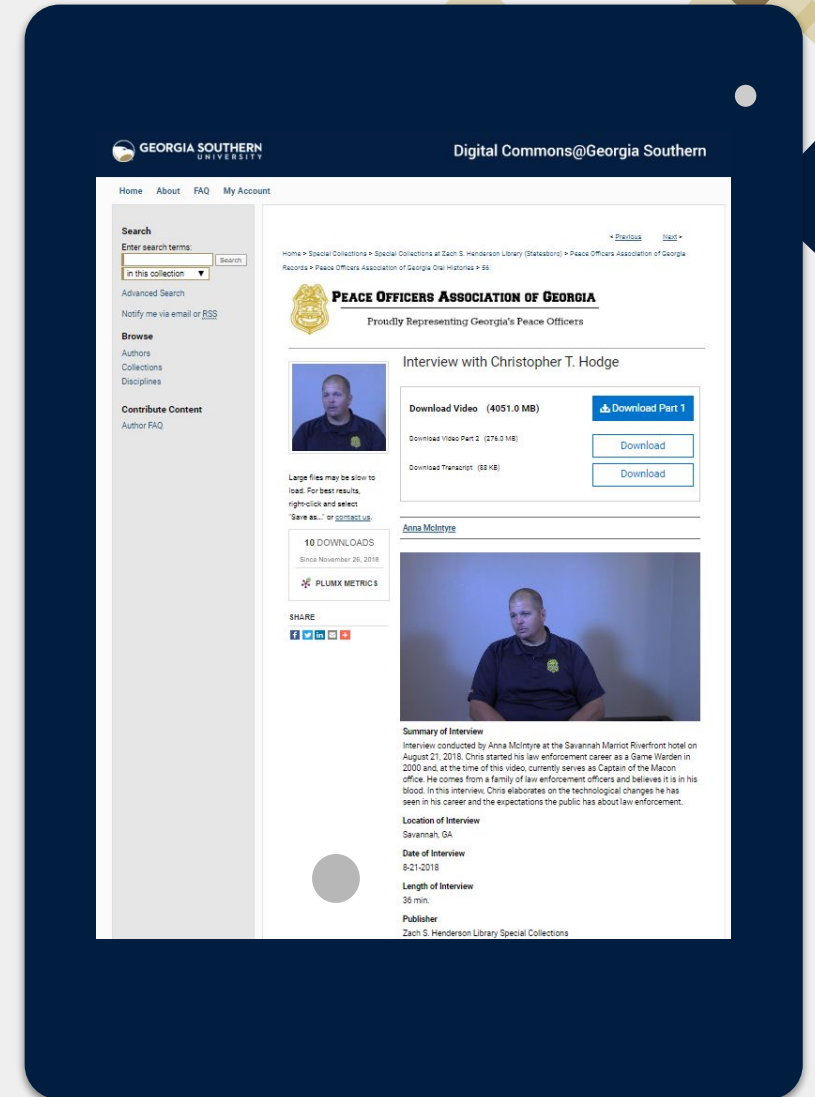
April 25, 2019- Worked with vendor to retroactively enable streaming



ADDITIONAL ENHANCEMENTS MADE TO THE COLLECTION

Interview release forms and donor agreements
digitized and added as supplemental content (May
2019 - Present)

Revised transcripts to maximize accessibility of
collections (August 2019 - Present)



