

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

April 2008

"The Mission of the Lower Altamaha Historical Society is to Preserve and Disseminate the History of McIntosh County."

LAHS Meeting, Thursday, April 17, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

**Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B& J Pizza**

"Benjamin Franklin – The Enterprising American and the Founding Father" will be presented by Jack Ferguson. Benjamin Franklin was one of the most interesting of The Founding Fathers – when he entered politics he devoted his life to the various elements of that 'game' for over fifty years, but he never stopped being a scientist."

Mr. Ferguson was born and raised in Atlanta, attended Emory University for two years, and completed his undergraduate work at Duke University with a Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He worked in the textile industry for several years before joining Lockheed where he worked for 36 years. He retired in 1987 and has travelled extensively with his wife, both within the United States and abroad. He became interested in genealogy and joined the Sons of the American Revolution and several other historical and heritage societies. He makes historical presentations to school children and adult groups and currently has over fifty different talks on individuals and events of the Colonial and Revolutionary times.

*CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY
APRIL 26, 2008*

LAHS Meeting, Thursday, May 15, 2008, 5:00 P.M.

**POT LUCK PICNIC SUPPER
Fort King George Historic Site**

Please plan to attend the LAHS picnic supper and bring a dish to share. LAHS will furnish drinks and the meat. Come and enjoy great fellowship! Also planned is a tour of the new Library/Archives building.

LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, June 19, 2008, 4:00 p.m.

Fort King George Historic Site

LAHS members are always welcome.

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Sudy Vance Leavy, Darien resident, will be sharing highlights from her new book, "*Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation*," an addition to the Images of America series by Arcadia Publishing. The plantation, home to five generations, was bequeathed to the State of Georgia by Ophelia Dent at her death in 1973. Her hope was that future generations would enjoy the beauty of this special place and understand how each family found a way to bestow it upon the next.

A native Georgian, Ms. Leavy has lived on the coast for more than 40 years. A lover of history and a portrayer of historic women, she was an area tour guide and led mobile tours around the Golden Isles, Fort King George, Butler Island and Hofwyl-Broadfield.

ELECTION OF LAHS OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS: The election of Officers and members to the Board of Directors will be held at the April 17, 2008 meeting. Those elected will take office in May for a term of two years. The Nominating Committee - Jean Hawkins, Chairperson; Ann Howard and Howard Klippel - has submitted the following proposed slate for 2008-2010:

President - *Harriet Roberson*

Vice President - *Jack Godfrey*

Secretary - *Dee Slagle*

Treasurer - *Kaye Traer*

Board members - *Martha Carney, Dan Good, Betty Ewing, Carole Williams*

Nominations from the floor will be accepted for any LAHS member that has given their consent for the nomination. Additionally, Carol Churi has been elected to replace David Miller on the 2007-2009 board.

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BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Darien, GA

April 11-13, 2008

*News from the Board of Directors:*

- Exciting plans are underway for LAHS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary festivities in Fall 2009, including a new book by Buddy Sullivan and a historical marker at Ashantilly Center. If you have any ideas for commemorating this anniversary, please call Harriet Roberson. Stay tuned for more details during the coming months.
- Our 12'x20' Library/Archives building is in place at Fort King George. Work is in progress to complete setup and install shelving, etc. As soon as work is done, we can begin moving files, books, and other materials. Anyone interested in assisting with the move, cataloging materials, supervising the building's use, etc., please call Harriet Roberson.

*COMING EVENTS:*

**Field Trip:** *June 10, 2008 (rain date June 12, 2008) – Jim Jordan, author and LAHS member, will be leading an architectural history walking tour of Savannah. Lunch plans have been made at the SoHo Café, with a house tour (house to be announced later) planned for the afternoon. Cost is approximately \$30.00 per person and includes lunch. Reservations will be limited to the first 25 persons.*

Please call Jean Hawkins at 912-832-6588 for reservations or further information.

*OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:*

Two websites for information on Georgia and Georgia history are:

[www.georgiahistory.com](http://www.georgiahistory.com)      The Georgia Historical Society's library, archives, and educational offerings, on-line exhibits and an on-line public access catalog.

[www.georgiaencyclopedia.org](http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org)      This site has won many awards and is a great resource.

**\*\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*\*** ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY.  
PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP -- REMINDERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID. INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN SO THEY CAN LEARN OF OUR LOCAL HISTORICAL HERITAGE. YOU CAN SEND YOUR CHECK TO LAHS, P.O. BOX 1405, DARIEN GA 31305 OR GIVE TO JEANNE KLIPPEL, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, OR KAYE TRAER, TREASURER.  
LAHS VALUES YOUR SUPPORT.

Life \$250.00 – Corporate \$100.00 Annual – Libraries \$25.00 – Family \$20.00  
Individual \$15.00 – Student \$5.00

**LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

P.O. Box 1405 – Darien, GA 31305

[www.loweraltamahahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.loweraltamahahistoricalsociety.org)

LAHS Officers 2006-2008

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|----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| President      | Harriet Roberson   | 912-265-6729 |
| Vice-President | Jack Godfrey       | 912-832-5622 |
| Secretary      | Elizabeth A. Ewing | 912-832-5089 |
| Treasurer      | Kaye Traer         | 912-832-5150 |

2006-2008

Harry Clark  
Howard Klippel  
Carole Williams  
Lamar Williamson

2007-2009

Jim Bruce  
Carol Churi  
Mary Evelyn Hoffhaus  
Chris Milner

Past-President

Peyton Lingle

Director Emeritus

Buddy Sullivan

Committee Chairpersons

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ft. King George    | Steven Smith                |
| Membership         | Jeanne Klippel              |
| Programs           | Howard Klippel              |
| Scholarship        | Ann Howard                  |
| Field Trips        | Jean Hawkins                |
| Altamaha "Echoes"  | Carole Williams             |
| Publications/Books | Mary Evelyn Hoffhaus        |
| Historian          | Buddy Sullivan              |
| Hospitality        | Harry & Mary Virginia Clark |
| Webmaster          | Jim Bruce                   |

Life Memberships

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Muriel Bell            | Bill Jones III        |
| Laura Berolzheimer     | David Miller          |
| Darien Telephone Co.   | Chris & Ward Milner   |
| Mrs. Caroline B. Davis | Bill & Sherry Minnich |
| John & Mary Dean       | Frances Pollard       |
| Enterprise Rent-A-Car  | John Reehling         |
| Lloyd Flanders         | Jeff & Kelly Spratt   |
| Gus & Marg Hallman     |                       |

Honorary Memberships

Mattie Gladstone  
Everett Moriarty  
Myrtle Newberry  
Isabel Mealing  
Lillian Schaitberger

Corporate Memberships:

Sapelo National Bank  
The Book Shop, Inc., Harold  
& Virginia Hicks  
Coastal GA Historical Society  
"The Lodge," Little St. Simons Is

**FORT KING GEORGE STATE HISTORIC SITE**

P.O. Box 711 – Darien, GA 31305 ---- 912-437-4770

[www.gastateparks.org/fortkinggeorge](http://www.gastateparks.org/fortkinggeorge)

Living History Programs for students and guests are a daily activity at the Fort. Reenactors allow an eighteenth century experience for the observer.

*Monday, May 26, 2008, 10:00 am – 4 pm*

*Cannon firings on the hour, musket firings  
on the half-hour to commemorate  
Memorial Day.*

**\* GEORGIA PATRIOTS DAY \***

**Memorial Ceremony**  
**Saturday, April 19, 2008, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Casino Covered Courtyard -**  
**St. Simons Island, GA**

**Commemorating the Frederica Naval Action at  
St. Simons Island on April 19, 1778**

*Guest Speaker: Bruce A. Wilcox*  
*President General, National Society Sons of the  
American Revolution*

*Living History Exhibits – demonstrations of  
Colonial activities & presentations*

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