

Altamaha Echoes

Lower Altamaha Historical Society

May 2018

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

**LAHS Meeting, Thursday, May 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Steak**

Dr. Richard Jefferies, Archaeologist from the University of Kentucky, will give a presentation on "Mission Santo Domingo de Talaje: Seventy-Five Years of Archaeological Investigations at Darien Bluff, Georgia." Mid-20th century archaeological investigations conducted near Darien by Joseph R. and Shelia K. Caldwell in the 1950s revealed structures, features, and artifacts thought to be associated with 17th century Mission Santo Domingo de Talaje. Despite the potential historical significance of the resulting data, no synthesis of this work was ever done. Recent examination of the field notes, drawings, and artifacts from these investigations has provided new insights into the spatial organization of the Mission period community, the distribution of associated cultural materials, and the research potential of the site's artifact collection and excavation records.

**LAHS Meeting, Thursday, June 21, 2018, 7:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site
Dutch treat supper, 5:45 p.m. at B&J Steak**

DeLeon Peacock will give a program about the history of Boys Estate in Glynn County. Peacock was a citizen of Boys Estate from 1965 until 1969 along with his brother John. The Peacocks and the other members of Boys Estate attended both school and church in Darien and many families sponsored some of the boys for weekends. There are some strong ties and great memories associated with the people of Darien. Peacock has recently published a book, "Boys Estate, Georgia 1946-1976," outlining the history of Boys Estate through pictures and text. The book will be available for *sale at the meeting*.

***Trivia Question: What stamp issued in 1969 as part of a set showing famous plants from the four regions of the country is the one chosen from the South?
Answer appears on Page 3.***



**Happy Independence Day
Wednesday, July 4, 2018**

**JULY LAHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, July 19, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site**

**LAHS ANNUAL PICNIC, Thursday, July 19, 2018, 5:30 p.m.
Fort King George Historic Site**

Please join us for our annual summer picnic for LAHS members which will follow the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors. LAHS will provide the entrée and members are asked to bring their "favorite dish" - whether it be a salad, side or dessert – to supplement the entrée. It's a great time to enjoy fellowship with old members and get to know new members. Hope to see you there!

MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE ON JANUARY 1, 2018

Life Membership - \$250 Family - \$25 Individual - \$20 Student - \$5

Pay with a credit card on the LAHS website at
www.loweraltamahahistoricalociety.org OR make your check payable to LAHS
and mail to P.O. Box 1405, Darien GA 31305,
OR give to Yvonne Carter, Treasurer.

**IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR DUES FOR THIS YEAR,
THIS WILL BE THE LAST NEWSLETTER YOU WILL RECEIVE.**

Members who have joined this year so far are:

Wheeler Bryan, Jr; John and Julie Peacock; DeLeon Peacock; Cheryl Evans Shedd; Maryalice LeDuc Lenmark; and Davis and Laurie Poole. The last two do not live here yet, but the other four are local. Seek them out and make them welcome. Let them know we are a friendly group!!!

Coming Events:

Saturday, May 19, Fort King George Historic Site, Archaeology Month – Morning Site Tour at 10: am, Afternoon Lecture at 2:00 pm. \$10 for morning tour or \$15 for both presentations

News from the Board:

- Our treasurer reported that a number of members have not paid their 2018 dues which were due in January. Please, if you want to continue to be a member, send us your dues. Don't give up on us – WE ARE A REAL BARGAIN!!!
- The Nominating Committee reported the following proposed slate:

President – Wes Tippins

Vice President – Eunice Moore

Board Members - Lamar Williamson, Sissy Kammer, Marshal Gaddis, Bill Barton

All terms are for two years. Elections will be held at our May meeting. There may be additional nominations from the floor provided the person has previously agreed to have his/her name put forward. Those elected will take office at our June meeting. We extend a big thank you to the nominating committee composed of Aimee Gaddis and Linda Daniels. Those continuing on for the second year of their two-year term are Secretary, Harriet Roberson; Treasurer, Yvonne Carter; and Board members, Paul Nix, Martha Martin, Linda Daniels, and Aimee Gaddis.

- Ann Howard announced that the Scholarship Committee has selected the winner of our \$1,000 Buddy Sullivan Scholarship Award. They unanimously chose Makayla Alysha Crosby as being the most outstanding of all those who applied. LAHS awards a scholarship each year to a McIntosh County Academy graduating senior who is planning to attend college. Makayla has been accepted at UGA and is interested in both law and psychology. She was in attendance at the April meeting, along with her parents, and read her essay application. Thanks to the Committee.
- All who attended the LAHS field trip to Ossabaw last month reported that – despite the very chilly weather that made the pontoon boat ride over there in the early morning quite uncomfortable, to say the least - a very enjoyable time was had by all. Thanks Paul Nix for planning it all.
- It was reported that the City Commission voted to reactivate the City's Historic Preservation Committee. Most present felt that was a wise move.
- Carole Williams was recognized for her long and faithful service to LAHS. She and her husband Roy had been active members before they moved to Villa Rica a few years ago. Carole was our newsletter editor at the time and she is still filling that post for us, which has been a blessing for LAHS. In gratitude, she has been awarded a life membership in this organization. Our thanks for your continued service, Carole. Job well done!

Trivia Answer:



The Franklin Alatomaha was discovered by John and William Bartram in 1765 in Darien close to the mouth of the Altamaha River. The often-mispelled name was chosen by the Bartrams for their friend Benjamin Franklin and the Georgia River where it was discovered.

LOWER ALTAMAHA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Betty Ewing
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Wes Tippins
Lamar Williamson

Board Members 2017-2019

Linda Daniels
Aimee Gaddis
Martha Martin
Paul Nix

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Buddy Sullivan

Committee Chairpersons

Ft. King George Membership Programs	Valarie Ikhwan
Scholarship	Wes Tippins
Field Trips	Ann Howard
Altamaha "Echoes"	Paul Nix/WesTippins
Publications/Books	Carole Williams
Historian	Martha Martin
Webmaster	Buddy Sullivan
Archives	Jim Bruce
	Sissy Kammer

Life Memberships

Vivian Amason	Read Gignilliat
Muriel Bell	Gus & Marg Hallman
Marsha Certain	Cecil & Sandra Hudson
Bob & Carol Churi	Bill Jones III
Coastal GA Hist Society	Harriet Langford
Darien Telephone Co.	David Miller
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Lloyd Y. Flanders	John Reehling
Friends of Hofwyl	Jeff & Kelly Spratt
Aimee G. Gaddis	Jesse & Glenda Varnedoe

Honorary Life Memberships

Jim & Barbara Bruce	Buddy Sullivan
Mattie Gladstone	Carole Williams

The oldest English fort remaining on Georgia's coast.

GUIDED TOUR OF THE FORT

Saturday, May 12, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Explore the site as history comes to life with a ranger in redcoat uniform.

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, May 26, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday, May 27, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Monday, May 28, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Join the Friends of the Fort for artillery drills, blacksmithing, and soldiers' life activities

CANNONS ACROSS THE MARSH

Wednesday, July 4, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Join the soldiers for a day of artillery drills, musket firings, and soldiers' life activities to honor Independence Day

OUR ARCHIVES/LIBRARY BUILDING
ON THE GROUNDS OF

FORT KING GEORGE HISTORIC SITE
IS OPEN EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE
MONTH FROM 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM EXCEPT
DECEMBER. OTHER DAYS AND HOURS ARE
AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT.



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