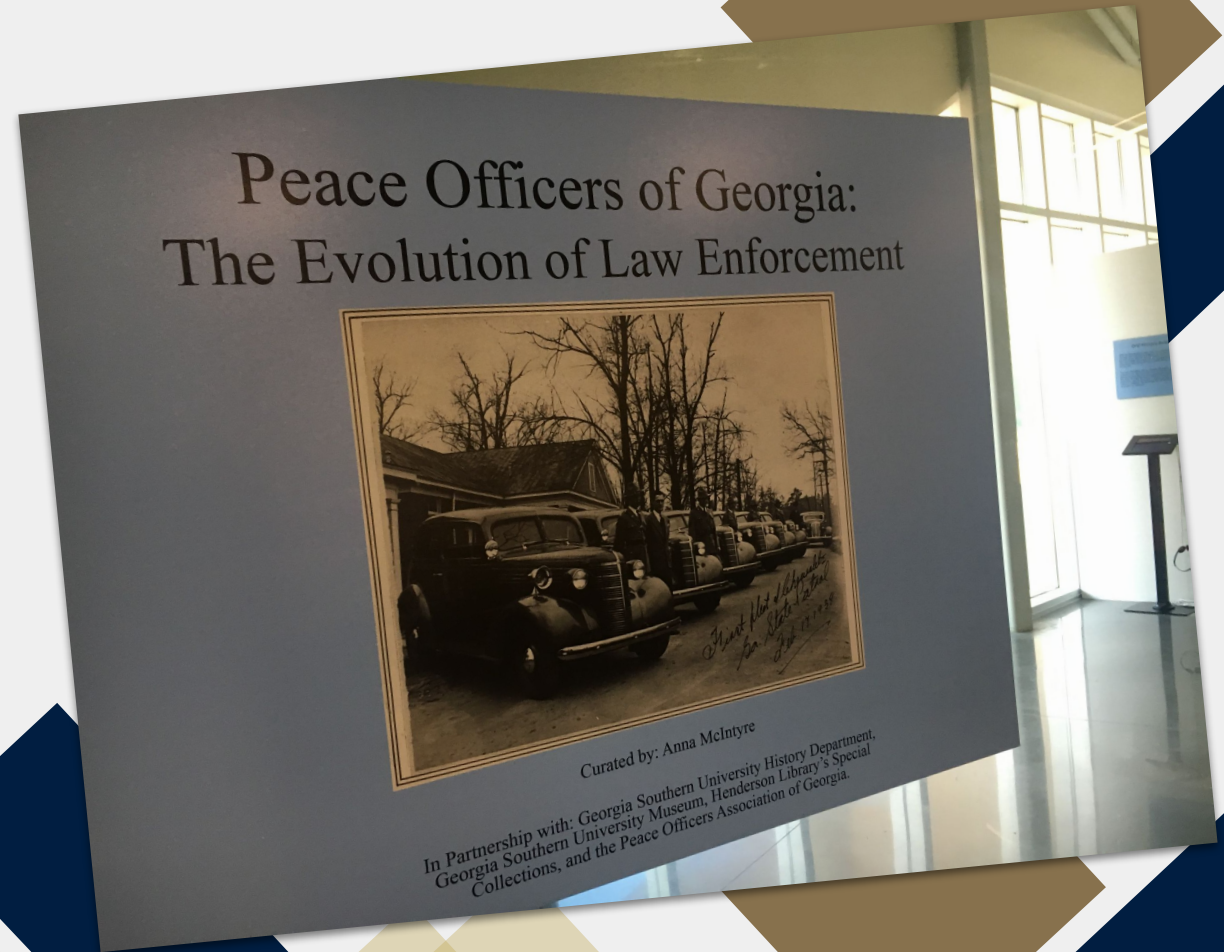
FORWARD MOMENTUM

Interviews are recorded with long-term preservation standards in mind

Single video files, legal documentation, and transcripts are transferred immediately to cloud drive

Interviews are permanently uploaded to Digital Commons each Fall/Spring semester

POAG continues to fund Graduate Assistant position through 2021



FORWARD MOMENTUM

Ogeechee Riverkeeper Oral Histories

Bulloch County Oral History Project

Zach S. Henderson Library

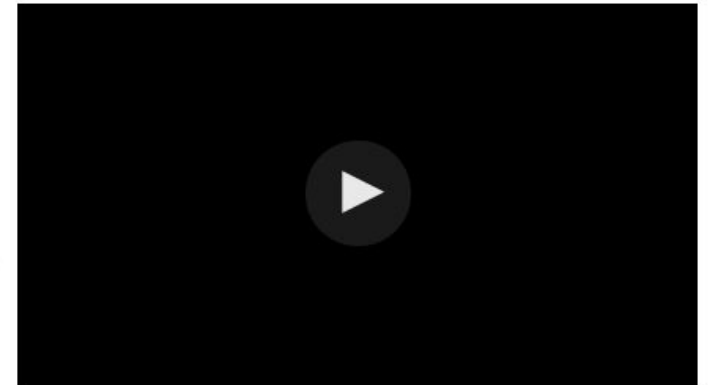
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OGEECHEE RIVERKEEPER ORAL HISTORIES



Interview with Shirley Anna Lanier Daughtry



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Location of Interview

Gutyon, Effingham County (Ga.)

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