

NEWSLETTER

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Meetings are held at the Ida Hilton Library, Haynes Auditorium, on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. The Society extends a hearty welcome to all.

"DARIEN WATERFRONT, 1862"

ARTIST, JOHN STOBART

**PREMIERE SHOWING RECEPTION, NOVEMBER 21, 1995, 5 P.M.
"RHETT'S HILL" [HOME OF DYSON & LLOYD FLANDERS]
KING GEORGE DRIVE--DARIEN, GEORGIA**

John Stobart, from England, now living in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, is an International Marine Artist. Some of the historical seaports he has interpreted in oil on canvass are Charleston, Savannah, Hilton Head. Among several of the galleries where his works are shown is the "John Stobart Gallery at Harbor Heard", Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

During the past year, John Stobart, with the help of Buddy Sullivan, has been doing the historical research on the waterfront of Darien as it was in 1862. Stobart is an artist with a special talent of interpreting historical research on canvass and bringing authentic life to historical locations such as the Darien waterfront of 1862.

This recently completed works, will be shown for the first time at a LAHS RECEPTION, on Tuesday, November 21, 5 P.M., "Rhett's Hill" [home of Dyson & Lloyd Flanders], King George Drive, Darien. The Original and Prints will be offered for sale. After the showing, you may purchase Prints at the Darien Welcome Center.

LAHS members, friends, and the general public are invited to the reception. Buddy Sullivan is glad to offer any additional information about this Painting.

LAHS MEETING, NOVEMBER 16, 1995, 7:30 P.M. : The program will be presented by Mary D. Robertson, of Savannah, retired professor of History at Armstrong State College, Savannah. Mrs. Robertson will discuss her recently published book *A Confederate Lady Comes of Age: The Journal of Pauline DeCaradeuc Heyward, 1863-1888. edited by Mary D. Robertson.* This book was a part of Women's Diaries and Letters of the Nineteenth-Century South Series, published by University of South Carolina Press, 1991.

Mary Robertson will present to us, this diary of Pauline Heyward enriched with background that turns cliches about antebellum southern belles into something infinitely more varied and complex. The diary in addition to a well-told story of exciting times gives the insights of a cultivated, skillful writer, who knew important people and held strong opinions.

LAHS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION, DECEMBER 9, 1995, 6 P.M. until 8 P.M.

A ENGLISH YULE AT FORT KING GEORGE

LAHS will celebrate the joyous season with the Yule Log, carols, refreshments, 18th century dance, the firing of the Christmas Guns, and also St. Nicholas will be in the museum for the young ones. The evening will be highlighted by a reenactment of how the soldiers of the Fort may have actually spent Christmas.

It will be a bit different than what we are used to today. Come and enjoy the Spirit of Christmas past.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Nov. 17, 18 Fall Encampment & Reenactment FORT KING GEORGE 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Visit the Site and learn of the foreign powers that were struggling to control the Georgia Coast. Re-enactors from all over the Southeast will be in period attire. English Independents, Rangers, Spanish Soldiers, Boatmen, and Highlanders will be encamped at the site and will present various demonstrations of 18th century skills and drills. The 17th will be dedicated to school groups. The 18th is high lighted at 2 p.m. with a battle between the Spanish and English for control of the Fort.

The Heyward connection with McIntosh County

Excerpts from *Early Days on the Georgia Tidewater* by Buddy Sullivan

page 173--A complicated series of transactions completed in 1803 resulted in the acquisition of Broughton Island by William Brailsford of Charleston.

Brailsford concluded his purchase from the Henry Laurens estate and proceeded to amplify the cultivation of rice on the island.

Brailsford was the son of English merchant Samuel Brailsford and had moved to Charleston after the Revolution. In 1786, William Brailsford married Maria Heyward, the daughter of a powerful South Carolina rice-planting family. [William G. Haynes, Jr. relates that the famous Rice Bed, which today is at Broadfield and Hofwyl plantation, was brought there by this couple.]

page 138--Major Jacob Wood married Elizabeth Jane Brailsford at Broughton Island in 1807. She was the eldest daughter of William and Maria (Heyward) Brailsford.

page 261--Daniel Heyward Brailsford was the brother-in-law of Dr. James McGillivray Troup who, in 1814, had married Camilla Brailsford.

page 176--The Broadfield plantation in north Glynn County was devoted to the culture of rice, and not until the death of Mrs. Maria Heyward Brailsford did it become the residence of the Troup family.

page 260-261--By early 1820's Sutherland's Bluff had become the site of a plantation cultivated by Daniel Heyward Brailsford, the son of William Brailsford (1760-1810).---In 1821, D. H. Brailsford became the son-in-law of Thomas Spalding of Sapelo when he married Thomas and Sara Spalding's oldest child, Jane Martin Leake Spalding (1796-1861).page 385--June 14, 1873 :Captain William Brailsford (1826-1887), son of D.H. and Jane Spalding Brailsford.--living in Bryan County, Retreat Plantation.

**GEORGIA HISTORICAL MARKERS--Located on Ga.99, 12.2 miles east of US 17
BAISDEN'S BLUFF ACADEMY**

Located a short distance East of here, near the River, Baisden's Bluff Academy was the main educational institution in McIntosh County in the early years of the 19th century. A Boarding School, operating the year round, its roll held the names of prominent families of this county and from adjoining areas.

"Mr. Linder" was Principal. General Francis Hopkins, William. A. Dunham, James Dunwoody, James Smith and Jacob Wood were Commissioners.

In 1823 torrential rains washed the dormitory into the river, leaving a ravine which can still be seen. The school never recovered.