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The Altama Museum of Arts and History

The Altama Museum of Art and History is housed in a stately historic home near downtown Vidalia. Outside, the multi-storied building is marked with enormous columns and inviting porches. Inside is an array of paintings, statues, antiques and collections of Staffordshire porcelain. The museum is closed from mid-June to mid-September and mid-December to mid-January. During the rest of the year, it is open to the public and offers several showings and exhibits annually.

Genealogical Library

The Genealogical Library is nestled in downtown on Church Street behind the Children's Center offices with parking off of W. Meadows Street. This wonderful library is an incredible treasure of national importance, not just a library, but a private genealogical library containing one of the most extensive and valuable collections in the country. Visitors from 38 states have discovered the valuable asset of the library made available to the public in 1981. The library is a part of the public library system.

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Lyons Post Office

This ordinary Post Office is located at 131 North State Street, Lyons, and houses a very extraordinary piece of history. The Lyons Post Office is home to one of the very few remaining scultures

commissioned by the Section of Fine Arts, a federal government program created to commission artists to create public paintings and sculptures for public buildings, including many rural post offices. Once considered to be white-collar work done by boondogglers, the artwork and murals that still exist are modern-day treasures. Turn to the right when you enter the Post Office to view the sculpture hanging on the wall. Artist: Albino Manca, terra-cotta relief. Title: Wild Duck and Deer 1942.

® Onion & Vegetable Research Center

Ever wonder what make a ® Onion a ®? Visitors to the Research Center will gain insight into vegetable crop plot research. Seasonal onion tours of the ® Onion and Vegetable Research Center are available from late April through mid-June. Other crop research tours are available throughout the year.

Open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Located on Highway 178 approximately 15 miles South of Lyons.

Call 912.565.7822 to schedule a free tour.

Vidalia® Onion Museum

Discover the story behind the Vidalia® Sweet Onion! On April 10, 2003 the Vidalia® Onion Museum opened to the public to provide guests with an interactive, historical experience. The 1,300 sq ft space is filled with an array of educational exhibits that highlight the sweet onion's economic, cultural, and culinary significance. The museum is located at 100 Sweet Onion Drive, Vidalia, and open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Call 912.538.8687 for additional information.

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Shopping & Dining

Shoppers and diners in Toombs County will find thriving downtowns, friendly merchants, specialty products, boutiques, antiques and charming, locally-owned restaurants.

Toombs County also has shopping centers that feature national chain stores and restaurants, ensuring residents and visitors they can purchase the finest goods for their homes and families right here in our community.

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