

NEWSLETTER

Lower Altamaha Historical Society, Inc.
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Meetings are held at the Historic McIntosh County Courthouse on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM. The Society extends a hearty welcome to all.

LAHS Meeting, October 21, 1993: The program will be presented by F. Warren Murphy, Superintendent of Historic Structures, Jekyll Island Authority. Mr. Murphy has been directly involved with the restoration on Jekyll Island since 1986. He has supervised the restoration of the former club stables, Indian Mound, Goodyear, and Mistletoe cottages, Faith Chapel, and the structures along Pier Road. As an Independent consultant, he has been involved in restoration projects in Savannah, Brunswick, Midway and Darien. He was appointed to the Darien Historic Preservation Council in 1993. Warren Murphy and his family reside in Darien, Ga.

LAHS Meeting, November 18, 1993: The program will be presented by Joyce Blackburn, author, resident of St. Simons Island. *James Edward Oglethorpe* and *The Bloody Summer of 1742, A Colonial Boy's Journal* are two of the many books that Joyce Blackburn has written about our area. *James Edward Oglethorpe* will be re-published this year along with a new book, *Phoebe's Secret Diary*, about a girl of the Colonial era. LAHS will host an autograph party for Ms. Blackburn during the Bicentennial in December.

SPECIAL EVENTS

October 27, Cemetery Committee Meeting, Ida Hilton Library, 1:30 P.M.
Mattie Gladstone, Chairman

To Be Announced-- Field Trip to San Savilla Bluffs. The area of San Savilla Bluffs, on the Altamaha River, is directly connected with Mary Musgrove, Roswell King, a Spanish Mission and the "lost" town of Williamsburg. For reference see: "Early Days on the Georgia Tidewater" pages 43, 66, 530n.

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November 12 & 13- Fall Encampment at Fort King George 10am-5pm both days
Go back to a time when foreign powers struggled to control the coast of Georgia.
This has grown to be the largest encampment of 18th century reenactors on the Georgia coast. Units represented include; His Majesty's 41st Independent Co. of Foot, the 42nd Highland Regiment, the Georgia Highland Rangers, the Darien Highland Rangers, the Garrison of Saint Augustine, and loyal Indian

warriors and scouts.

December 11 Christmas at Fort King George 6pm--9pm

Help us explore the fascinating history of the holiday we call Christmas. See Christmas as it may have been celebrated in the 18th and 19th centuries.

For the kids we will have a modern day Santa complete with goodies for the boys and girls. For the adults we will have refreshments and the singing of carols.

December 18 & 19 McIntosh County Bicentennial

The LAHS and its membership is well represented on the committees for the McIntosh County Bicentennial, and all of the membership will want to participate in this celebration of the 200th Birthday of McIntosh County. Ken Akins is chairman of the 200th Living History Committee. On December 18 this committee invites you to share and experience one or all of the ten live vignettes that will be in different locations in Darien and McIntosh County. Some of these locations being Fort King George, The Thicket, St Cyprian's Episcopal Church, Old River Road, and the Historic Darien Waterfront. The Tour will conclude with a *Town Crier* proclaiming the establishment of McIntosh County. A Low Country Boil will be enjoyed that evening on the Historic Riverfront in Darien. Reservations will be required for this meal. LAHS invites you to an autograph party for Joyce Blackburn at the Chamber of Commerce on that day, December 18.

December 19--Ida Hilton Library--Dedication of the Monument, commemorating the Creation of McIntosh County. McIntosh County was created from Liberty County by an Act of the Legislature, December 19, 1793. Buddy Sullivan is program chairman for this event. Contact him at 485 2251 for further information.

THE LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY's first meeting was held at the Historic Courthouse, Darien, Georgia in May 1980. The idea of this organization was the vision of William G. Haynes and Norman Edwards, with the encouragement of Hans Neuhauser.

THE AIMS of the organization are:

1. The protection of the Altamaha River
2. The support of Fort King George and other historical sites.

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Membership in LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY is open to all those interested in preserving history. Annual fees for 1993-94 were due on May 1. A red line

on your address label, notes that your dues for 1993-94 have not been received by LAHS, therefore making this your final Newsletter.

LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

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