

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society Newsletter

February 2010

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

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Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m., B&J's Steak & Seafood

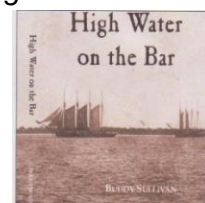
LAHS welcomes guest speaker, Jon Burpee, Chief Ranger, Volunteer Coordinator and Historic Weapons Officer at Fort Frederica National Monument, St. Simons Island, GA. His presentation, "*A Soldier's Story of Bloody Marsh*," is a living history portrayal of Ensign John Stewart one year after the battle. You will learn about the life of a soldier from recruitment in England, duty abroad in Gibraltar, the excitement of a new life in Georgia, and a personal look at the realities of battle with the Spanish.



Jon is a graduate of the University of Washington in History and is currently a graduate student at Stephen F. Austin State University in Texas. He has been a Park Ranger since 1996, having served at Death Valley National Park, CA; Vancouver National Historic Reserve, WA; Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, WA; and Fort Frederica National Monument, GA, since 2004. He and his wife Julie, a teacher at Satilla Marsh Elementary School, have a 3-year-old son and a daughter due in June.

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Our own Buddy Sullivan will be sharing his newest book of local history, "*High Water on the Bar*." The book examines Darien and McIntosh County's experience with the logging industry in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Buddy relates the days of local sawmills, timber ships entering the harbor from all over the world, the local bar pilots who brought the ships in, and the memoirs of Darien's Joseph Hilton, the leading timber merchant on the east coast during the peak years of the industry.



Buddy Sullivan, past president and Emeritus member of the LAHS Board of Directors, is a native of McIntosh County and a fifth-generation coastal Georgian. He has been Manager of the Sapelo Island Research Reserve since 1993. He is a leading authority on the history and culture of coastal Georgia and the author of 17 books, among them *Georgia: A State History*, and two comprehensive coastal histories – *Early Days on the Georgia Tidewater* and *From Beautiful Zion to Red Bird Creek*. The latter volume received the Georgia Historical Society's Lilla M. Hawes Award for Georgia's outstanding work of local history. He is also a major contributor to the University of Georgia's online *New Georgia Encyclopedia*.

LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, April 15, 2010, 4:30 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
LAHS members are always welcome.

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"War in Liberty County, 1778-1779" will be presented by Revolutionary War historian Bill Ramsaur. This Revolutionary War action included the British invasion and devastation of Liberty County in November, 1778 and the capture of Sunbury and Fort Morris in January, 1779. Places like Fort Morris and Fort George, along with Bullhorn Swamp, Spencer's Hill, Midway and Sunbury will come alive with the fighting that occurred in today's McIntosh and Liberty Counties.

Bill Ramsaur recently helped to identify Georgia's Revolutionary War Trail – eight historic locations along the Savannah River and the Atlantic Coast. He served as editor of the series of nine brochures that describe Georgia's major Revolutionary War battles, published by the Georgia Society Sons of the American Revolution. He is a member of the Marshes of Glynn SAR Chapter and LAHS. He and his wife, Gloria, live on St. Simons Island.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2010 ARE DUE IN JANUARY

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

Please send your dues to LAHS, P. O. Box 1405, Darien, GA 31305
and include name, full address and telephone number. You may contact Carol Churi, Membership
Chairman, at cchuri@dariantel.net if you need more information.

News From the Board:

- A Nominating Committee has been appointed to work up a slate for 2010-2012. Ward Milner is Chairman (832-3122), with members Martha Carney (437-4570) and Vivian Amason (832-5439). We need to elect a president, secretary and four board members to serve two-year terms. A slate for your consideration will be presented in April, elections held in May, and those elected will take office in June. Please call one of the persons named above if you would be willing to serve in one of the positions or to recommend someone else.
- We are starting a new LAHS scrapbook. Save any appropriate items you find and turn them in to Casey MacMillan, chairman. Thanks.
- Thanks go to Dan Good who donated a map cabinet, table, and maps for the Archives building. Also, a dehumidifier has been purchased for the building.
- Volunteers are still needed for the Archives Building – 4 hours on Thursday afternoon once a month. Please contact Casey MacMillan or Martha Carney for more information.

