

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

February 2013

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

LAHS Meeting, Thursday, February 21, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Pizza



"A Legacy Drawn in Maps: The Story of John C. Fremont" will be the subject of this month's program. Georgia Historical Society Education Coordinator Sophia Sineath will be our guest speaker. Focusing on the Georgia Historical Festival's 2013 featured historical character, John C. Fremont, the presentation will examine Fremont's adventures in the American West, exploring the lasting impacts of his three most famous western expeditions from 1842-1846.

John Charles Fremont was born in Savannah, GA in January 1813, and had an interesting and varied career – from being a mathematics instructor for the US Navy to serving as California Senator to running unsuccessfully as the first Republican candidate for President of the United States in 1856. He died in New York City in 1890.

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Kevin Kiernan will be presenting *"Archaeology on the Lower Altamaha: The Elizafield and Evelyn Presentation Sites."* He will focus on the tabby ruins on those two sites, as well as the complex of Indian mounds at Evelyn.

Kevin Kiernan is Professor of English Emeritus, T. Marshall Hahn Sr. Professor of Arts and Sciences Emeritus, University of Kentucky. He received his PhD from Case Western Reserve University in 1970. He was on the Board of Directors, Society for Georgia Archaeology from 2008-2012 and also Chair of the Fall 2010 meeting of SGA, *"Historic Preservation of Prehistoric, Colonial and Plantation Structures on the Coast."* He has done extensive field work in the area and shared his knowledge of archaeology through several publications and numerous presentations throughout the South.

Happy Presidents' Day
February 18, 2013

LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 2013, 4:00 p.m.

Fort King George Historic Site

LAHS members are always welcome

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Mark Waters (“*Whatever Happened to the Confederate Gold?*”) returns to present the “*Rest of the Story*” from his September 2012 program. The value of the Confederate treasury was estimated to be in the neighborhood of more than \$10 million in today’s value. He will focus on what happened to it and what was accounted for and what was not.



Mark attended Duke University and the University of Georgia, and earned his PhD from UGA. He has published articles on the Confederate treasury and missing Virginia assets.

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*News from the Board of Directors:*

- *A nominating committee of Lloyd Flanders, Ed Myer, and Bob Hawkins has been formed to begin the search for members who would be willing to fill the President, Treasurer and 4 Board position slots – all are for 2-year terms. Please consider this thoughtfully when you are contacted. The Committee will make their report in April, elections are held in May, and those selected will assume their jobs in June.*
- *The Archives Building will be closed from Thanksgiving through the Christmas holidays each year.*
- *There are only 2 afghans left – if you want one, you can purchase it for \$50 at the McIntosh County Visitor’s Center.*
- *LAHS has donated \$500 to the “Burning of Darien” Committee as they prepare to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the occurrence with several major events in May and June, 2013.*

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***FIELD TRIP NEWS:*** *The trip to Cumberland Island on March 4 for the “Lands and Legacy” tour that was announced at the November meeting was filled up immediately. It is a new trip for LAHS – if anyone drops out, please notify me as soon as possible as we have a waiting list of others who would like to go. If the trip is as interesting as we expect it to be, another trip could be scheduled in a few months if there are as many as ten others who would like to go. We will keep you posted.*

*Harriet Roberson 265-6729*

## ***ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY***

*Life Membership - \$250 Corporate - \$100 Individual - \$15 Family - \$20 Student - \$5*

*Make your check payable to LAHS, P.O. Box 1405, Darien 31305, or give to Dee Slagle, Co-Membership Chairperson, or Betty Cleveland, Treasurer.*

*We value your membership and hope that you will continue to enjoy all the benefits of being a member: great programs, quarterly newsletters, field trips, summer picnic, Christmas party, free admission to Ft. King George - and friendly fellowship with other members.*

## ***MEMBERSHIP NEWS***

*It is always a pleasure to welcome new members:*

- *John and Jean Patelidas, Darien*
- *Peter and Paula Conover, Brunswick*

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## ***COMING EVENTS:***

*Saturday, February 9 - Sunday, February 10, FORT KING GEORGE STATE HISTORIC SITE, Clan Donald Jamboree. Beginning at 4:30 on Saturday, the event kicks off with a cannon firing. Later there will be a Presentation of the Haggis. Traditional Scottish wares, crafts, and foods are a highlight of this cultural event. \$15 per person, \$30 per couple, RSVP.*

*Saturday, February 23, 2013, 9:00 am - 6:00 pm, SHERMAN'S MARCH TO THE SEA THROUGH EAST CENTRAL GEORGIA, sponsored by East Georgia State College, Learn about the significant sites and hear local anecdotes related to the March. Lunch and transportation are included with trip fee. Registration deadline is February 19 - fee is \$70.00; after February 13, fee is \$80.00. To register, call Office of External Affairs, East Georgia State College, 478-289-2133.*

*May - June, 2013 - MAJOR EVENTS TO COMMEMORATE THE 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE "BURNING OF DARIEN" by Union troops on June 11, 1863. More info will follow in the coming months!*

*CONGRATULATIONS  
to  
Buddy Sullivan  
on his retirement as  
Director of Sapelo Island National Estuarine Reserve.*

**LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

P.O. Box 1405 – Darien, GA 31305

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

**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)

*The oldest English fort remaining on  
Georgia's coast.*

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Lloyd Y. Flanders  
Buddy Sullivan

Committee Chairpersons

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ft. King George    | Steven Smith                  |
| Membership         | Jim Bruce/Dee Slagle          |
| Programs           | Howard Klippel                |
| Scholarship        | Ann Howard                    |
| Field Trips        | Harriet Roberson              |
| Altamaha "Echoes"  | Carole Williams               |
| Publications/Books | Hoyt Carney                   |
| Historian          | Buddy Sullivan                |
| Hospitality        | Mary Virginia & Harry Clark   |
| Webmaster          | Jim Bruce                     |
| Archives           | Martha Carney/Casey MacMillan |

Life Memberships

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Muriel Bell               | Cecil & Sandra Hudson   |
| Marsha Certain            | Bill Jones III          |
| Certus Bank               | Harriet Langford        |
| Coastal GA Historical Soc | David Miller            |
| Darien Telephone Co.      | Chris & Ward Milner     |
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| John & Mary Dean          | Barbara Poetzman        |
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| Read Gignilliat           | Eloise Thompson         |
| Gus & Marg Hallman        | Jesse & Glenda Varnedoe |

Honorary Life Memberships

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Jim & Barbara Bruce | Everett Moriarty |
| Ralph Gill Jr.      | Myrtle Newberry  |
| Mattie Gladstone    | Buddie Sullivan  |

**Scottish Heritage Days  
Spring Encampment**

*Friday, March 22 - Sunday, March 24, 2013  
10 am – 4 pm*

*A variety of living history demonstrations devoted to Scottish and colonial culture will be featured. Numerous Scottish conveners and genealogists will be in attendance. A Battle re-enactment will take place at 2 pm Saturday. Scottish games on Sunday!*

**OUR ARCHIVES/LIBRARY BUILDING,  
ON THE GROUNDS OF  
FORT KING GEORGE HISTORIC SITE,  
IS OPEN EVERY THURSDAY EXCEPT  
THANKSGIVING THROUGH CHRISTMAS  
FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**



**Confederate Memorial Day  
April 26, 2013**

