

NEWSLETTER

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Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM. The Society extends a hearty welcome to all.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES FOR LAHS MARCH MEETING IN DATE, LOCATION & TIME

LAHS MEETING, MARCH 24, WILL BE HELD AT FORT KING GEORGE, 6:30 P.M. The general public is invited to this outstanding program, there will be no charge. Please make every effort to be on time. The first part of the meeting will be the introduction and dedication of the recently completed Nature Trail.

LAHS Meeting, March 24, 1994, 6:30 P.M.: The Premiere of "Echoes of the Altamaha" will be but one of the many highlights of the program which will be presented by Ken Aikens, Superintendent of Fort King George. Following the dedication of the newly completed Nature Trail we will assemble in the Audio-Visual auditorium, which is a part of the Fort King George Interpretive Center., Ken will introduce and show the new film "Echoes of the Altamaha" which covers the events leading up to the building of Fort King George in 1721, and the aftermaths including the Scots settlement and Saw Mill period of the 1920's. This video will be used as the introduction to visitors to the Fort King George Historic Site. Another highlight will be when Ken shows an 8 minute Video of "DARIEN PAGEANT OF 1936" which was organized by Miss Bessie Lewis and held on the Lower Bluff where Fort King George is located today. Old photographs of Darien will also be shown.

Ken Aikens was born and reared in Blairsville, Georgia. His formal education started in Blairsville at Young Harris College. He was graduated, Summa Cum Laude from Piedmont College, Demorest, Georgia with a Bachelor of Arts in History in Secondary Education. He has graduate degree credits at Georgia Southern University toward a Masters degree in Education with emphasis on the Gifted Student and History. Ken's first employment from College was teaching High School History in the Union County School System, where he was also the Tennis Coach. In 1982 he was employed by the Department of Natural Resources as the Interpretive Ranger at Fort King George. In 1984 he was promoted to the Assistant Superintendent at the A.H. Stevens State Park, Crawfordville, Georgia. In 1986, he accepted his present position as Superintendent of Fort King George Historic Site. Ken is a member of the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries and on the Board of Directors of the Lower Altamaha Historical Society.

LAHS MEETING, APRIL 21, WILL BE HELD AT IDA HILTON LIBRARY, HAYNES AUDITORIUM

LAHS Meeting, April 21, 1994, 7:30 P.M.: The program will be "Joseph LeConte, Georgia's Greatest Scientist in the 19th Century" presented by Lester D. Stephens, Professor, University of Georgia, Department of History. Professor Stephens has been made available to LAHS from the Franklin College Outreach Program of the University of Georgia.

Just across Bulltown Swamp from McIntosh County into Liberty a few miles from Jonesville was Woodmanston, the Liberty County rice plantation of the LeConte family. Internationally known Dr. Joseph LeConte was born at Woodmanston plantation in 1823.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

"Eighteenth Century, Six pounder, British Naval Cannon" will be fired on regular schedule at Fort King George in 1994.

LAHS has been instrumental in helping Fort King George acquire an eighteenth century, six pounder, British Naval Cannon, which has been installed near the Block House, overlooking the Altamaha River. The firing of the Cannon will take place on the second and fourth Saturday's of each month at Fort King George, on the hour, between the hours of 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM. A Re-enactment Crew will give a short talk and demonstration and conduct the firing, weather permitting.

FIRING DATES: March 11 & 12, March 26, April 9, April 23

March 11 & 12, 18th Century Rendezvous, Fort King George, 10:A.M.-4:P.M.
A living history portrayal of early 18th century life at Fort King George in the wilderness that was to become the great state of Georgia. This program depicts daily life for the soldiers of the early 18th century on the frontier. Demonstrations will be presented throughout the day.

April 26, CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

Everett Moriarty will be placing small Confederate flags at the gravesites of Confederate service veterans in cemeteries throughout McIntosh County. He will also place a spray of flowers on the Confederate Memorial at the Court House in Darien.

INTERESTING!!

Recently, Mattie Gladstone found under a layer of dirt, a Marble Headstone in Upper Mill Cemetery. The triple stone was engraved in German language. Our gratitude goes to Mike Way, Darien Insurance Agency, for the translation.

Hier ruhet Lizzie Pfeffer
geb 18, June, 1864
gest 9, März, 1873.

Hier ruhet meine Liebe
Frau Sophie Pfeffer
mit zwe Kindern

Hier ruhet
Emma Pfeffer
geb 2, Januar, 1867
gest 25, Oktober 1869

Sophie Pfeffer geb Muller
ge zu Schwetzinger gross
hzt Baden
A.M. 15, Sept 1836
gest 9, März 1873

Here rest Lizzie Pfeffer
born 18, June, 1864
left us 9, March, 1873

Here rest my loving
wife Sophie Pfeffer
with two children

Here rest
Emma Pfeffer
born 2, January 1867
left us 25, October 1869

Sophie Pfeffer born Muller
in greater Schwestinger
Baden
A.D. 15, September 1836
left us 9, March, 1873