FIELD TRIP

Our next field trip - St. Mary's History Tour - will be held on Monday, February 22, 2010. A little walking and a little riding will take us from downtown Orange Hall, historic churches, parks, and Lang Seafood Restaurant on the waterfront, to the Submarine Museum, the cemetery, old pulp mill site, and a view of the place where the last battle of The War of 1812 was fought. All this and historic tales of interest told along the way. Cost for the trip is \$15.00 per person plus whatever you order for lunch. We are planning to leave Darien at 8:30 a.m., Brunswick at 9:00 a.m., and arrive in St. Mary's for 9:30 a.m. tour start. To SECURE YOUR SPOT, please call me at 265-6729 by Wednesday, February 15, so we will have time to work out the transportation. Thanks, Harriet

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*Coming Events:*

*Saturday, February 20, 2010, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., DINNER WITH GENERAL JAMES E. OGLETHORPE, Fort King George Historic Site. Come share time with the founder of the colony of Georgia at a quaint colonial dinner in the enlisted soldiers' barracks. Reservations are required. \$30.00 per person for the dinner. Please call (912) 437-4770.*

*Saturday, February 20, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., ANNUAL FORT FREDERICA LIVING HISTORY FESTIVAL. Visit colonial Frederica Town, participate in hands-on activities throughout the park. A great history value for free!*

*Friday, April 16 -Sunday, April 18, 2010 - BLESSING OF THE FLEET, Darien.*

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**\*\*\* SPECIAL NOTE \*\*\***

The Chamber of Commerce's "Business After Hours" will be meeting at the Fort on our regular meeting night, February 18, 2010 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. This monthly drop-in, meet, greet, and eat event is held in various places in the county so that members may learn more about the community and its businesses. LAHS is a member of the Chamber, so you may attend for the member price of \$3.00 if you wish. THIS EVENT WILL NOT CONFLICT WITH OUR REGULAR LAHS FEBRUARY MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE FORT KING GEORGE AUDITORIUM AT 7:00 PM AS USUAL.

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The survey on the county's historical markers has been completed. Many of the markers need to be cleaned, painted, repaired, weeds removed, etc. Steven Smith has secured two new posts, and two markers in critical need of replacement posts have been identified – Rice Hope and Old Courthouse at the Sapelo Bridge. Please contact Harriet Roberson if you can help install these posts or assist with other upkeep on the markers.

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| IN MEMORIAM<br><br>Fred Gladstone |
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**LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
P.O. Box 1405 – Darien, GA 31305  
[www.loweraltamahahistoricalsociety.org](http://www.loweraltamahahistoricalsociety.org)

LAHS Officers

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|----------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| President (2008-10)        | Harriet Roberson | 912-265-6729 |
| Vice-President (2009-2011) | Jack Godfrey     | 912-832-5622 |
| Secretary (2008-2010)      | Dee Slagle       | 912-832-3746 |
| Treasurer (2009-2011)      | Betty Cleveland  | 912-832-2166 |

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Chuck Bryans  
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Martha Carney  
Dan Good  
Betty Ewing  
Carole Williams

Past-President Peyton Lingle  
Director Emeritus Buddy Sullivan

Committee Chairpersons

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|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Fort King George   | Steven Smith                  |
| Membership         | Carol Churi                   |
| Programs           | Howard Klippel                |
| Scholarship        | Ann Howard                    |
| Field Trips        |                               |
| Altamaha "Echoes"  | Carole Williams               |
| Publications/Books | Betty Cleveland               |
| Historian          | Buddy Sullivan                |
| Hospitality        | Everett Moriarty              |
| Webmaster          | Jim Bruce                     |
| Archives           | Casey MacMillan/Martha Carney |
| Scrapbook          | Casey MacMillan               |

Life Memberships

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Muriel Bell            | Bill Jones III          |
| Marsha Certain         | David Miller            |
| Darien Telephone Co.   | Chris & Ward Milner     |
| Mrs. Caroline B. Davis | Bill & Sherry Minnich   |
| John & Mary Dean       | Barbara Poetzman        |
| Enterprise Rent-A-Car  | Frances Pollard         |
| Lloyd Flanders         | John Reehling           |
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| Gus & Marg Hallum      | Eloise Thompson         |
| Cecil & Sandra Hudson  | Jesse & Glenda Varnedoe |

Honorary Memberships

Ralph Gill, Jr.  
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Myrtle Newberry  
Lillian Schaitberger

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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)

**SCOTTISH HERITAGE DAY – SPRING  
ENCAMPMENT**

Saturday, March 20, 2010  
10 am – 4 pm

A variety of living history demonstrations devoted to colonial and Scottish culture will be featured. A Battle re-enactment will take place at 2 pm.

**WEAPONS OF THE COLONIES**

Saturday, April 27, 2010  
10 am – 4 pm

Join the fort staff along with special guests for a fascinating look at the various weapons and accoutrements that both soldiers and civilians alike would have been familiar with.

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

*Confederate Memorial Day  
April 26, 2010*

