

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

November 2013

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

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

Peter Mullen (*"Civil War Medicine: Infectious Disease & Immunity"*) returns with a fascinating dialogue written and presented in "living history" format in the persona of Pvt. R. M. Heater, reflecting 19th century period attire and language. *"Memoirs from the Bluegrass"* is based on Pvt. Heater's memoirs of living on a farm near Pleasant Hill, Kentucky and how he became a Confederate Soldier during the turbulent times of the Civil War.

Mr. Mullen is a native born Kentuckian and a graduate of the University of Louisville and Western Kentucky University earning degrees in Bachelor of Arts and Master of Science and currently living in Callahan, FL where he is professor at Florida State College at Jacksonville. He is a member of the Speakers Bureau for the Georgia Historical Society, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Michigan Veterans of the Civil War, Anthropological Multicultural Association of the South, and Florida State College. He lectures to professional and historical societies nationwide in observance of the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War. Professor Mullen was commissioned by Gov. Steven LO. Beshear of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a *Kentucky Colonel* on September 20, 2011 in the 220th year of the Commonwealth.

November 11, 2013
Veterans Day



LAHS CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 5, 2013, 5:30 p.m.



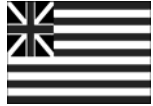
Our hosts, Bob and Jean Hawkins and Howard and Jeanne Klippel, once again welcome us to the beautifully decorated Belvedere Plantation for a wonderful evening of Christmas celebration. Howard has cheerfully agreed to *"formulate"* the eggnog recipe that Everett Moriarty graciously passed on to him, and LAHS will be providing the entrée, table set-up and drinks. Sign-up sheets for your contribution – salad, dessert, vegetable, appetizer - will be available at the November meeting as well as maps to the location. Here's your chance to get the holidays off to a wonderful start with a great group of friends and enjoy some delicious food as well. Join us for an enjoyable evening!



LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, January 16, 2014, 4:00 p.m.
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"*Flags Over Revolutionary Georgia*" will be presented by Bill Ramsaur ("*War in Liberty County*"). He will display and describe ten flags that flew over Revolutionary Georgia, along with key historical personalities and events associated with each flag. The Grand



Union flag (illustrated here) was created to celebrate General George Washington's newly established Continental Army. This flag, also known as the Continental Colors, because it represented the entire nation, was never officially sanctioned by the Continental Congress, but was recognized as the American national flag between 1775 and 1777.

As part of a Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution committee, Bill helped to identify and document Georgia's Revolutionary War Trail. He served as editor of the series of nine historical brochures that describe major Revolutionary War battles along the Savannah River and Coastal Georgia. Bill resides on St. Simons Island with his wife, Gloria, and is a member of the Lower Altamaha Historical Society.

It is always a pleasure to welcome new members:

- *George and Pat Bowers, Darien*
- *Joe and Beth Keaton, Darien*

<p>** NOTICE: Annual Membership Dues are Due In January ** Life Membership - \$250 Corporate - \$100 Individual - \$15 Family - \$20 Student - \$5</p>
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Make your check payable to LAHS, P.O. Box 1405, Darien, 31305, or give to Dee Slagle, Co-Membership Chairperson, or Betty Cleveland, Treasurer.

Coming Events:

Saturday, November 2, Darien Fall Fest: Visit the Trailhead Center in Downtown Darien to see the real story of the Burning of Darien.

Saturday, November 2, Ashantilly Center, 1:00 pm, Lecture on Plantations in McIntosh County, Buddy Sullivan.

Thanks once again to Harriet Roberson for arranging a fabulous field trip to Springfield to Effingham jail, and Living beautiful day lunch at Ms. then toured the Civil War items The the summer shop to an old several



tour the historic Society's Museum, an old Historic Site. Our started with a delightful Jean's in Rincon. We Museum which houses to World War II items. outbuildings range from house to the blacksmith infirmary. We had volunteers for the tour

and the use of a golf cart for those that weren't as mobile. A lot has been accomplished on the site in the past 19 years and there are plans for many more additions. If you haven't been to the museum, it's well worth the trip! Thanks again, Harriet.

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This day in history

(to coincide with meeting dates)

November 21, 1860 – Following the Nov. 6 election of Abraham Lincoln as President, Gov. Joseph E. Brown signed an act calling for a secession convention in Georgia. According to the legislation, on the first Wednesday in January 1861, elections would be held throughout the state to elect delegates to the convention, which would convene in Milledgeville on Jan. 16. 1861.

December 5, 1864 - In his memoirs, Gen. Sherman recalled that things went well as his force began the final leg of its March to the Sea. “On the 5th of December I reached Ogeechee Church about 50 miles from Savannah, and found there fresh earthworks, which had been thrown up by McLaw’s Division, but he must have seen that both his flanks were being turned and prudently retreated to Savannah without a fight. All the columns then pursued leisurely their march toward Savannah, corn and forage becoming more and more scarce, but rice fields beginning to occur along the Savannah and Ogeechee Rivers, which provided a good substitute, both as food and forage. The weather was fine, the roads good, and everything seemed to favor me.”

January 16, 1862 - From Savannah, J. H. Graham wrote to his wife in Coweta County about camp life early in the Civil War: “I have been here twelve days, and it seems that I have been away from home nearly twelve weeks. You have no idea how much I want to see you and the children, to be at home once more. ‘Home Sweet Home.’ There is no place like home”

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The oldest English fort remaining on Georgia's coast.

The Debatable Land-Autumn Encampment

Friday, November 8 –

Saturday, November 9, 2013

10am – 4 pm

A wide range of living history presentations will be given highlighting all the various cultures and peoples that inhabited our region before Georgia was established in the 1730s. A battle re-enactment will take place at 2 pm.

A Colonial Christmas at Fort King George

Saturday, December 14, 2013

7 pm – 8:30 pm

*Join the garrison for a traditional dinner in the soldiers' barracks and an evening of colonial style Yule Tide jollification. **\$35 per person for the dinner RSVP.***

**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.**

