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Drawing from her extensive research experience as a professional genealogist, Linda Woodward Geiger has developed a variety of lectures that are designed to meet the needs and diversity of her audiences. Where appropriate, case studies are woven into her lectures to provide the audience with concrete examples. Since 1992, she has presented lectures and seminars for local and national genealogical meetings and conferences and has conducted beginning genealogy classes for adults and young people.

Although she specializes in Georgia's state and county records prior to 1900 and a variety of federal records, particularly of the southeast region of the United States, Linda has extensive experience in many other geographic regions of the States. Her personal research involves New England records. Her *WOODWARD's WeSearch* website (formerly a printed newsletter) offers her the opportunity to explore a variety of other geographic regions and a diverse collection of genealogical and historical records. She also has had many educational experiences in genealogical research, including courses at the Institute on Genealogical and Historical Research at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama; the National Institute on Genealogical Research in Washington, D.C.; completion of the National Genealogical Society Home Study Course; attendance of national genealogical conferences; and meetings of the Atlanta Chapter of the Civil War Round Table. She is a former trustee of the Board for Certification of Genealogists and holds positions on several boards of genealogical and historical societies. Additionally she has designed and maintains web sites for a variety of genealogical and historical societies.

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